



SUCCESS IN TODAY'S MARKET IS ALL ABOUT "YOU"!!!

To be successful in today's market -- it's all about YOU!

The days of "well, I have a broker and he's going to take good care of my investments" are over. We see this played out everyday as more brokerage firms struggle to survive and unfortunately, we see folks like Madoff and many others facing serious charges.

Here's how you can take control of your investments.

1. Understand what the market is doing.

That's first and foremost. You can invest in a good stock that's breaking out of a good set-up, but if the market direction isn't behind you, it's like riding a bike into a fierce wind. You must first of all understand where the market is and where it's likely to go in the short-term and then invest in the best set-ups that will be helped by the market direction. It's much easier to ride a bike with the wind at your back.

2. Trade only the best set-ups. Let's take a look at [NVEC](#).

When a stock is moving higher, it doesn't go straight up. Instead it rises, then has mini-downtrends where it consolidates its gains before moving higher. These mini-downtrends are where it pulls back off of its highs in an orderly manner -- often to an area of key support such as its upward trend line and/or 50-day moving average.

We draw a line connecting the lines of the mini-downtrend. A break above the pink line triggers a trade on the long side. For that reason, [NVEC](#) was an ideal long side set-up:



NVEC triggered a trade by breaking above the pink line.



By the day's close, we were already enjoying a gain of 5%! And the next morning, we locked in gains of 8.9% -- a very nice gain in today's market in just over 24 hours!



This leads into step #3.

3. Take your profits when you have them.

While on the surface, a 9% gain may not seem like much, we have to tell you that if you just did one trade like that a week, you'd significantly outperform most brokers, money managers and mutual funds as after all most are nothing but "Managing To A Benchmark" cookie-cutter indexers that know how to sell but not how to manage.

Just think about it. Let's say you have a portfolio of \$50,000. And you invest in 200 shares of [NVEC](#) at 28.22. After selling it at \$30.74, you've made a profit of \$504. Multiply that by 52 and **you have a one-year profit of \$26,208 or 52%! And that's just from doing one trade like NVEC a week.**

What would a one-year gain of 52% do for you? Well, only you can answer that question, but one thing we know is that it would easily put you well ahead of what most brokers could do for you and what most mutual funds can deliver.

Yes, stocks may continue to go in the direction we want them to go in after we take profits, but for the time being, you are never going to go wrong ringing the register on short-term gains. For example, what if we didn't lock in our [NVEC](#) gains at 30.74?

Our gains would have been gone as the stock went right back to where it was when it originally triggered.

Now don't get us wrong. We aren't out to get brokers. We know a lot of them and many are very good. But the point we are trying to make is the days of handing your money over and expecting a traditional Wall Streeter to perform are over. To be successful, you have to be in control of your investments. After all, only you have your best interests at heart. As good as your conventional Wall streeter may be, he's not able to watch your investments as good as you can.