## **5 Pillars of Active Trend Trading**

Timing is More Important than Price. ~~ W.D. Gann

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## Pillar 2 & 3

Sound Trading Systems tell us:

- 1. When To Enter
- 2. When To Exit

Each of these Pillars should have the following characteristics: A. Have <u>Estmated Objective</u> entry/exit Action Points

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B. Be Planned For

# Pillar 2 & 3

When to Enter & Exit falls into these categories

- 1. Trend Line Breaks
- 2. Moving Average Breakouts
- 3. Support & Resistance Bounces/Failures (Up or Down)
- 4. Candlestick Reversal Patterns

Exits: When to exit requires more decisions, and appear to more challenging. Entries are one time events, exits require more strategy

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- Partial Profit Exits
- Full Profit Exits (No Such Thing)
- Loss Exits

## Pillar 2 & 3

Modeling Bullish Trades on the SPY from 2004 through 2013 with all triggers allowed with the exception of trend line breaks showed the following.

Entry Action Point Triggers	Occurance	% of Occurrence
Close Above 8 day EMA	83	49%
Bounce From Support or Moving Average	46	27%
Confirmed Candlestick Reversal Pattern	39	23%
Total Action Point Triggers	167	
Exit Action Point Triggers	Occurance	% of
		Occurrence
Confirmed Candlestick Reversal Pattern	73	44%
Close Below 8 day EMA (Uptrend & Downtrend Rules Apply)	66	40%
Met Profit Target & Reversed	26	15%
Total Action Point Triggers	166	

Summary Model Results Available at: http://activetrendtrading.com/expectations/

## **Pillar 3--Exits**

Entries are one time events

Exits require more strategy, planning and patience

**Greater "Pucker" Factor** 

More Emotional and with Impulsive Temptations

Like getting out of a relationship

#### **Types of Exits**

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Partial Profit Exits (T1)

- Full Profit Exits (No Such Thing)
- Time Exits
- Loss Exits
- "Line in the Sand" Exits! -7% from purchase price

## **Pillar 3 Exits**

Trend Line Break Exits: Probably the easiest but least total objective

- 1. Trend susceptible to the artist and the canvas!
- 2. Best when used with supporting clues
- 3. End of Day Exit

How Much breakout? 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, \$1.00 depends on the entity being traded

Once new downtrend is established, can use to enter bearish trades

## **Trend Line Break Exit Examples TNA**



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## Exit Order Set Up 3-10-14

- Estimate Value of trend line at "A"
- Determine Trigger Price by subtract Trigger Value
- 3. Determine Position Size to Close

The trend line at "A" is Approximately 81.79 Trigger Value =  $25\phi$ Trigger Price = 81.54 End of Day if Price is below 81.54 sell to close

Shares: ? Stop Loss: ? Profit Target: ? Time for conditional order: ?

Each trader must determine these last four based on their risk tolerance and account size.

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### Trend Line Break Exit Examples TNA



## Exit Order Set Up (what Happens)

- 1. Next Day Closes below 81.54
- 2. Close Position

If you are not around just before the Close, place a conditional order that will sell the position on a close below the Trigger Price.

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## 8 day EMA Exit TNA



## 8 day EMA Exit Set Up 3-11-14

Better Exit if: In other words its worth waiting

- 1. Old Trend has been broken
- 2. Retesting Resistance—Confirming Clue

#### The Order Set Up

- 1. Close Below 8 day EMA at "A"
- 2. Determine Trigger Price by Subtract Trigger Value
- 3. Determine Position Size
- 4. Place Conditional Order To Sell Position GTC

Day <u>Low</u> at "A" is Approximately 80.28 Trigger Value = 20¢ Trigger Price = 80.08

Place Conditional Order: If At or Below 80.08 close at market

Risk: Gap Down below Stop Loss

Shares: ? Stop Loss: ? Profit Target: ? Time for conditional order: ?

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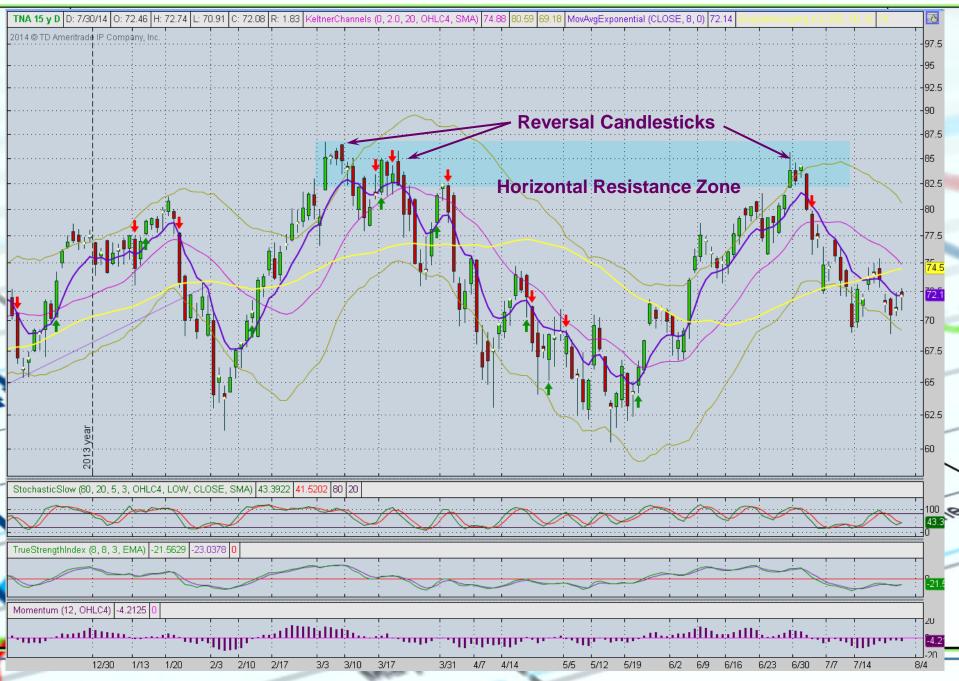
#### What is Resistance:

### 1. Define Yours

- Horizontal
- Moving Averages
- Keltner Channels (covered in Keltner Channel Presentation)
- 2. Establish Trigger Rules
  - How Much to add 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, \$1.00 depends on the entity being traded
  - Close on Candlestick Signal
  - Close on Confirmation

Notice there is consistency here between the triggers. Once you choose stick with the choice and refine slowly

## Support & Candlestick Set Ups 1



## **Candlestick Exists TNA**



## **Candlestick Exit Set Ups 1**

Better Exit if: In other words its worth waiting

- 1. Well Defined Support/Resistance
- 2. Retesting Support/Resistance

#### The Order Set Up

- 1. Identify Reversal Candlestick Pattern
- 2. Exit on Signal or
- 3. Exit on Confirmation
- 4. Determine Stop Loss
- 5. Determine Profit Target

Bottom of Resistance Zone at "A" is 82.00 Trigger Value =  $25\phi$ Trigger Price = 81.75

Set Conditional Order to close position BELOW 81.75

## **Bearish Entries TNA**



#### Resistance/Moving Average Bearish Entry Set Ups

Better Entry if: In other words its worth waiting

- 1. Moving Average Moving in Direction of Trend
- 2. Retesting MA Break Down
- 3. Sell Bounce not Fade

#### The Order Set Up

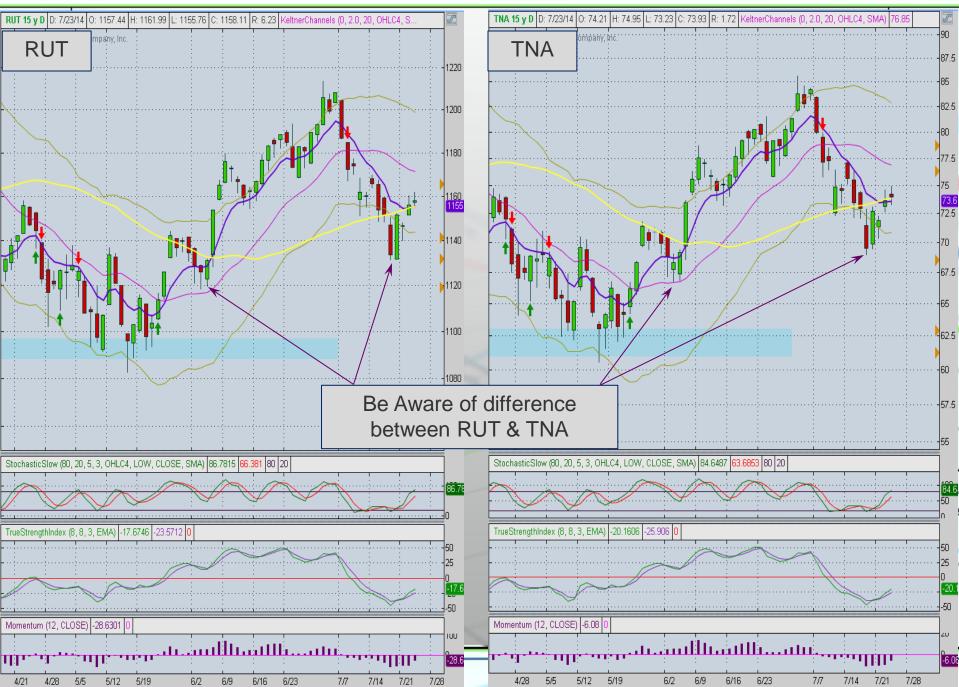
- 1. Estimate a value below defined Moving Average
- 2. Determine Trigger Price by subtracting Trigger Value
- 3. Determine Stop Limit Range
- 4. Determine Position Size
- 5. Determine Stop Loss
- 6. Determine Profit Target

#### Shares: ?

Stop Loss: ? Profit Target: ? Time for conditional order: ?

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## TNA TIPS



## Summary

- ✓ Four Major Exit Signals For Long Trades
- Entries for Short Trades after confirmed downtrend
- ✓ Estimated Objectiveness
- Decide and Then Be Consistent
- ✓ Monitor & Refine

