



CHANNEL BREAKERS

October 25, 2017

Channel-Breakers Portfolio

We have created a Portfolio of stocks by utilizing the "Weekly" Early Warnings segment from <u>TheUpTrend.com</u> technical charting system (link below).

NOTE: The Channel-Breakers Portfolio has an intermediate-term perspective. Since this stock portfolio is based on weekly stock charts, we will be updating this report only once a week, on the week-end. Any decisions made on the week-end will be reflected in a Buy, Sell, or Short transaction effected at Monday's Opening Price.

COMMENT: We took profits today: Toromont Holdings and West Fraser Timber were sold at the opening. We added Badger Daylighting Ltd. to the portfolio at the Monday open. The stock immediately went down. Everything else is doing fine.

CHANNEL BREAKERS PORTFOLIO As at October 25

Inception: July 4, 2017

| Purchase | | | Buy / | Contract | Current | First | Second | % Inc. to | % Inc. to |
|----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| Date | <u>Symbol</u> | Company | <u>Short</u> | Price | Price | Target | Target | 1st Target | 2nd Target |
| Sep 28 | AQN | Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. | Buy | \$13.12 | \$13.73 | \$13.87 | \$14.45 | 1.0% | 5.2% |
| Oct 10 | GIB.A | CGI Group Inc. | Buy | \$65.55 | \$67.97 | \$68.75 | \$75.00 | 1.1% | 10.3% |
| Oct 10 | MFC | Manulife Financial Corporation | Buy | \$25.44 | \$25.98 | \$26.55 | \$28.13 | 2.2% | 8.3% |
| Oct 11 | NPI | Northland Power Inc. | Buy | \$23.21 | \$24.30 | \$24.20 | \$25.00 | -0.4% | 2.9% |
| Oct 23 | BAD | Badger Daylighting | Buy | \$29.57 | \$29.00 | \$31.25 | \$34.38 | 7.8% | 18.6% |

NOTE: The Author, directly or *indirectly*, may own stocks included in the Channel-Breakers Portfolio. As of October 25 these stocks include NIL

NOTE: Green negative percentage numbers denote a stock price that has exceeded the Price Target.

The performance of these stocks is provided in the table on the next page.





PORTFOLIO VALUATION, with Closing Prices as of:

Wednesday START DATE: July 4, 2017 October 25

| | | Purchase | Purchase | Current | Number | Purchase | Current | \$ | % | % of |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Company | <u>Symbol</u> | Date | Price | Price | of Shares | Value | Value | Gain | Gain | <u>Portfolio</u> |
| Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. | AQN | Sep 28 | \$13.12 | \$13.73 | 756 | \$9,919 | \$10,380 | \$461 | 4.6% | 9.7% |
| CGI Group Inc. | GIB.A | Oct 10 | \$65.55 | \$67.97 | 153 | \$10,029 | \$10,399 | \$370 | 3.7% | 9.7% |
| Manulife Financial Corporation | MFC | Oct 10 | \$25.44 | \$25.98 | 393 | \$9,998 | \$10,210 | \$212 | 2.1% | 9.5% |
| Northland Power Inc. | NPI | Oct 11 | \$23.21 | \$24.30 | 431 | \$10,004 | \$10,473 | \$470 | 4.7% | 9.8% |
| Badger Daylighting | BAD | Oct 23 | \$29.57 | \$29.00 | 338 | \$9,995 | \$9,802 | <u>(\$193)</u> | <u>-1.9%</u> | 9.2% |
| STOCK PORTFOLIO | | | | | | \$49,944 | \$51,265 | \$1,321 | 2.6% | 47.9% |
| Cash-On-Hand | | | | | \$50,056 | \$50,056 | | | 46.8% | |
| | STOCK PORTFOLIO VALUE | | | | | | | | 1.3% | 94.8% |
| | Cumulativ | ve Dividend | Income | | | | \$182 | \$182 | | 0.2% |
| | Realized Gains / (Losses) | | | | | | \$5,430 | \$5,430 | | 5.1% |
| | TOTAL PORTFOLIO VALUE | | | | | \$100,000 | \$106,933 | \$6,933 | 6.9% | 100.0% |
| | | | | | | Portfolio | Annualized I | Return: | 26.8% | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX | | | | | | 15,854.77 | 724.61 | 4.8% | |
| | | | | | | S&P/TSX A | Annualized R | 18.5% | | |
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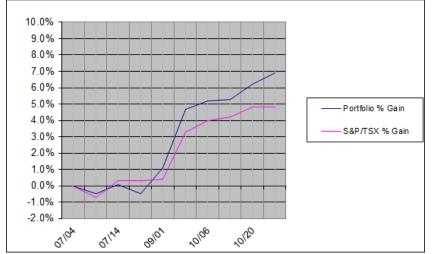
The table below is the list of stocks that have been sold (or bought back if shorted).

| Stocks Sold/Bought Back: | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| | Buy | Sell | Buy | Sell | Gain / | Purchase | Closing | # of | \$ Gain | % Gain | Cum Gain |
| Company | Date | Date | Price | Price | (Loss) | Value | Value | Shares | (Loss) | (Loss) | (Loss) |
| Aecon Group Inc. | Jul 4 | Oct 10 | \$16.18 | \$17.00 | \$0.82 | \$9,999 | \$10,506 | 618 | \$507 | 5.1% | \$507 |
| Empire Company Limited | Jul 4 | Oct 11 | \$22.10 | \$22.23 | \$0.13 | \$9,989 | \$10,048 | 452 | \$59 | 0.6% | \$566 |
| Toromont Holdings Ltd. | Jul 4 | Oct 25 | \$47.74 | \$56.95 | \$9.21 | \$9,978 | \$11,903 | 209 | \$1,925 | 19.3% | \$2,490 |
| West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. | Jul 4 | Oct 25 | \$61.98 | \$80.24 | \$18.26 | \$9,979 | \$12,919 | 161 | \$2,940 | 29.5% | \$5,430 |

For comparative purposes, the following graph depicts the performance, since initiation, of the *e*Research portfolio (**BLUE** line) against the S&P/TSX Composite Index (**PINK** line).

The portfolio is performing better than the broad market index: Portfolio performance = 6.8% S&P/TSX Composite = 4.8%

As at October 25:







Below, we set out our guidelines (Modus Operandi) for administering the Portfolio.

MODUS OPERANDI

The composition of the Channel-Breakers Portfolio is based on theUpTrend.com Weekly charts. We focus on the "Early Warnings" segment of the Weekly Trend Report from the website.

The Weekly charts are intermediate-term in nature, meaning the stocks are held not for trading purposes but for the more likelihood of achieving longer-term capital gains.

Using the weekly charts, we evaluate those stocks that have moved above or below their respective channel-lines.

We started with \$100,000 cash and, when appropriate, we choose either one or two stocks and put an arbitrary approximate \$10,000 in each stock pick. The buy price or the short-sell price will be at Monday's opening price. All short sells will require the mandatory 30% margin.

We will continue buying or shorting until the Portfolio is fully "invested", although this could include a sizable cash position. The portfolio is monitored daily and reported on weekly.

If a stock closes at or higher than its Second Target price at the end of a week then, automatically, ½ of the position will be sold at Monday's opening price. Using TheUpTrend.com system, the stock will be further evaluated and, if there is possible further upside, then it will be retained. If not, the entire position will be sold at Monday's opening. There could be exceptions.

Also, if a stock receives a change of opinion in TheUpTrend.com by breaking below the lower channel-line at the end of a week, then it will be sold at Monday's opening price.

Similarly, for a stock sold short, if the stock rises above the upper channel-line at the end of a week, then that stock will be bought back at Monday's opening price, and the 30% margin requirement will be deleted.

If, during the week, the stock plunges dramatically such that it closes 7% or more below its purchase price, then that stock will be sold at the next day's opening price.

Similarly, if a stock sold short rises dramatically at any time during the week such that it closes 5% or more above its contract price, then that stock will be sold at the next day's opening price. Stocks sold either will be replaced, or the sales proceeds will augment the cash portion.

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