



>: Confessions of a Wild Sector Hunter

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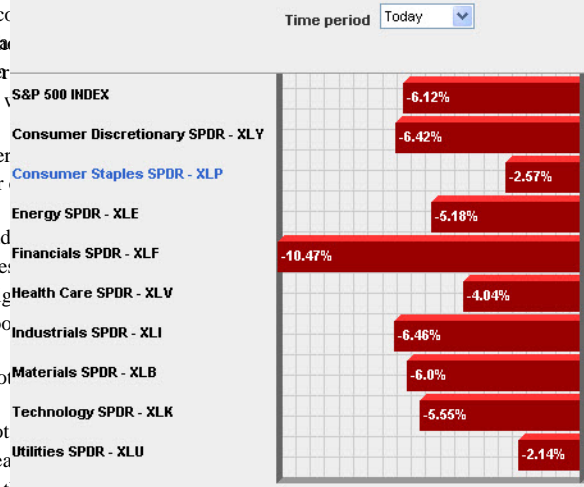
As a member of Teeka Tiwari's ETF Master Trade every experienced big game hunter knows, it takes a moment when the danger is lowest, to pull the trigger and offer a different challenge than the moose

Finding an appropriate security to invest in is a lot

Contrary to popular belief, the stock market is not of you who've been around long enough have heard Dow 30 vs. the NYSE 3000; you've picked up a tip seen Chris' use of the SPDR Sector Tracker in his weekly video reports. Just what are these sectors and why are they important?

Simply put, sectors are just *parts of the market*. Here's a more extensive definition, direct from the Investors Dictionary:

The stock market is broken down into ten broad sectors, but Technology and Telecommunications are usually lumped together in one category, so here's a list of the nine sectors on Sector Tracker, comparing performance against the S&P 500:



and selling such similar goods and services that so that's the system. Bob is a reminder of and sector rotation trading. Please welcome Bob to the Tycoon family. In the coming

Enrollment for the winter session ends soon

game hunter. (Stay with me ? I'll explain.) As you disinterest, to wait for the most opportune and its own danger: grizzly bears pose a different challenge for her prey.

That wily, evasive animal, the stock market.

Like to think of it, as a corral of wild game. Those who are in the external market?; you've been briefed on the market. Teeka speak of concentrating on sectors or on the market?

Yesterday, Nov. 19, was a dismal day all around for stocks. But you can see how some sectors performed better than others. The best performers were the component stocks that make up the Utilities and Consumer Staples sectors. The worst performers were the stocks in the Financials sector. Remember, we're looking at only one day here. Just as we should always defer to the long-term trend when studying the broad market (for example, when looking at the S&P 500 or the NYSE), we must also take the time to learn the long-term patterns associated with each individual sector.

Choosing Our Target

Just as the rabbit is different from the bear, each sector is different from another. Choosing a sector to invest in requires a knowledge of the general market and an analysis of the individual sectors. Once we determine the long-term trend of the market, we must consider the long-term trend of each individual sector. We must also compare each sector to the market to determine its relative strength. And we must study the BPI of each sector to understand the "behavior" of the sector over time. Then, we must look for the signs that indicate how and when to pull the trigger on the trade. This takes time and a little effort.

But if we want to bag the big game, it's what's required.

Fortunately, we have tools that can help us in our Sector Hunting. First and foremost, one of the most valuable resources is right here at The Tycoon Report - the free education and advice you get from financial professionals.

Another extraordinary tool is the exchange-traded fund itself. For those of you new to the game, the ETF is a security that is made up of a pool of underlying assets, just like a mutual fund. Unlike a mutual fund, however, it trades like a stock. The best part about ETFs, though, is that they represent diversified investments in almost anything you can imagine: large-caps, mid-caps, small-caps, currencies, countries, industries, and ? you guessed it ? sectors.

In fact, in the graph above, the three-letter abbreviations after each "SPDR" refer to ETFs that track the nine sectors listed. You can therefore use these ETFs to begin your own research: compare their performance to the market, compare their performance to each other, and in so doing you can become a novice Sector Hunter.

Of course, there is much more to understanding sectors that I'm not at liberty to divulge because it wouldn't be fair to ETF Master Trader subscribers. In this series, I will continue to explore the intricacies of the market and the Tycoon Report will continue to provide you with the information you need to succeed in the market.