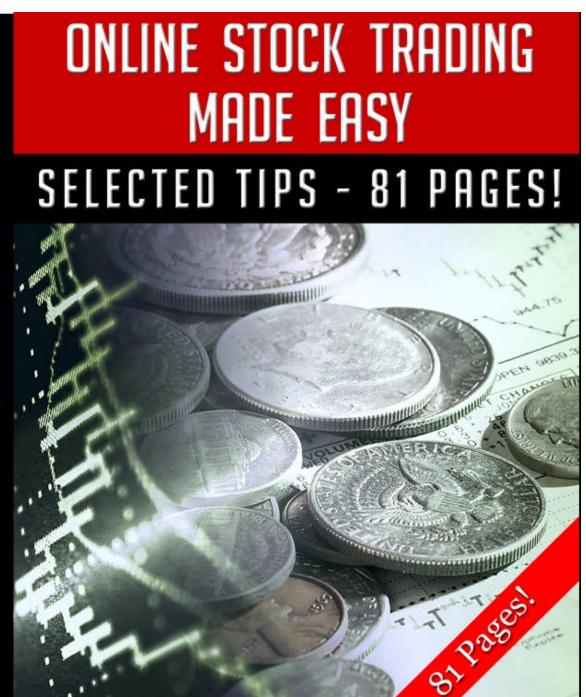
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Selecting an Online Broker

What You Need To Know To Do It Successfully

A simple search engine search on the internet will show you that there are many online brokers and agents out there that want your business. Since the electronic trading industry first was created in 1994, e-brokers have established businesses to assist you. These e-brokers strive to take over the market and offer you cheaper rates. They compete both with traditional off-line brokers and also with other online brokers.

Many a do-it-yourself investor has been confused by the mass of options when it comes to selecting an online broker. There are many to choose from and they all seem to offer exactly what you need. This is why it is very important to make sure you do your research before selecting an online broker. Look for online websites that will give you impartial evaluations on different brokers. Find out what others have to say about the broker you are considering.

Make sure you take selecting a broker seriously. Take your time in selecting a broker. Look for one that will be available when you need them. If you know there will be specific time that you will most likely need your broker make sure that their site is available at this time of day or night. You should also find out how long it takes for their site to load during peak times. Nothing is more frustrating that needing to make an important trade and being unable to load the webpage to do so online!

Find out if they have a lot of technical difficulties that will prevent their site from loading. It can very annoying if you want to contact your broker on an important issue and get the response, site not responding check back later. Even if the page does load successfully, it is still a good idea to visit several of their links to ensure everything is working properly. See what type of promise or guarantee they have in regards to their website and its availability.

Trading Basics

When you decide to participate in online trading, there are some important things you need to know such as:

• Price to purchase and trade

Do you know what the prices are to purchase and trade stocks online? Do you know how to know what it a good price? Do you know when a good time to buy is and when to sell? These are all things a good investor needs to be familiar with when making investment decisions.

• Learn how to choose a broker

Learn what to look for, what to avoid, fees to expect and more. Deciding when you need a broker, do you know what to look for? Do you know how to select the right broker for your needs from among the many different choices out there?

• Portfolios

How to create and maintain a portfolio. How to make your portfolio work best for you. Maintaining your portfolio over time as it grows. Building an online portfolio, updating it, checking your stocks online and more.

Costs and fees

What fees you can expect and why as well as which ones can be reduced or avoided altogether. What do you need to pay to start investing or to get into certain types of trades?

Another aspect of choosing an online broker is what type of customer service they have to offer. If you have to call them to discuss important issues, then you do not want to talk to a machine or be placed on hold for long periods of time. There are many other steps that go into selecting the proper online broker for your online trading needs. Please see below for more great tips from us on how you can choose the perfect broker for you and your needs.

Types Of Online Brokers

Do you know that there are many different types of online brokers? A simple search engine search will bring up the massive results of companies and options that are out there so how do you even begin to know which one to go with? All online brokers are not the same.

Different brokerage services offer different features. Before you can begin to understand the types of brokers and which one you need to meet your needs, you will need to know what the different types of brokers are.

There are different types of brokers that offer different levels of assistance and services. There are two main types of online brokers they are regular brokers and broker resellers. A broker that will deal with their client directly is called a regular broker. Broker resellers are actually an intermediary that goes between you the client and a larger broker company.

There are four basic categories of online brokers that you can find. We are going to list and describe them below so that you know what you are looking for in the wide spectrum of online broker options.

- 1. discount brokers/online brokers
- 2. assisted discount broker
- 3. full service broker
- 4. money manager/financial advisor

So what are these 4 different types of brokers, what are their specific jobs and how do you know which one you need for your online trading usage?

1. Discount/Online Brokers

The online discount broker is basically just an order taker. You put in the trade that you want to make and they place it for you, typically online although some take orders over the phone as well. You will not receive help or advice from your discount broker. They are simple and to the

point and you do not get any "extras" as you are not paying for them. They won't help you will your stocks or help you pick a stock and if you are dealing online, you most likely will never even speak to any of the employees.

Keep in mind that while discount brokers will save you money, it will be at the expense of little to no assistance whatsoever. You may find some discount or online brokers that offer assistance with research but it is typically through a third party and will cost you more money through that third party.

2. Assisted Discount Broker

An assisted discount broker will offer you a bit more than a non-assisted online broker. Exactly how much help they give varies and you will need to check with them first to see how much assistance a particular service offers you. They offer varied services which don't leave you completely on your own but don't provide a full service either.

Their websites will usually have more information on them, more ways for you to get in contact with someone and they may also have newsletters and other methods of giving you investing assistance. They will typically provide you with general information, not specific stock suggestions.

3. Full Service Broker

A full service broker will provide many of the same services as a traditional offline broker. They will give you advice and recommendations on specific stocks. They will be available to give you suggestions, advice, hints, tips and assistance through the trading process. They will begin with an assessment of your financial situation to help determine your needs and what investment opportunities are best for you.

A full service broker will help put together a portfolio that meets your needs and desires and your financial abilities at this time. If you don't have the time for putting into your stock trading and investment opportunities, this is a great idea as they will do all the hard work for you. You just need to make sure you are choosing someone who is qualified and able to help you properly.

4. Money Manager/Financial Advisor

A money manager or financial advisor handles specific needs. They may sometimes also be called by other names. Basically they handle larger portfolios such as those investors dealing with large sums of money to be invested. Money managers are trained to take responsibility for investing and managing large portfolios. A good money manager will be expensive but for obvious reasons, well worth it.

You will have to consider the different types of brokers and choose one that meets your needs the best. It will of course, be up to you which one you decide to choose but whatever you choose you should make sure that you follow the proper precautions to protect yourself when trading.

Make sure the broker you choose is covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation which will protect your assets in a brokerage account for up to \$500,000 in the event that the firm fails. This insurance is very important, especially with so many online brokerage firms these days.

Remember that the insurance does not cover you in the event of trading losses, even if the broker suggested the trades. You are still ultimately responsible for those losses. Make sure that whoever you decide, you feel comfortable with them and that you can trust them to handle something as sensitive and your money and investments.

Choosing An Online Broker

Choosing an online broker is an important decision just like in traditional trading you would consider your broker important. While you do not usually need the broker as much in online trading, that doesn't mean you don't have to pay any attention to who you use. There are many "discount" online brokers that simply do not have your best interests in mind.

You need to learn how to spot the brokers that should be avoided and how to properly select the one that will work best for you. There are certain steps you should take when looking for an online broker or brokerage service that works for you.

Customer Service

You know that customer service is an important aspect of your broker when making trades on or offline. Nothing is more frustrating than not being able to talk to a live person when you have a problem or concern, especially with something that deals with your money. Even if you go with a basic discount broker that you won't normally speak with, you still want to know where and what their customer service contacts are so that in the event you do need them, you can contact them immediately.

If customer service is important to you, you will want to avoid those brokers that don't have a good, quality customer service system in place. If you care about customer service, you will want to search for a quality, easy to navigate website, phone numbers that give you live people and not just recordings as well as be sure you are provided with satisfactory answers to any questions you may have.

Once all of this is determined, one of the next things a person will consider are the fees involved with a particular broker.

Online Broker Fees

Broker fees are probably one of the first things you ask about when you want to choose a broker. But to make a good decision about whether or not a particular broker service is giving you a good deal, you need to know what the fees are for in the first place. You need a breakdown of the online broker fees if you are to understand them and what they are all for. It's important that you know what the standard in fees are as well as what you are being charged for and why you need to pay the charges. This is important so that you are not scammed or overcharged.

There are many sites on the internet that offer you super-low prices on your trades. Be careful of discounts brokers, these are brokers that do not provide you with any advice about investments, but who will carry out any investment arrangements for buying or selling that you would like them to. There are called discount brokers, because they will do this for a discounted fee. Any extra services that they provide for you may cost you a large fee.

If you are new at investing it may not be a good idea to use this type of broker as you have no one to help you in your decision making. Someone who has enough trading knowledge on their own already might be able to get by with using a service like this. If you are not prepared to do the research and leg work involved with investing then it would be wiser to use a full-service broker.

A full service broker will provide you with vital information that is needed to make a wise investment decision. They do the majority of the leg work that is involved and will give you their opinion on what they think would and would not be a good investment. This may or may not be helpful. Make sure to look into their personal track record so as to get a better feel of the quality of broker that you will be working with. Of course, you will pay more for this service than you would for a discount broker, but if you are inexperienced investors it will be work the extra fee.

Below are some more tips you should know when considering broker fees from an agency whether online or offline.

Minimal Fee

Most brokers have a minimal fee that they will charge for opening an online brokerage account. These fees normally range between \$5-40 per trade. It also depends on the type of trade and how it is made. For example, plain internet, non-broker assisted transactions will be cheaper. There might also be a minimum to how many shares you need to purchase to lock in that quoted price. Make sure you always read the fine print to see if there are other stipulations involved. Check the ad or agreement to see if it states which services the advertised rate will actually entitle you to. In most cases there will be higher fees for limit orders, options and those trades over the phone with your broker. Also, the advertised commission rate may not apply to the type of trade you want to execute.

Deposits

You also need to check and see if there is a minimum deposit for the trades that you want to place with that particular broker. Make sure you see how much of an initial deposit the firm requires for opening your account because many companies require high minimum balances. Some companies will want as much as \$10,000 to start. This might be fine for some investors, but many can not afford this high of a deposit.

Have you ever heard the saying "you get what you pay for"? This tends to be the case with online trading as well. The cheap services will get you cheap product. You will likely not have any assistance and customer service might not even be reliable or customer friendly. If you know what you are doing, you might be okay with a broker like this but if you need more help with your trades, you will only be frustrated with cheap online broker services.

Product Selection And Other Extras

When you are looking to select an online broker, pricing is not the only thing you want to consider. Product selection is also very important. Not every broker offers every service and every type of trade. You need to make sure that the broker you are looking to choose offers the types of trades that you want to place.

In addition to the product itself, there are other "extras" that you will want to consider and look to see if a particular brokerage service offers it. While most people choose a broker based on the fact that they want to purchase stocks, you also need to keep in mind that there are other investment options that may not be available through every broker and you need to check for this first.

For example, if you want:

- CDs
- Municipal bonds
- Futures
- Options
- Gold/silver certificates
- Commodities and more

You will want to choose a broker that gives you these other options as well as a good deal on trading stocks. You might get in on a good deal with a broker online only to find that later when you go to purchase another type of investment, they don't offer it. It's more efficient for you to find a broker in the beginning that will offer the different options you need and want. So what are some other options and extras that you might look for when choosing the broker that is right for you? Make sure you look into this fully so you do not end not being able to make the trades that you want.

Another thing to look for is a return on cash. This will mean that you are likely to always have some amount of cash in your brokerage account. How much will depend on the specific broker but a common amount is about 3-5% interest on this money.

You should contact the broker to find out exactly how much, if any at all, they offer. You can also look for extras such as credit cards, checking accounts and more. Some will let you write checks from your account or use a card that will be deducted from your account.

You also need to be cautious of those brokers that offer big deals in the beginning just to reel people in such as "Free \$100 in trades when you sign up!" These offers may sound good in the

beginning but once you are locked into a broker and you check out the fine print, you may find that they have nothing better to offer you. Always be careful.

Alternatives To Online Trades

Although it is easier and more convenient to make your trades online, it's also a good idea to have a backup plan. You can't always be at your computer to make a trade, check the current options, etc so it is nice if you have a back up broker that you can contact for when something interferes with your ability to do it online. For example, would if you are unable to access your computer or if for some reason there is a complication that prevents your online broker from taking trades that day?

If you have alternative options such as:

- Touch tone telephone trades
- Fax order of trade
- Talking to a broker personally

This will prevent lost trading on days or times when you can't access the computer. With many types of trading, a lost day is not critical but there are some types of trading where it is essential that you can get a trade to go through whenever you need to, even if it is at short notice. If you are unable to get through on the internet, you need a backup plan.

However, you also need to keep in mind that when you use alternatives to your online trades, it will cost more. So make sure you look into the prices fully before you use an alternate service. Have a set idea of what you will do when something does occur. When you have a plan ahead of time, it will prevent surprises it when the time comes to need it.

Financial Advisors And Other Experts

As we briefly mentioned before, there are other people to help you in addition to brokers. There are financial advisors and other experts out there. However, if you are looking to tap into the expertise of these professionals, you need to be cautious and do some investigative work yourself.

There may be a lot of advertisements for a lot of people on the internet that claim to be able to help you but this does not mean that they are all legitimate or that they all have your best interests in mind. You will also see a lot of advertisements for seminars and classes for online trading and investing. While seminars and classes can be a good thing, especially for an entrepreneur trying to become successful on their own, you need to be cautious of the ones that you find random advertisements for. Many times these are simply people looking to lure someone in with a promise to get rich quick, but are actually just looking to get rich quick themselves.

If you are considering spending your money on an "expert" you need to make sure they are actually qualified to give you advice and that they actually know what they are talking about. What are their credentials? What experience do they have in the business? These are all valid questions to ask. Where did they learn this information themselves? What qualifies them to be able to teach it to other people? Look into and ask for what education that they have. There are degrees for such things and you want to make sure that you are working with a legitimate professional.

There are search engines such as vipsearch.com that let you search for advisors and professionals in a certain field but again, you have to take it upon yourself to research and investigate them to make sure they are legitimate and safe to trust. Look into the better business bureau to see if anyone has reported them. You can also check to make sue that they are licensed and not in any trouble with any commissions.

There are advisors for stocks, bonds, commodities, futures, investing and even just general online trading but before you trust their advice, you need to be certain they know what they are talking about.

Be wary of who you trust for you never know what someone will do to you in the short or long run in order for them to make money at our expense. In addition, you also need to watch out for common scams and trade fraud which we will describe more for you below.

Avoiding Scams

Unfortunately, there are many different sites and companies out there that are not legitimate. Fly-by-night scam artists appear on the internet every day, take all they can get before someone is on to them, and then run off with your hard earned money. This is something to be wary of and can be avoided through a little investigation as opposed to using blind faith.

There are some specific things you can do and some specific things you can look for to help avoid common internet trading and investing scams. These can range from doing some simple research to in depth investigations. For example:

- 1. Is the company or organization registered? If you want to see, check the SEC's <u>EDGAR</u> <u>database</u>. (<u>http://www.sec.gov/edgar/quickedgar.htm</u>)
- 2. Find out if the firm or the individual who is selling the investment is legitimate. Do not be afraid to ask questions and to look them up to see if they are telling you the truth.
- 3. Remember that high-yield investments typically come with high risk. If someone is promising you a lot of profits with little risk and little work, you should be wary.
- 4. Avoid dealing with companies or individuals that refuse to give you information about them or reuse to answer your questions.
- 5. Get all the facts about a company before you ever give them any money.

When you take your time, do some research first and follow the tips above, you can help reduce your chances of falling victim to a scam. Never give up your personal information such as bank account and other information to a company or broker that you don't fully know or trust.

If you do feel that you are victim to a scam or have discovered an agency that may be illegitimate, you should report it right away to the proper authorities. When people report these scenarios, it makes it easier to catch and stop the scam artists.

Remember, choosing a broker is an important part of your online trading but when you find a good one that you can trust and you enjoy working with, you will remain with them for a long time to come. Take the time and the effort to choose the right one for your needs and you won't regret it.

Techniques To Beat Barriers In Day Trading

It has been said that you must "face the thing you fear, and you do away with that fear."

Fear is an ingredient of life. Different individuals have different types of fear. Some have shallow fears, others have extremely profound fears. Fears are for humans. The business industry such as day trading has its own fear; they call it "barriers."

Barriers are around at all times for no apparent reason. However, there is no reason why you should be overwhelmed by barriers especially if a good sum of money is at stake. With this you need to think of ways to beat the barriers – you need techniques for a successful day trading.

Educate yourself

There is no better way to prepare you into beating the barriers than educating itself. Once you have familiarized yourself with the ins and outs of day trading, then you can be confident that you will win, if not half the battle – all of it.

You need to understand the day trading market. You need to comprehend why a trend goes up or down, why charts seem to vary from one tick of the clock to the other.

Plan ahead

Since most people view day trading close to gambling, it is suggested that you come up with a trading plan to be fully equipped with your battle.

A trading plan will be your guide to help you progress from the starting point to the end point of your day trading goals. It will serve as your map to demonstrate which paths are good to walk into and which paths to avoid. By doing so, you will avoid getting too much losses.

Manage monetary resources

Most day traders fail due to their inability to properly manage their finances. It is a common practice for day traders to allocate a specific amount of money and then have a loan on the entire margin. By doing so, some day traders lose a good sum of money instead of gaining them.

It is not all about giving out money; it is about winning by thinking. If you observe that the market fall short of meeting your chances of gaining profit, then it is time to think fast of strategies to prevent losses.

Sell short-term stock

It is recommended that if you have short-term stock which suffers for ten uninterrupted trading days it is best to sell it. This is done to prevent tying weak stocks to your capital. By doing so, you will avoid any pitfalls over your capital.

If you have stocks which are likely to hurl for over 25 % on the first three trading days, it is wise to sell one-half of it. According to market trend studies, if you sell any stock which hurls 25 % or further during the first three days, you are more likely to gain profit.

Day trading techniques are everywhere. All you need to do is patiently compile them within your bounds. Once you have them, have a thorough comparison of the available techniques you have. From your techniques compilation, it is wise to select which ones will be suitable for you.

You should not stop though, continue searching for different techniques since the market varies and it makes drastic changes. It is best to be updated than be left behind. It is preeminent to know how to face fears or barriers than be simply alarmed by it.

Techniques For Overcoming Day Trading Obstacles

Somone has rightly said you have to "deal with what you fear, and then you put an end to this fear."

Fear is a part of life. Different people have different kinds of fears. Some have Iminor fears, others have very deep concerns. Many people have fears when they start doing day trades.

There is no rational need to fear the market place, since it can be a great source of income for you. With this, you have to find ways to overcome obstacles, we need technology for the success of the day.

Learn

WHat better means are there to get over your obstacles than education itself? Once you familiarize yourself with the work systems of day trading, then that in itself is half your battles won.

You need comprehend the market of the day. You need to understand why a trend is going up or going down, why the markets seem to fluctuate with every second...

Plan ahead

Given that most people look at the markets as gamble, it is suggested to develop a plan for the negotiation to fully equip yourself for what lies ahead.

A plan for the negotiation will be a guide to help move forward from the point you start trading to the end of your goals for the day. It serves as a card to show that the roads are good for walking on those paths, and which to avoid. No doubt it will help you minimize loss.

Manage your money

Many who fail at day trading do so because they do not manage their money well. Very often, traders are bound to go a little over their spending limit so as to make a quick gamble and that is where they usually end up making even bigger losses that they just couldn't afford in the first place.

Day trading is not about giving out your money, it is about winning with rational thinking and planning. If you do not work according to a strategy, get one soon.

Dont hold on to short term stocks

It comes highly recommended - if you have stocks in the short term suffering uninterrupted for ten trading days, it is better to get rid of them. This helps remove weak stocks from your total capital, giving it more solidarity.

If you own stocks that are likely to rise more than 25% on the first 3 days of trade, it is good to sell about 50% of them. According to studies of trends, if you sell a stock that hurls 25% or more during the first 3 days, you are most likely to achieve profits.

Look for trading techniques all around you. All you have to do is patiently compile your limits. Once you have done this, take a good comparison of available technology that you have. FKeeping your strategy in mind, use the equipment that is best suited to it.

Remember, learning is a never ending curve, so never stop and feel you know enough about day trading.

The Science Of Stock Market Technical Analysis

Without trade, there will be no progressive economy. One of the bases of a progressive economy is an active and continuous trade which facilitates the continuous flow of money around the market. As long as there is an existing trade between two individuals or entities, be it a commodity or other things that can be purchased or sell to generate profit, the flow of money around the market will go on and a progressive economy is within easy reach.

In addition, the existence of market further established a common ground for different trading activities. Apart from the physical structure or place of trade, the market is considered to be a systematic process allowing traders to ask and bid, thus helping sellers and bidders to interact and make various deals. It functions like a voting system wherein the candidates (the sellers) seek the support of voters (the buyers) by offering their platform of governance (their product and its market price).

One of the market systems that are very common among traders is the stock market (i.e. New York Stock Exchange). It is the market for company stock trading and its derivatives. For individuals outside the trading industry, stock is a term that is difficult to understand. Unlike other market system such as the foreign currency exchange market and commodities market wherein you can easily determine what is being traded (currency and commodities, respectively), stock creates confusion among non-traders and even to neophyte traders.

In finance, stock is the capital raised by a certain company or corporation. Such capital is accumulated through the issuance and release of shares to interested individuals or organizations. Like in acquiring a pair of foreign currency or a commodity for revenue, the acquisition of shares of a company's stock allows you to partake in the revenues (based on the percentage of your share ownership) generated by that company.

However, the issuance and distribution of stocks in the market requires extensive study and evaluation. Like the currency or commodities wherein you need to take a position on a certain deal, there is a right time to distribute stocks in the market to raise more capital for the company. It is determined through a technical analysis.

Aside from determining the ideal time to distribute stocks on the market, technical analysis is also used to evaluate securities (the legal right that is awarded by the borrower to a creditor and often represented by a certificate such as shares of corporate stocks) by analyzing the statistics produced by the present market activities, volumes, and past market prices. It is done to forecast price trends in which the stocks could be sold for a profit.

Basically, technical analysis on the stock market is done through studying different charts of past price action. It includes variables such as the stock's price, volume, and open interest (the total number of derivative contracts). In most cases, it only includes the analysis within the dimensions of the market and not the financial dimension of the company (such as dividends or cash flows). However, there are also companies who try to combine the fundamental (study of a company's financial dimension) and technical analysis.

Even the accuracy of the results is disputed (since it is a predictive method that is based on price trend assumptions), technical analysis is one of the reliable tools that companies and stock traders can use for their quest of profitable capital raising and huge revenue generation, respectively.

The Science Of Technical Analysis Of The Market

Without trade, there would be no economic progress. One of the foundations of a growing economy is an active stock exchange, which sees to a continuous flow of funds in the markets. As long you see a trade between two or more individuals or entities, whether goods or other commodities which can be bought or sold to generate profits, the in-flow of money into the market grows gradually, and the economy is at hand.

Furthermore, the existence of a market establishes common ground for various commercial activities. In addition to the place of trade, a market is seen as a systematic process to enable traders of supply and demand, helping traders interact and make different arrangements. It works as a voting system in which the candidate (seller) seeksthe support of voters (buyer) by providing the market price of their product.

Traders frequent the stock markets like NYSE. The stocks markets let you trade a company's shares. For those who do not work in finance, the stock markets can be puzzling. Unlike other markets like the FORX and commodity markets, you are never too sure what exactly you are dealing with in stock markets. It is confusing for a fresher to understand the concept of buying and selling shares.

In finance, real estate capital is held by a company or organization. Such is the accumulated capital by issuing shares and release for the benefit of individuals or organizations. As in the acquisition of a pair of currency letting you get into trading in the forex market, the aquisition of a good number of shares of a company lets you become a serious stocks trader.

You need to study and research this market just as you do any other market, to do well in it. Technical analysis is the tool which can help you do this.

Technical analysis will tell you when it is the right time to invest and when it is a good time to sell out. It will also help you arrive at security decisions. technical analysis basically tries to predict a future movement of stock based on its rise and fall in past trends.

Basically, the technical analysis in the stock market is through the investigation of various price charts of past action. It includes studies of share price, volume, and the interest. In many cases, it includes only the analysis in market size, not a financial dimension of business Still, some organizations try to combine the two in their analysis reports.

The accuracy of results is disputed (as it is a forecasting method which is based on the price trend assumptions), the technical analysis is a reliable tool that businessesmen and traders can use in their quest for huge capital gains and income generation.

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Online Trading Software

Stock trading is constantly evolving and are more than a handful of reasons why technology firms and developers have come up with software or special computer programs that are aimed at fully equipping the modern and bury stock market trader and investor.

For one, the rising and fast-expanding demographics and number of stock market trading investors are truly encouraging. This poses a development and a vast array of opportunities for companies who specialize in developing software for every particular need.

Taking a quick look at the modern and latest stock trading software available in online is commendable. A quick look at top Internet marketplaces will have you sifting through a multitude of trading software that have been developed for just about any kind of financial trader.

There is no denying that stock market traders who aim to buy or invest in such tools are finding it hard to determine and make up their minds on which particular stock trading software they would purchase.

The market is full of several software products for such that choosing and deliberating is somehow the hardest and most tedious part of the buying transaction. That is because you might want to have all the features to yourself.

But, alas, the different products can never be merged. Some subscribe or buy a number of the software from different and competing companies because they want to truly have the best of all worlds.

Here are some of the basic features you should look for when purchasing stock trading software online.

The Ticker

When you are watching business news channels, you would see tickers. Tickers are the bar that is placed at the lower part of the screen. A ticker contains company names and the equivalent stock price that goes with the stock at current time. Tickers are very helpful to investors and brokers because they indicate whether a stock is declining or is rising.

The Stock predictor

Since there are tickers, stock prices are recorded in the archives. Thus, analysis of everyday and every hour movements of stock prices would help infer and predict a particular stock's future and possible stock price movements.

The Chart tool

A chart tool makes use of the stock price data. These information are then converted into charts so the viewer, analyst or investor can easily track and monitor the movement of a particular stock. This makes life easier for such trading people.

The Currency converter

Because cross-border investments or foreign investments can now be possible, there are a number of stock trading software that include currency converters. Thus, traders at different locations are able to properly track their investments because they are able to base them against their local currencies.

Of course, as with anything you purchase and download online, you must exercise maximum prudence and note that not all products that are being offered are actually reliable. Do your research, read consumer reviews and ask around. Better yet, go with software that is developed by an accredited and well-respected financial services provider.

Commercial Online Software

Stock trading industry is always growing is and there are many reasons why companies and software developers have come up with special software or computer programs that are designed to fully equip modern stock market traders and investors.

The rapid increase in population growth and the number of commercial stock investors are really encouraging. This provides a wide range of opportunities for companies that specialize in the development of software for each unique need.

Having a look at modernity and the latest online stock trade software available is interesting. One look on a search engine will quickly show you a variety of software prrograms, for any kind of trader on the market place.

There is no doubt that the stock market operators that seek to buy such tools are struggling to identify and take action on which is the best softwarefor stock trading.

The hardest part of getting hold of a software is sometimes the selection process, simply because there is such a variety to select from.. And you will want all the features that money can buy...

When you want a range of features you will probably end up getting more than one software. Some of the features you may expect in a stock trade software:

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International Stock Trading

The emerging and rapidly popularizing concept of globalization is out there, within the reach of economies throughout the world.

Through the years, people from different countries have always strived and attempted to invest and infuse portions of their capital in different offshore or international market.

The advocacy of several economies and governments for globalization has somehow triggered and prompted rise and popularity of international stock trading.

History

To understand the deep root and nature of international stock trading, it would help if you would quickly look at the brief and short history of stock market trading.

It is believed that stock market trading started in the 11th century in the Egyptian capital city of Cairo. That trading involved credit and debt payment schemes between the country's early Muslims and the trading Jewish merchants.

In the 12th century, French farmers started trading their agricultural goods and harvest through debts provided and credited to them by banks. Thus, the goods were treated like commodities which are valued at how much the actual market value of the harvest is.

In 1602, The formal stock market trading started with the launch and pilot operations of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. The Dutch East India Company was the first to list its shares or stocks in the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

Thus, the company holds the record of being the first company to be ever listed and to issue bonds and stocks.

Since 1602, stock market trading has come a long way. But basically, the concept and principle of stock market trading is still upheld and is still being implemented up to now.

Cross-border stock trading

Now, could you blame investors and stock market traders if they would want to invest in stocks on the other border?

As of now, stock markets around Europe are facilitating for legal and easy stock market transactions for stock traders in the region. The system and scheme is shielded and protected by the provisions and regulations of the European Union, which rule and cover 25 of that continent's countries.

In the US, the New York Stock Exchange is also facilitating international or offshore stock trading transactions of stocks. There are Japanese, Indian, Chinese and other firms listed in the world's biggest and most looked upon bourse exchange or operator.

Though international trading of offshore companies are allowed, there are of course, still, restrictions and regulations in place to make sure no problems and issue would arise in the future.

No restrictions

Now, countries are meeting and formulating strategies to make international stock trading free from stringent and strict regulations.

For the time being, all investors can do is just sit back and think and aim for that situation, when international stock trading is a common and widespread practice. It would not take long.

Stock Trading In A Foreign Country

The world is becoming a smaller place and it is often being called a global village in today's times. People have an inborn wish to be a part of a distant business, and today this idea has gone into trading on an international level. As globalization is encouraged for trade reasons, the individual trader today finds it easier to be a part of a stock market across the globe.

History

If you want to understand a little more about trading stocks on international levels, it would do you good to know a little about the history of the same. It is said that the trading of stock was at first initiated in Cairo in the eleventh century. The Muslims of the region traded with the Jews who were merchants there. Then in the twelfth century farmers from France began trading their agricultural produce using debiting systems they were given by banks at the time. Their goods were looked upon much as we see market commodities today, and judged for their worth in the market at the time.

The Amsterdam Stock Exchange initiated an official and formal stock exchange in the year sixteen hundred and two. Dutch's East India Company was the first company to list itself at this stock exchange in Amsterdam. And so this company holds the record of the first ever to hold a listed stock at any exchange. Things could have changed a little since then, but the idea behind a stock exchange remains very much the same to this very day.

Trading across borders

It is natural for a company to want to grow by trading across political boundaries. At present the European Union consists of twenty five countries. The stock markets of the continent are trying to facilitate legal trading across borders, and the system is under the governance of this union at present. Across the pacific, the New York Stock Exchange is trying to achieve the same. International trade with offshore companies is allowed at present, although restrictions are enforced so as not to let anything go wrong in the future. Cross border trading is not a new idea, and history tells us it is best monitored in any form, so as not to risk tensions.

No restrictions

However, countries today are trying to bring about a global change in the principles of trading stock where the restrictions on individual investors would be at a minimum ever. The traders in turn are waiting with their fingers crossed, and we suspect they won't have to wait long. With globalization already a reality, it won't be long when investors are allowed to freely trade with companies across the border. This will help the markets rise like never before.

Day Trading Stocks: Advices And Tips Before Considering This Kind Of Trading

It is a widely known and irrefutable fact that money is a necessity in life. Everyone uses it. You use it everyday in your life. You use it to buy food, you use it to buy clothes, you use it to buy fuel for your car, and you use it to get the things necessary to run your daily life.

One of the best ways to earn more money is through day trading. Day trading is a kind of trading where you trade stocks and other financial options that you will usually complete in a single day.

This kind of trading can get you profits in a short period of time. Maybe this is the reason why this kind of trading is becoming more and more popular for people. However, like any kind of trades, day trading tends to have its risks. You may lock in on a lot of profits in a single day, but the risks involved are also huge. Many people have suffered huge financial losses in a very short span of time.

It doesn't necessarily mean that day traders are very active in the market floor. There are different kinds of trading strategies that day traders use in order to make a lot of profit in a single day or in just a few hours or even minutes. One kind of day trader tends to buy and sell stocks many times in a matter of hours or even minutes. This enables them to acquire deep discounts from the brokerage because of the high volume of trades they do.

The other kind of day trader tends to focus on the trend of the market. They tend to wait for the strong move before they decide to buy or sell a particular stock which may occur on that same day. They tend to trade fewer times than the previously mentioned day trader.

However, if you are just a beginner in day trading, you should consider that this kind of trading is very risky and can result in huge financial losses.

Here are some things you should consider before you enter this kind of trading:

• Since stocks are volatile and can rise and fall anytime during the day, you should continuously watch your computer terminal. You should frequently observe where the trend is going in order to make the right decision.

• Although day trading has the potential to let you make a lot of money, you should also keep in mind that the risk in day trading is huge. Expect losses on the first month and learn from the mistakes you made. One thing you should always keep in mind is that you should only risk money that you can afford to lose.

• Be patient. Day trading tends to be stressful and can make you impatient. It is very important that you should not make any move if you are unsure of the results. This is a common mistake day traders make.

• If the stock isn't moving, get out of the trading floor, go home, and evaluate what to do in the next day.

Day trading stocks is one of the best way to get money, following these advice will result in minimizing the risk and increasing the potential of generating that income you have always wanted.

Day Trading Stocks: Tips And Tricks Before Considering Such Trade

It is an indisputable fact that the money is necessary for life. Everybodyneeds it. You use it every day of your life. You need it to purchase food, you get clothes with it , fill up gas in your car with it, and such things for your comfortable life.

Day trading is a great way to increase your earning capability. It basically deals with trading on the markets in a single day with no long term investments. This helps make profits that quickly return to your bank account. Perhaps that is why this type of trade is increasingly popular by the day. Still, as with all kinds of trades, the day trade tends to have its share of risks. You can make big money in just a day, but then the stakes are also enormous. You could lose a lot of money as well, in just a day.

Day trading doesnt always mean you need to be active on the market floors. There exist different types of negotiation strategies which day traders make use of to do a lot of profits in just a single day or maybe a few hours or maybe even in a few minutes. As you could have guessed, day traders buy and sell many stocks in a day, in a few hours or in a few minutes. They save a lot on brockerage thanks to the number of transactions

Others concentrate on the markets trends. They observe the rise of stocks until they are confident the stock they are looking at will continue to move up, and then they buy and quickly sell so as to make a profit.

But still, you will probably lose some money if you are new to the whole idea.

Some points to consider before entering into transactions of this nature:

• Given that stocks are unpredictable at times and can fall at any time , you should monitor your computer. You must make frequent observations to help decide your course of action.

• As mentioned earlier, although you could make a lot of money, you could lose a lot in a single day as well. Learn from mistakes you make. One thing you must always bear in mind that you should not risk money that you cannot do without

• Have patience. It can cause you a lot of stress, but make sure you get out of the trade when you are unsure of the results of the day.

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Day stocks is a great way to obtain money, and following this advice will help minimize risk and increase the potential for generating revenue you always wanted .

Currency Trading Software: Lights, Camera, Action!

The foreign currency trading market has some of the "largest" characteristics in terms of commercial trade.

The currency trading market is so far the largest market in the investment industry, with an average international foreign exchange trading volume of \$1.9 trillion daily, according to the April 2004 statistics of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) study. It is composite of the following components:

• 1,300 billion dollars worth of derivatives (the generic term for currency trading investment from which its pay-offs over time are derived from the performance of assets and other factors such as interest and exchange rates or various indices);

• 1,000 billion dollars worth of Forex swaps (over the counter short-term interest rate derivative instrument)

• 600 billion dollars in spot transactions

• 200 billion dollars in forward contract (a contract between two parties to either buy or sell an asset at an predetermined future point in time); and

• 100 billion dollars worth of Forex option (an option wherein the owner has the right but not the responsibility of exchanging money denominated on a certain currency into another one are a pre-agreed rate of exchange within a specified date).

Another "largest" of the currency trading is in terms of the nature of participants on different currency trades. The trading includes large banking institutions, central banks, multinational corporations, various national governments, currency speculators, and other financial institutions and markets. Add to it the small retail traders which are also a part of the growing currency trading market.

Given the massive cash value traded on a daily basis and the players within the market, currency trading also leads in terms of innovations. The growing number of players inside the market is attributed to the inclusion of Internet technology on the trading activities within the market. Thus, even in nighttime, you will be able to trade foreign currencies with other traders on the other side of this planet. Currency day trading is almost synonymous now to currency night market.

Currency trading over the Internet requires you to have compatible software to your online trading system. In most cases, especially when you sign up with a currency trading broker, they will provide you with computer software that you can use in executing various transactions and obtain market information. There are two major classifications of currency trading software—the web-based and the client-based.

The web-based currency trading software is not actually what you will install in your Internetconnected PC unit. Such software will run in your broker's website and you only need to have a compatible browser installed in your computer system to access the software. On the other hand, the client-based software is installed directly to your computer system. In most cases, you will be able to obtain client-based currency trading software through downloading it on a broker's website and installing it later on.

The basic currency trading software package will include real time quotes and information as well as letting you to enter and perform trades. In addition, it also provides up-to-date quotes for most foreign currency pairs and will let you to either close or open a position within market prices. Meanwhile, advanced currency trading software will provide you charting capability for your market analysis and evaluation.

Whether you prefer web-based or client-based software, just keep in mind that it will be of great help in achieving realistic generated revenue during your currency trading career.

Use FOREX Software To Increase Your Returns

The FOREX market has a vast range of attributes. It is the biggest market you can invest into, and sees 1.9 trillion US dollars of trade every single day, as quoted by a study from the bank of international settlements in 2004. It is composed of these characteristics:

- A thousand three hundred billion US dollar derivative
- Thousand billion US dollars of swaps in FOREX
- Six hundred billion US dollars in spot trading
- Two hundred billion dollars worth of forwarded contracts
- Hundred billion US dollars FOREX options

Another major attribute of currency trading is the terms of nature of the participants in trades of different currency. Investors include major banks, centralized banks, multinational organizations, many governments, currency analytical speculators, and then the other financial organizations and markets. The smaller traders are becoming significant in their numbers as well.

Thanks to the huge amounts that are transacted every day on the market, currency trading is a forerunner in innovations of trade. Thanks to the Internet, many new players (smaller traders) are entering the markets every day. So you can even but and sell in the night, when it is day in another part of the world.

To trade using the internet you will need the right software to enable you to do this. Most of the time when you have the need for software, the brokers in this trade do provide you with the latest version of these software so that you can execute as well as get more in formation regarding the market moves. Two range of software are present in the trade, one is the version for client use and the other one is web use.

In the second type of software that is the web based software, reality is that the software is not installed in your laptop or personal use computer. But what actually happens is that the web browser for access of the software is what you get on your system and the broker has the actual software installed on his webpage. Well as far as the first software that is the client based one is

directly on your personal computer or laptops. And you will not have to use through the brokers website.

Any software to start with will have the needed information so that you can start your trade and also will be provided with the present rate information. Also you can get the latest information regarding the cost of the various currencies presently in the market and also will be able to close the market and open the market at your price. Where as you will notice in those very latest versions of currency trading software the facilities to analyze what the market growth and downfall is.

What ever you choose either the client based software or the web based software all you will get is gains in your currency trading business.

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Charting And Technical Analysis: A Great Tool For Your <u>Trades</u>

Predicting the financial market's future may sound impossible. But, what if you have the power to predict it or what if you have the ability to take a quick look of the financial market's future?

This would be like a dream come true for traders. With this skill, it will be next to impossible for you to lose your investment in the financial market. Whatever it is you are trading, knowing about the financial market's future would be like knowing when and what to buy and sell. With this kind of skill, you can be sure that you can acquire a lot of profit from the financial market.

However, you know that this is impossible. You don't have the powers to predict the future. But, one great tool that you can use can be the next best thing in predicting the financial market's future. This tool is called technical analysis.

Technical analysis is the art of studying charts and finding a trend in the past to predict the financial market's future. Try to think of it as forecasting the market's "weather" and know about the potential risk and potential profit that you can make in the future.

This kind of forecasting can act as a guide to your money making decisions. It will also act as a safety buffer in case you made the wrong decision.

With this kind of tool, you can really minimize the risk of losing money and increase your potential profit from a financial security that you are holding.

You should always remember that a technical analyst isn't interested about a particular company's profile when they want a stock. They are only interested about the price movement and discovering trends.

They base their analysis on charts and computations. If they see a trend in price movement, the resistance level, and the volatility, they will speculate on where the stock will move next. It may be next year, it may be next month or it may even be in the next few hours.

The charts used in technical analysis can be a simple line chart, a bar chart and a candlestick chart. These charts are used to give the technical analyst the visual information and as well as the technical information in order for them to predict the financial market's future.

With these charts, technical analysts can study a particular security and by basing on the past trends and past price changes, they claim that they will be able to predict the future of the financial market.

However, you should always remember that technical analysis isn't always 100% accurate. It is even considered more of an art instead of an exact science. You should keep in mind that you shouldn't depend too much on technical analysis. You should also do a study of your own. You can also trust that "gut feeling" you have whenever you trade.

Sometimes, that "gut feeling" can be right.

It is recommended however that technical analysis should be used as a guide to help you in your decisions in the financial market.

Try and study the findings first, review it, and determine what move you want to make in the market.

If you do it right, you probably can have a glimpse of the financial market's future.

Charting And Technical Observation Are A Great Boon To Your Stock Trade

It does sound impossible to predict a financial market or its outcome. Ever wondered how much money you could make if only you knew the outcome of the market movement at any given date?

That does sound like every stock trader's dream come true doesn't it. After all if you could do that you would never lose any money on the stock market. Whatever the level or department in which you trade, knowing the outcome of the market would pinpoint the time you need to buy and to sell, so as to make a maximum profit.

We all know that such dreams are only dreams and can never become a reality. But why we are talking about it is, you can get quite close to that dream. There is a certain tool you can make use of to get an idea of how the markets are going to move and it is the tool of technical analysis.

It basically deals with predicting the movement of the market based on its history, and keeping in mind factors like the month and general trends during the time as well. Sounds a lot like making a weather forecast maybe - but it does follow the same principle of making a future prediction based on past movement.

As far as stock predicting is concerned, this kind of planning and foresight could help you make a lot of good decisions and maybe even safely act as a buffer when at times you make a wrong decision. When you make use of such analytical thinking you do minimize the chances of losing money.

Keep in mind that with stock analysis you mustn't let the company profile deter your judgment, you should only concern yourself with the movement of stock, not the nature of stock. So try and look at it objectively. But do remember when you here of a prediction of stock movement as a result of analysis, the predication does not tell you when the stock will move next. For instance, you may be expecting a stock to move up, but you cannot tell from an analysis if it will move up next month or next year or after two years.

The predictions of analytical evaluation of the stock markets can be portrayed using normal graphs or candlestick graphs. This quickly shows a layman the movement of stock and makes investing decisions that much easier.

But do remember that the predictions can never be cent percent accurate, or else no one would ever lose money now, would they? Even the biggest businessmen at times sometimes just go with their gut feelings rather than any chart.

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Boosting Your Investment By Trading Commodities Online

Commodities trading deals with agricultural products, such as wheat, malt, sugar and corn, as well as metals, such as gold and contracts based on the purchase and trade of these goods, as opposed to the stock market which deals with all types of financial instruments, such as stocks, government securities, interest rates and indexes.

With the advent of technology, both stock and commodities trading are now traded online. For purposes of discussion, we will focus on commodities trading online.

The industrial revolution ushered in new technology that include more effective tools, a number of which are capable of creating more food. This new efficiency demanded more agricultural storage, transport, and more competent circulation of produce.

At first the markets could handle the rising demand for food, but as volume grew, the commodity markets with uniform pricing and delivery became progressively more significant. A system was then developed to cope with the hoarding of goods that happen during harvest times and with the scarcity that occur before the harvest.

With the new system, buyers could arm themselves from price irregularity by closing a deal for a certain commodity that is fixed at a particular price before they have a need for it. The contract based on this system is now known as futures.

The place where all these agricultural products as well as contracts based on the agreements between buyer and seller are being traded are called commodities exchanges.

Prior to the electronic age, there are certain places designated as commodities exchanges, however, these are now conveniently available on the net. Online trading are also referred to as screen-based or electronic trading.

In online commodities trading, customers send, buy or sell orders from their computers to an electronic marketplace offered by the exchange. There is no need to have brokers act in behalf

of the customers, as brokerage approvals to trade are generated electronically. The online trading screen now takes the place of the trading pit.

An advantage for online commodities trading is price transparency since the top five current bids and offers are posted on the trading screen, in full view of all electronic market participants.

As with any investment though, an uptick in a certain commodity where one places his money could generate for him huge earnings but a drop in prices would provide the same loss. For example, assuming prices for meats would go up in the succeeding three months, a meat shop owner decides to place an order for one cow from a cattle raiser who sells it for \$5.

This is to be delivered to the meat shop owner three months from when the deal is closed. They both sign a contract. The following day, cow prices rose to \$6. The cattle raiser in this case loses \$1 while the meat shop owner gains \$1.

There are various trading sites available for online commodities trading. A minimum fee entitles an investor to create an account that entitles him to researches and technical analysis on listed companies, apart from actually trading online. Most have help desks and other tools necessary to assist an investor in coming up with the best possible judgment.

Online trading is great way to boost your investment without having to get out of the house and dressing the part. However, you must realize that commodities and the stock market in general live on volatile market conditions and therefore easily influenced by even the slightest economic and political changes. Click carefully.

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An In-Depth Analysis Of Initial Public Offering: IPO Versus Business Loans

Supposedly you are one of the members of the board of directors of a certain company. The board realized that there is a need for additional capital infusion since the company registers a consistent growth rate in terms of production and marketing aspects. Such growth needs to be addressed in order to avoid later problems that may even result to the mismanagement of the company and possible bankruptcy instead of a progressive corporate output.

There are various suggestions raised by your colleagues. Some suggest that since the company has enough funds, it could be used to finance a business loan that will be used to sustain the company's growth. Others suggest that the company must go public in order to attract several investors who will infuse the needed capital for the growing operation of the company.

As a member of the board of directors, which way will you pursue? Remember that there are two options that the company can take—first is entering into a loan agreement wherein you need to present any corporate assets as security to the loan. Second, the company could be listed into an IPO or initial public offering, determine the number of shares that the company wants to sell to the public, and the rest will just follow. Both options can raise revenues, yet the question will not just be about generating additional revenues at all.

The question will now be like this: "Which of them provides an advantage to the company and its stakeholders?"

Let us scrutinize the options carefully by going through the first option. The process is simple: once the company found a lending institution that will agree to lend the company with the needed amount, the company through its high executives and officials will enter a contract with a lending company and make an agreement on the conditions prior to the approval of the loan. It will include securing any company assets with equivalent value of the loan against the company and monthly repayments within a specified period of time with applied interest.

The second option will involve the initial sale of the company's common shares to the public. The company will undergo the IPO process under its governing laws, particularly the Federal Securities Act of 1993 and the governing bodies (such as the Securities and Exchange Commission and the exchange where the common shares of the company are currently listed). Typically, you will spend more or less than \$1 million in the whole process, but the initial return of investment is higher than your expenses, since the underwriters (composed of several investment banks) will sell the shares to interested investors higher than its market value.

If you will compare the two options, definitely the initial cost is higher when the company undergoes IPO. The return of investment has yet to be seen after the completion of the process. In other words, you will be spending first before you earned the revenues that you need. It is contrast with securing a loan since you will be able to get the borrowed capital even before you make any repayments. You will be able to use the funds immediately after the released of the approved loan money.

However, the loan will now be on the "negative" side once you will make repayments to the loan that you availed. Remember that once you failed or faltered on the conditions agreed on the loan, the collateral, which is your company's assets, will be automatically taken away by the lender. In IPO, the assets will not be at risk. Instead, such assets will increase because of additional capital raised through IPO.

The choice between an IPO and a business loan is up to you. Scrutinize the given options and make the right choice.

An Analysis Of IPO Versus Business Loans

Imagine you are on the board of directors of a company which requires a capital boost to maintain a steady rise in production and sales. It is imperative to keep the rise under check to prevent unforeseen hitches in the future which can lead to the company's malfunction instead of its advancement.

Among the several propositions you may receive from your workmates, it may be suggested to use the company's existing funds to advance some business credit to support the growth or to open it to the public hoping to draw in interested shareholders to supply the required finance needed for the rise in production.

You could chose either of the above options after thinking over both possibilities well enough considering both the benefits and the risks involved. If you chose the first option, you will have to reveal some of the company's resources as proof for the loan's authenticity. The second option allows you to be enlisted in an IPO and count the shares to be sold to the public and so on.

There will arise a doubt on which choice would be of greater benefit to the company and its shareholders.

Analyzing the first option, it includes a relatively easy procedure which involves hunting down a company which will lease out the required amount of cash. The chief executives of your company would sign an agreement with the loan company before the money is lent. Some of the company's resources may be held with installments to be paid every month till the due date of payment with interest.

If you chose to enter an IPO, you first sell the common shares to the public and must take into account legal procedures like governing laws especially the Federal Securities act of 1993, including governing bodies like the Securities and Exchange Commission and the exchange which has recorded the company's common shares. The total expenditure will come to around \$1 million, but the profit will be higher than what you spend as the underwriters will market your shares at a higher selling price.

The difference between both options is that with an IPO you are required to spend cash in the beginning and you gain money on hand only at the end, while with a loan, the money is at your disposal right from the start. But take caution with loans, if you fail to rebate the borrowed money or violate the agreement on the loan, the resources kept as a security will become the money lender's possession. Your company's resources will not be in jeopardy with an IPO thanks to the extra capital it brings you.

Thus, it is in your hands to compare both possibilities and zero in on the best of these options which may be compatible for your business.

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All About The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is a US government sponsored independent body that is tasked to monitor and record futures contracts trading activities that occur on futures exchanges in the United States. It was formed by the US Congress in 1974, and has the power to suspend, fine and impose legal sanctions on an individual or a firm in the event of fraud, misconduct or other cases of rule violations.

The agency is also responsible for publishing weekly updates on the holdings of the over twenty market segments in existence today.

These reports, called the 'commitments of traders report' or the COTR are handed out at the end of each week, usually every Friday. They contain information on open interest splits by non-reportable and reportable open interest and non-commercial and commercial open interest.

To make things short, the aim of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is to protect the public and market participants from abusive and manipulative practices related to the sale of financial futures, options and commodities, and to make sure that all transactions are conducted in a transparent, financially viable and competitive manner.

During its inception, the CFTC was merely tasked to regulated options and commodity futures markets in the US. However, with the introduction of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, or CFMA, the CFTC's duties have been expanded.

Via effective oversight, the agency makes sure that the futures market is able to provide market participants a means toward offsetting pricing risks and price discovery.

The CFTC has five commissioners, each of whom is appointed the president and serve in fiveyear intervals. One of the five commissioners is named chairman, with the approval of the senate, with rules stipulating that not more than three commissioners should be sourced from the same political party, to provide fairness.

The agency is headquartered in Washington, but it also holds offices in key cities that have futures exchanges, like Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and Kansas.

The CFTC has six key operating units: The Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, the Division of Market Oversight, the Division of Enforcement, the Office of Chief Economist, the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Executive Director.

Each unit has a specific function, all of which sharing the goal of making sure that all transactions conducted under it satisfy regulations and are in the best interests of market participants.

There is a wealth of information about how to properly trade futures in the CFTC website, which can be found at www.cftc.gov. Check the site for further details.

A Little Know How On CFTC

What we know as Commodity Futures of Trading Commission is a United States government sponsored non dependant organization that is created to oversee and to record futures contracts concerning trading activities that take place on the futures exchanges in the US. It was initiated by the United States Congress in the year1974, and it has full rights to suspend, to fine and to impose legal restrictions on a citizen or an organization that is fraudulent, behaves with misconduct or similar cases of rule breaking.

This agency also takes care of printing weekly updates regarding the holdings of the twenty plus market segments that exist at present.

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- b. Divisions of Market Oversight
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- d. Offices of the Chief Economist
- e. Offices of General Counsel
- f. Offices of Executive Director

Every unit holds a specific function; each sharing the goal to make sure that every transaction conducted under this body satisfies regulations and is in the interest of existing market members.

There is a whole lot of info on how to properly make futures trades on the CFTC web pages, which you can check out at www.cftc.gov.

All About Online Stock Trading And How To Choose A Company

Stock trading has been around about a century ago. Since then, stock trading has evolved and it is very different from what you see today. Stock trading has been more and more available for everyone and has been making ways on how to make more money.

Today, thanks to the advancement in communications technology, investors can now trade stocks online.

Trading stocks online is much more convenient than being on the actual market floor. It will remove the drama that you see on movies and on news but it is much more convenient and much more comfortable. Also, it lessens the risk of losing money and increases your chance of making more money.

Online stock trading has a lot of advantages. Firstly, buying and selling stocks online can be done with almost no human intervention at all. It is an efficient and a secure way of buying and selling stocks. However, if you want to enter the world of stock market and you don't know anything about it, it can be very risky and you may end up losing money instead of making money.

This is why there are online stock brokerage companies that can help you with your stock trading. They will provide you with enough information about stock trading and will advice you on the decisions you have to make.

These online trading companies can be of great help for you if you don't know anything about stocks. What this company will do is that they will be the one to trade for you. They will be the one who will manage your money effectively and they will also be the one to place your orders.

Because there are complicated issues when it comes to stock trading, most people will never understand how it works and what to do once they have entered it.

An online stock trading company will be able to help you with your decisions and will give advices to help you make a profit.

All they will ask from you is a small amount of fee for their services. They will only be taking a small percentage from your earnings.

Before you start signing up on an online stock trading company, you should make sure that the company is legitimate or has a good reputation. Know the average number of their clients who profited in their company and know what kind of advices they give.

You should also find out if they have these basic services once you sign up for their company. You should find out if they have real time quotes, news, charting, research capabilities and account information.

These things are essential in trading and should be provided by the online stock brokerage trading companies you plan on signing up with. Another thing you should look for is a trial period. A good online trading company will never force you to join; they should be willing to give you a trial period in their company in order for you to determine the quality of their services. If you don't like how they run things in the company, you can easily tell them about it and unsubscribe from their company and look for another online trading company.

If you are comfortable with the company, you can be sure that you can work together.

Always remember that these companies will only provide you with information. They will always follow your decisions. They are just there to advice you on what to do next and will not necessarily mean that you should follow their advice.

Everything About The Stocks Online Commerce And About Selecting A Company

Stock trade was introduced about a century or so. Since then, the stock exchange has changed and is quite different to what it used to be. Stock trading has become increasingly available to everyone and making money here has become very convenient a procedure.

Today, thanks to advances in communication systems, investors have started trading online.

The trade of stocks online is so much more comfortable than on the market floor. It does remove the drama element you see in movies, but is much easier and so much more comfortable. In addition, it reduces the risks of losing your money and increase your chances of making profits.

Stock exchange online has many advantages. First, the trading of stocks can be done with virtually no human interference at all. This is effective and safe for the buying and selling of stocks. Still, if you wish to enter the stock market and do not know thing about it, it could be very dangerous and you may lose money rather than make money.

That's why there are brokerage firms online that help you in your stock market. They would provide you with sufficient information on trades, and give you advise from time to time.

These companies can be of a lot of help to you if you do not know the stocks. What they will do is they will be the ones to trade on your behalf. They will effectively manage your money and they would also place orders for you.

Because there are so many complicated issues when it comes to trades, many people just do not have the time to completely understand how its done.

An internet basd company will be able to advise with your decisions and help you make profits.

They will charge you a feww per transaction.

Before you begin subscribing to a company online , you must make sure it is legitimate and has a good history. Knowing the numbers of their clients who have benefited from the company and what kind of advice they give could help.

You also need to know if they provide basic services such as live quotes, news, graphics, search capability and account info.

These elements are essential to the negotiation and must be provided online by companies trading brokerage. Another thing you could look out for is a trial period. A reputable company of online commerce would never pressurize you to join, they would be willing to offer a trial period so that you can evaluate the quality of offered services. In case you do not like the way they do things, you should easily be able to quit.

On the other hand if you are satisfied, you could work with the firm.

Do remember the company is supposed to give you tips, and finally follow your orders. It is not necessary that you take every tip they give.

About Commodity Trading

Commodity trading is fast becoming the weapon of choice for a growing number of people who want to earn big money from their investments. This is because commodities represent an everexpanding list of products that may be traded, from metals and petroleum, to agricultural goods, to consumer products and even to certain financial instruments and currencies.

When compared with other trading avenues, commodity trading presents infinite options, which a first-time trader might find valuable and easy to understand.

Small traders initially trade on commodities like grains, meats and certain metals because they are have lower margins compared to the other products.

Experts say that first-timers should begin with a combination of around six to eight commodities during their initial attempts to ensure proper monitoring and to be on the safe side, as well. Commodity trading is usually tracked on a daily basis, so it's best that there are only a handful of eggs in your basket at the onset to get a feel of how the market works.

In fact, even the most expert traders opt to have just around 8 markets under their wing, because tracking too many markets that are moving at the same time eventually becomes a tedious task.

Traders are advised to avoid large range commodities because the risk of losing is greater with these products.

You may want to start with corn market, because its highs and lows are often predictable and you don't have to worry too much about high margins. Wheat is also a good first choice because it moves much in the same way as corn. In the meat market, cattle is a workable jump-off point, though some experts urge against it because it often leads to a pretty wide range.

Products will large ranges include soybeans, cotton and sugar. In the past, sugar was considered a low-margin good because you don't really risk much when you get into it.

However, current conditions in the market are not so favorable toward sugar and sugar-related goods anymore that it's best not to gamble too much into it.

The best way to invest in commodities is to trade futures. What you do is open an individual account, which can be access indirectly via a broker or directly through a futures commission merchant.

You can also engage in commodity trading via an account that is held by your chosen executor, by way of a written power of attorney. If you choose to take this path, you have to make sure this person is somebody you can trust because he will be making major financial decisions for you. If individual movement is not your type, you can share the load by joining commodity-related mutual funds and commodity pools, like limited partnerships.

Perhaps the best thing about learning to trade commodities is the fact that these low-margin markets, when combined with investments in the likes of stocks or bonds, are able to offset risks in your overall portfolio. This is not to say, however, that commodities do not come with major risks. Get the right information and trade wisely.

A Little Info On Commodity Trading

Commodity trading is quickly becoming a weapon of choice of an increasing number of people that wish to make large returns from investments. This is thanks to the fact that commodities represent a constantly growing list of wares which could be bought or sold, and the list contains all kinds of consumables available on the markets today.

In comparison to some other trading options, commodity trading represents innumerable options, and they are easily figured out by people new on the trading scenario.

Smaller traders at first trade with commodities like metals, poultry and such thanks to the fact they have lesser margin as compared to other products.

Gurus say that people new to the scene should start using a combination of around 6 to 8 products at their initial attempt to make sure they have proper monitoring and to play it safe at the same time. Commodities trading are usually evaluated on an everyday basis, so it is done when there are fewer details to look at when you are a beginner.

To tell you the truth even a trader with a lot of experience would not be too comfortable dealing with more than around eight commodities at a time. This is because it is just too hard for any individual to evaluate the constant changes of more number of products in the market, single handedly.

It is best to avoid larger commodities when you are a beginner, for the obvious reason that you risk losing more money.

You would do well to begin with a market like corn, the ups and downs here are something you can usually foresee, and you do not have to worry a lot about high margins. And then wheat could be a good option as well, thanks to similar reasons. As far as a meat market goes cattle is an option, but some gurus do not recommend it.

Commodities like beans and sugar are some with higher ranges. Sugar was earlier considered as a low margin commodity due to the fact that it does not involve too much of risk. The current scene on the markets tells us it is not too good to make a gamble on this thou.

Future trading is definitely a very good way to buy and sell on commodities. You need to begin with a separate account, and you would have access to it with the help of a broker or maybe even directly using one of the futures commission merchants.

You could also trade using an account under the name of a selected executor, one to whom you have given a power of attorney to do so. However we do not recommend this route unless you have an executor who you can trust completely, since this person will be dealing with your money. If you are not confident to deal single handedly then partnership may be a good idea.

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A Quick Peek At Online Stock Trading Companies

Online stock trading companies are proliferating and spreading like wild fire in the market today. It would be easy to spot such firms, because the market is full of them.

The trend, or the rapidly rising popularity of online stock trading companies, is an acknowledgment and confirmation itself that online stock trading transactions are becoming rampant, and are here to stay.

Online stock trading companies are rising in number, with almost at least one start up company every year. Thus, these companies are proofs and living testimonies of the proliferation and emergence of online stock market trading.

Comparison

In the past, the conventional and traditional way of buying and shopping for goods are only limited to physical and conventional shopping.

But now, the emergence of e-shopping and online auctioneering Web sites and stores are pronouncing and directing the rapid expansion and strengthening foothold of the online medium to different and significant transactions.

Online is becoming a way on how people transact and course their current businesses. There are more than one way of how transactions can be processed, but the modern and emerging online techniques and systems are becoming the favorite and most relied on to.

Online stock trading companies

As of now, there are a number of specialized companies that are specializing in offering, selling and transacting reliable and well-promoted stock trading systems.

There are automated versions of the stock trading system, which recognizes the fast and rapid shift from the traditional and conventional mode of stock transactions to the more fast-paced and interactive electronic system.

This is so because the electronic transactions for stock trading are deemed more effective and convenient nowadays because the investor is never required to physically go to the trading places or the stock market auctioneering venues just to trade their stocks or buy or sell shares.

Everything can now be done through the different means provided by the new and emerging technology like wireless telephone, wireless Internet and so on.

These stock trading systems and much more are easily and widely available at your local stock market trading system distributor or operator.

Lucrative

Yes, the emergence and rising number of online stock trading companies are proofs and confirmation themselves that the business and operations of online stock trading is proliferating and constantly growing.

Because technology always call and result in improvement, do not be surprised that tomorrow, or in the coming months or years, new and better technology would emerge and would be launched to further make online stock market trading better.

The profitability of such businesses and operations are living proofs and confirmation themselves.

A Quick Glance At Online Stock Trade Companies

Internet based stock trade companies are constantly increasing and spreading like wildfire on the market today. Its quite easy to identify these companies, because of the fact that the market is filled.

The trends, or the rapid rise in the popularity of internet based stock trade companies, is a recognition and a confirmation that he trades online transactions are becoming endemic, and that is not going away.

Internet stock trade companies are increasing in number, there being almost one startup company each year. So, these companies are evidence and testimony Live proliferation and the emergence of exchange online.

A comparison

In the years gone by, the conventional or traditional methods of buying and the purchase of goods were limited to physical integrity and procurement.

But today, thanks to the introduction of e-commerce and online shopping and auctioneering Web sites and stores are ordering and directing the quick expansion and strengthening of the base of the internet medium to diverse and significant transactions.

Over the net is becoming a means of how people make basic transactions and take care of their businesses. There is more than one way how the transactions could be done, but the modern and new technologies and online systems are quickly getting more clientile and are that much more relied upon.

Internet stock trading companies

Currently, there are a number of dedicated firms that specialize in the supply, sale and transactions, which are reliable and well promoted Exchange systems.

There are automatic versions of stock trade systems, which recognizes the fast and rapid transition from the traditional and conventional method of stock transactions in the quickest and most interactive electronic system.

It is so, because electronic transactions for trades are considered more efficient and practical these days, since the investor is not required to go physically to the negotiation or to the stock market's auctioneering places just to negotiate their stockpiles or to buy or sell securities.

Everything can now take place from remote access by the various facilities offered by new technologies such as wireless phones, the Internet and so forth.

These systems and trades are much more easily and widely accessible to local stock distributors.

Lucrative

Yes, the introduction and the increasing number of online stock trading companies are proof and confirmation of the fact that the businesses and operation of net based stock trading are multiplying and rising.

Because modern technology always calls and results in the improvement, don't be surprised if tomorrow, or maybe in the forthcoming months or years, even newer technologies will be launched to make new internet based stock market trading all the more usable.

The profit making abilities of these companies and operations are proof and confirmation of their life themselves.

Underlying Truths About Commodities Trading Systems

There are procedures to follow when trading commodities. Computerized programs or the commodity trading systems are responsible for giving signals to the members when to sell or buy commodity futures or options contracts. The system produces the signals basing from mathematical formulas typically based from the trading data including prices and trading volumes involve in the technical analysis.

Trading systems that are based from technical analysis are attempting to predict the price movements in the future basing on price trends, price relationships and historical prices.

Do not rely too much on trading results being hypothetically posted. Many promoters of commodity trading systems often advertise hypothetical results. It is based from simulations of trading using either the historical data prices or real time simulated computer trading. Do not be fooled because there are some promoters only pretend that they have traded future contracts occurred in the past using the market price.

They then procure calculations of trading results basing from actual historical prices. The results are impressive, showing trading results having huge net profits within small marginal calls. Try to observe that the results do not reflect the actual trading. There is no actual investment, no actual profits, no actual future accounts, and no actual trading that really happened. All are only simulation results.

Assess these inherent limitations of hypothetical results of commodity trading.

- Hypothetical results do not go along 20/20 with the actual or historical results. The results produced on the trading system are not traded in the actual market so there is a high probability of risks that a trader can face about decision making. Actual price and demand of the commodity and its supply could have greater impact if compared to the hypothetical results.

- Real time posted on the results is not real. Hypothetical results based their tested systems on historical market data but trading in real time uses a live feed data when a system trading is being tested.

- There is a financial limitation. Hypothetical results do not take into consideration the trader's ability of meeting margin calls or absorbing the losses of the trading. It already assumes that the trader who uses the trading system can survive financial losses and meet the results of margin calls. Remember that in reality, it is very difficult for a trader to sustain unacceptable losses and margin calls due to commodity trading thus this changes also affects the trader's decision whether to continue on trading or not.

- The results posted are not tested under the real condition of the market. It only assumes that specific prices are used to buy and sell future contracts. Because these assumptions are not based from the real market condition, the systems can either underestimate or overestimate its performance. Remember that in reality, the execution of a trade is impossible to make in some of the markets. The actual bid or asked spreads does not reflect the actual prices as what is being posted in the hypothetical results.

- There is a possibility of rigging results. Be cautious because some promoters can display historical trades having the best-yielded profits.

- The promoters failed to consider the cost of leasing or purchasing the trading system.

Every individual should remember that in trading commodity options or futures by purchasing a certain trading system couldn't guarantee profits. Commodity options and futures belong to endeavors which are regarded as high risks so there is no guaranteed trading system appropriate to gain profits.

The Truth About Commodity Trading System

Like everything else the process of trading of commodities requires you to follow certain guidelines. We need to thank the commodity trading system as well as computer simulators to help us get a feel of how the markets work. The system generates its signals on the basis of mathematical formula that have been fed into it.

Trading systems basically make an attempt to predict the future movement of stocks based on the current and past movement.

While it is interesting to observe trading signals do not accept them as the gospel truth. Some times advertisers of commodities try and portray hypothetical results to make them look good. Do not be taken in by this. They may not be lying but they may simply be hypothesizing based on the past market price.

Then they calculate the results keeping the past market prices for their observations. This makes the results look magnificent, with huge profits in a small time frame. Keep in mind that these results do not really predict what is going to happen in reality. It is a completely simulated result after all. Nether was there a price hike, nor was there a real purchase and nor was there a huge profit, it was all a simulated process.

Hypothetic results are almost never in line with past, current or future real time results at the market. The system only creates simulations so if you follow these as a guideline to make your actual investments you could soon be in some trouble. There is nothing wrong with observation, but rely only on your own analytical thinking to make your investments. The so called real time results displayed in the system are not in fact real time, but they will be when you are trading live.

-Systems do not take into account your ability to make margin calls or to absorb the losses completely, so you need to judge yourself on that. The system simply assumes that the trader is able to successfully make margin calls as well as comfortable absorb losses. However in the real world, you will almost always stop trading right after you have had a financial loss.

The results that you see on a system does not show a real result. In act in the real world it may not be possible to sell for quite a while as you wait for prices to go up. So none of the info you see on the system is true for current, past of future markets.

Be aware that some sellers may influence system results so as to show a high return during past market time.

Always keep in mind that commodity trading can never guarantee you a profit, only a chance to make a fortune. A little bit of luck and a huge amount of good thinking however, can get you there..

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Commodities Trading Firms—The Break That You Are Waiting For

The economy of any country depends on several factors, and one of them is "trade". The trading business has a tremendous global impact, and that is why the international community gives it so much of importance. As a matter of fact, trade has been seen to effect the political and social scenario of a particular country as well. This change has come about as a result of globalization, industrialization, great strides in the methods of transportation, World Web, and the coming up of multinational (production and services offered in more than two nations) companies. And now we see the birth of commodities trading brokerage firms too!

A unified organization called the WTO or World Trade Organization has also been set up by the trading community. This international body is in charge of bringing out rules and regulations concerning the international trading system. Additionally, disputes between two trading countries can be brought to them for resolution.

How much international trade has progressed can be understood by reviewing the statistics on exports and imports--

(a) Germany is said to be the leading exporter of world trade merchandise with an overall exports share of 10%. The United States exhibits 8.9% share, followed by China with 6.5% share, Japan with 6.2% share and France with 4.9% share.

(b) Where world trade merchandise import is concerned, the leader is the United States with a 16.1% share on overall imports. Germany is next with 7.6% share, China with 5.9% share, both France and United Kingdom with 4.9% share, and Japan with 4.8% share.

The research figures presented above are enough to prove how high international trade is rated by the international community. Again, changing trends in international trade impact current trends in local markets. This is especially visible where commodities trading is concerned. And that is why commodities trading brokerage firms are on the rise.

The effects visualized on commodities trading when the international market is affected, are--a probable lull in trading activities, changing values on particular commodities, a change in the efficiency of the traders and brokers, plus an impact on the various trading mediums that are in operation. The commodities trading brokerage firms are not unaffected either.

To give a more detailed commentary on commodities trading brokerage firms--

(1) They are major links between those who buy and sell commodities. The transactions are conducted via different exchanges. Since they take up the responsibility of executing all orders, they charge a small fee as commission.

(2) This does not mean to say that they command no standing in the trading community. They do! They are ready to share their expertise with major investors/traders on a professional basis. Their consultations cover the demand and supply scenario, "hot" commodities and current market dynamics.

(3) Commodities trading brokerage firms deal with all kinds of markets, ranging from industrial to agricultural and from options trading to futures trading. Currency trading and stock markets are also part of the package!

(4) There are well-established commodities trading brokerage firms that give value-added services as part of the deal. Those clients who are desperate for success are bound to take up what is offered! Value-added services constitute market intelligence and analysis, ensuring greater chances of profits. Of course, these services do not come free of cost--they are quite expensive!

(5) Thus, for the investor/trader who is passionate about commodities trading, it is advisable to take the help of commodities trading brokerage firms. The commissions to be doled out seem very small in comparison to the huge profits that he/she can get in return for listening to good advice!