



Daily "Idealized Trades" Report

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Major Companies Reporting Earnings

JC Penney (JCP), Foot Locker (FL)

Major Economic Reports for Tomorrow...

NONE

Quotes from Last Night's Planning

We had price collapse toward the 2,700 target which is where we'll begin Thursday's session.

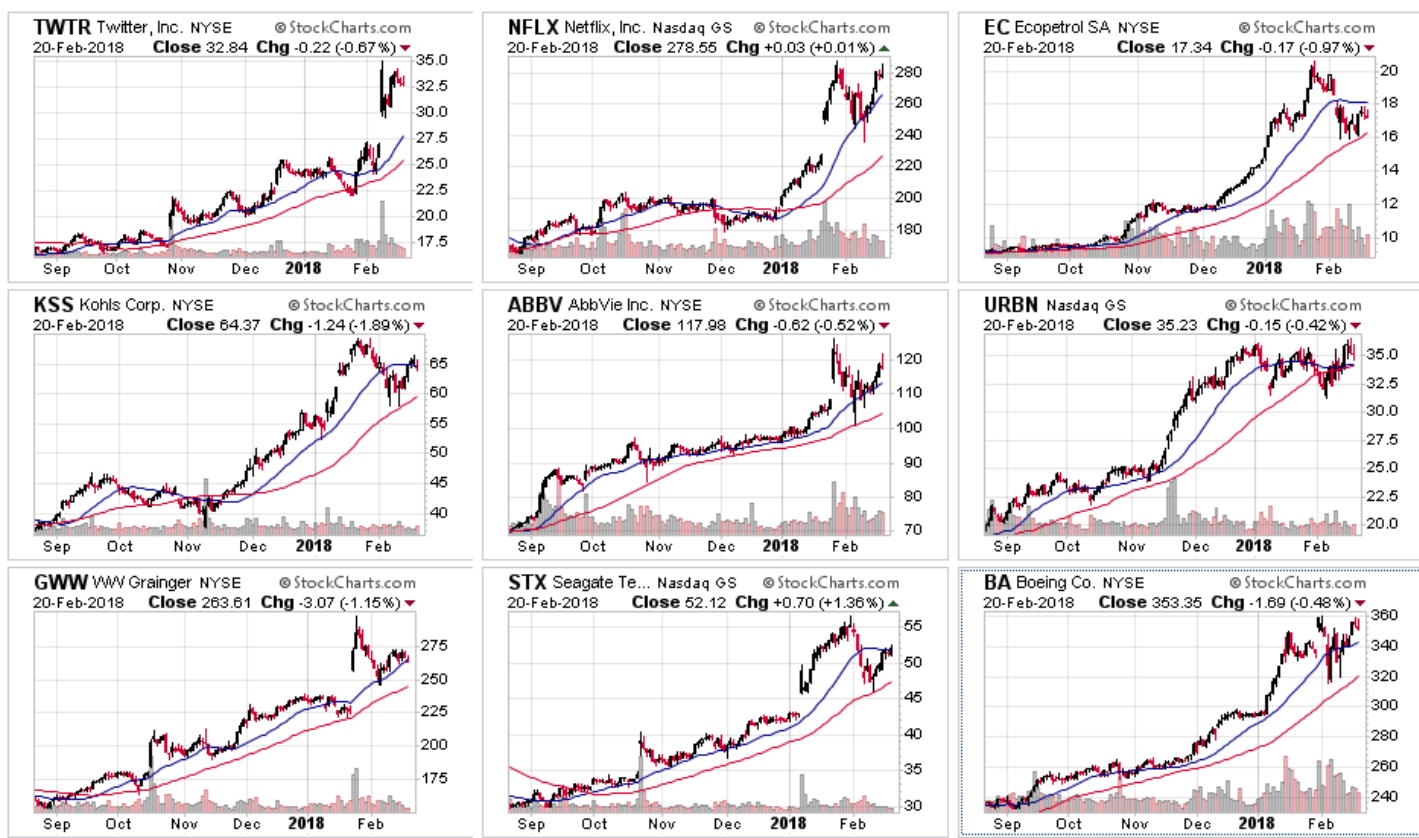
Our game plan has us playing WITHIN this range UNTIL we get a breakout, so reference the prior range-style behavior between 2,750 and 2,700 to trade the remainder of this week. Play aggressively bearish beneath 2,700.

Use 2,700 as tomorrow's pivot and play another range or breakout departure away from 2,700, noting the bearish pathway beneath 2,700 (and the range/bullish one above it on the hourly chart).

If you're like most members, I assume you prefer the trending or volatile sessions to range days. Trend Style days - volatile sessions - gives us more opportunities AND more potential profit via trading the larger swings and movement that occur in our trading style.

Case in point, all trades today were bearish short-sell opportunities especially as price departed DOWN AWAY FROM the 2,700 pivot into a stellar trend day with over 55 @ES points of potential profit as labeled in the four retracement opportunities in our evening chart.

February 20 Power Trenders Strong Stock Scan



We're seeing the NEW top twelve relative strength leaders (via algorithm) in trending markets and the general expectation is to buy retracements or breakouts in these strongly trending names. The logic is that what is strong tends to get stronger (stocks attracting money flow tend to continue attracting additional money flow). Right now these would be the names and thus candidates above for you to do additional research and add these to your stock-scan list for possible inclusion into a swing trading portfolio on pullbacks or outright breakouts.

HOW WE USE THESE STOCKS:

I write the Power-Trending Stock Section for Swing Traders looking for candidates that complex stock scans will likely miss. The scan targets strongly trending stocks and the expectation is that price will continue trending higher, though of course additional analysis is required rather than just buying these names collectively. To participate in these stocks, we typically wait for a pullback/retracement to a rising moving average or Fibonacci/Trendline level to put on a buy/retracement where the stop is trailed under the average. These would be similar to how I describe intraday 'flag' retracements on a developing Trend Day.

FinViz "S&P 500 Performance" View



This chart and sector comparisons are useful two ways:

First, we get a broader sense of what's going on beneath the market subdivided into sectors.

Second, if you trade beyond the S&P 500 or futures/ETFs, you can pinpoint bearish/weak stocks by starting with bearish/weak sectors.

The idea is outperform the market via short-selling a weak stock(s) in weak/bearish sectors on a down trend day (or vice versa).

Planning the 30-min Intraday @ES Futures Chart



Once again our HOURLY chart gives us the best plan for our short-term tactics. When 2,700 (50% Fibonacci) failed, price collapsed right on schedule toward our 2,663 level where we saw our intraday reversal.

For Friday, play the departure - perhaps bullishly back toward 2,700 - away from the 2,660 level or else give the market a little "wiggle room" between 2,650 and 2,660 in the highlighted region. However, a breakdown beneath 2,650 suggests we'll trade down toward 2,600/2,550.

Planning the Next Day (Daily S&P 500 Cash Index)



Today puts us into a possible Dead Cat Bounce situation where price could be trading down toward the 2,550 level once again to "test" or touch the prior low from our spike reversal.

Still, we'll continue focusing our intraday tactics on the HOURLY chart and the short-term price pivot and Fibonacci Levels that are effectively containing the price highs and lows of the sessions along with the movement (and intraday trades) toward and away from these levels.