

Four weeks in – it's time for a sneak peek!

If you're not in profit you might be looking at the top syndicates, who have increased their portfolios by up to \$7,000, and wondering how they are doing it.

To help answer your question, we have taken a look into the trading activity of a few of the leaders as well as some of the most popular stocks traded by the top 10 syndicates.



Top 10 syndicates: Among the top 10, there is a mix of strategies being used. One syndicate that has chosen to buy and hold, they have not sold at all. Two have mostly held, but have sold a couple of times to either lock in profits or get rid of non performing stocks. There are eight syndicates that have bought and sold quite a lot.

The most popular stocks held by these syndicates include WTC, GXY, A2M, ORG, XRO and TPM.

An inside look: We have randomly chosen three leading portfolios*. In fairness to these syndicates, we have hidden some of the shares they have invested in; however, this doesn't stop you from seeing the strategy they are using. Please remember, that trying to immediately replicate the leading portfolios would be missing the point, as the shares they hold may have already shown their greatest gains.

Syndicate 1: This syndicate is using a mostly buy and hold strategy. They have bought five times and sold once, locking in profits when selling and then repurchasing the stock. At present they hold four stocks including AWC, WTC and two others.

Syndicate 2: This syndicate is using a buy and sell strategy. They have sold to both lock in profits, but also to get out of some non-performing stocks. Once sold, they have also reinvested in some of the same stocks. At present they are holding four stocks including A2M, BXB and two others.

Syndicate 3: This syndicate has bought and sold a lot. At present are holding four stocks including ANN, CIM and two others.

You can view syndicate portfolios here. (CSV 2KB)

As you can see the top syndicates are using a variety of strategies. It is important to remember, it is about playing your own game, learning and testing your own strategies and seeing what works for you.

Don't be frustrated if your portfolio is showing losses. The market has fallen over the past two weeks, which may have affected your portfolio, however, as a result you should be learning some valuable lessons.

How is your Game plan going? We'd love to hear from you - what lessons you have learnt so far, whether it is from a mistake, something you have tried and it is working well, a book you have found helpful. Email your feedback to school.smg@asx.com.au.

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