Market Leaders backtest worksheet

Use this worksheet with TickerTown's Market Leaders strategy. Record your prediction before you open its backtest results. Then decide what the evidence supports.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Make a prediction before viewing results

What do you expect this strategy to do compared with the S&P 500? Give a reason based on its rules.

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What result would make you question that prediction?

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2 Record the strategy

Strategy shown in the report: _____

Which stocks can the strategy choose? What rules decide which ones it holds?

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When do the strategy's rules allow its holdings to change?

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What does the strategy do when a holding meets its sell rule?

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3 Identify the report

Where did this result come from?

[ ] The article's dated example [ ] A report I opened in TickerTown

[ ] Not sure

Report or strategy URL: _____

Date and time you copied the result, including time zone: _____

Requested start date, if the report shows it: _____

Actual report start date: _____ Actual end date: _____

Does the report cover the full period you expected? Record any coverage note.

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4 Copy the results and compare

Keep the signs and units shown in the report. Write "not shown" for a missing value.

Measure	Value from the report
Total return	_____ %
Annualized return	_____ % per year
S&P 500 return (same period)	_____ %
Max drawdown	_____ %
Number of trades	_____
Win rate	_____ %

Win rate is the share of complete months with a gain. Number of trades counts individual simulated buy or sell fills.

Subtract the benchmark's full-period return from the strategy's full-period return.

_____ % minus _____ % = _____ percentage points

Does the strategy finish ahead of or behind the benchmark? _____

Max drawdown is the largest fall from a peak to a later low in the simulated daily-close account value. Explain what your recorded drawdown means.

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5 Decide what the evidence supports

Write one finding supported by this report. Include the period and a number.

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Does the finding support your original prediction? What complicates your answer?

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Write one claim this report cannot support.

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Name one limitation. Explain how it affects your conclusion.

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Write one question to investigate next. Say what evidence would help answer it.

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6 Optional follow up observation

If you already have an active paper-money strategy, return after TickerTown processes another market session. A calendar day passing does not guarantee a new session or a trade.

Paper-money strategy name: _____

Date you checked: _____ Processed market session: _____

What changed in the paper account? A change in value does not require a trade.

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Did the strategy's rules call for a trade? What evidence did you see?

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For a strategy with a monthly refresh, checking daily does not mean it selects new holdings daily.