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Reject Traditional Wall Street Advice in 2009

James 'RevShark' DePorre Stock Market Expert / Author of 'Invest Like A Shark'

Don't Stay the Course in 2009!

Bradenton, FL December 26, 2008 – Investors who followed traditional Wall Street advice saw the value of their stocks fall 40 to 50% or more in 2008. Unfortunately that traditional advice remains the same for 2009. Wall Street professionals continue to tell investors to "stay the course' and to 'buy and hold' stocks. James 'RevShark' DePorre, believes that you should reject traditional Wall Street advice in 2009 and take control of your investment future by Investing Like a Shark. DePorre, is the author of "Invest Like a Shark" which was named a Top Ten Investing Book by Editors of Amazon.com. DePorre also operates the SharkInvesting.com web site, is a highly popular market columnist for Jim Cramer's RealMoney.com, where he has been writing daily for over seven years, and a frequent guest on financial television and radio shows.

DePorre challenges the sacred tenets of Wall Street, which encourage individual investors to "stay the course," passively hold onto flagging investments and pay for questionable—frequently self-serving—advice that mostly benefits financial institutions.

Mr. DePorre assails the "Whales of Wall Street," arguing that individual investors too often squander their advantage to be flexible and more nimble. Individual investors have a unique ability to react to shifting market conditions that allows them to protect their precious capital and flourish even during hard times.

Mr. DePorre offers the follow investing resolutions for 2009

1. Reject traditional Wall Street advice.

There is no reason to believe that the stocks you held on the way down will be the best stocks to hold in which to recover your losses. Don't just stay the course.

2. Be more aggressive.

One of the great benefits of being a smaller investor is that you can move quickly. Unfortunately we are encouraged by market professionals to just sit and do nothing when things turn bad.



When the market turns down we should be aggressive with our selling and when it turns up we should be aggressive with our buying. Sitting through thick and thin does not produce superior results for most investors.

3. Don't be afraid to sell.

Many investors think selling a stock is a major decision. It isn't. It can be done quickly, easily and cheaply in the blink of an eye. Selling is a cheap form of insurance. If the market starts to struggle selling is going to keep your investments safe and secure.

4. Do not anticipate.

There is no shortage of people who are willing to predict where the market is headed. You will be able to find compelling arguments for a massive rally as well as highly logical opinions supporting a terrible bear market. Ignore them and focus on what is happening in front of you. If the market is acting well then go with the flow and hold on to positions. If the market starts to act poorly then make some sales and be more defensive. React rather than anticipate

5. Have a strategy.

Investors tend to get in trouble when they don't have a plan as to how they are going to handle their investments. They let losses grow too big and don't take profits before they slip away. Have a plan when you buy a stock and stick to it.

6. Protect your capital.

The most important thing you can do as an investor is to protect your capital. That means selling aggressively when the market acts poorly and not letting your portfolio fall too much from its highs. If you have to make up losses it's very unproductive and you are much further ahead if you get out fast and wait for a better market rather than incur losses and then have to make them up when conditions are better.

If you are not convinced that Mr. DePorre knows what he is talking about then read what Jim Cramer of CNBC's Mad Money and TheStreet.com writes in the foreword for Invest "Like a Shark", "The book...... is, hands-down, one of the most original and insightful books I have ever read when it comes to teaching you, the individual investor, not only why you have the ability to beat the Whales of Wall Street, but also how you can do it."

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With the recent volatility of the stock market comes the need for traditional Wall Street experts to tap into knowledge carried by an individual investor with demonstrated knowledge in the market. Barry Ritholtz, Chief Investment Officer, Ritholtz Capital Partners offers, "There are very few traders who have RevShark's intuitive feel for the market. I especially appreciate Rev's unique ability to recognize and utilize the distinct advantages of being a smaller, individual investor versus the less agile large institutions"

Due to his proven track record and the success of his book, James DePorre is quickly becoming recognized as an invaluable market expert. Last week he appeared on Fox Business News and Happy Hour with Cody Willard and shot video segments for RealMoney.com, where he is a featured diarist.

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