



Valuable Lesson

The *Risk-O-Meter* remains on a “sell” signal.

Risks remain elevated.

This week presented a perfect lesson on the markets.

If I told you that a war would break out that consisted of the largest invasion in Europe since World War II, you’d think the market would tank.

You would be wrong.

The market did tank initially. Typically, I go to bed at 10 PM EST. My rule of thumb is that nothing good happens after 10 PM. So, I’m snoozing by then.

However, I checked the news, and Russia had invaded Ukraine. I read a few articles and checked various markets. All were down. However, they weren’t down big. My recollection is that the Nasdaq was down 2.5%. I’d expect it to be down 10%.

I hit the sack around midnight.

The next day the market opened down. However, by 11 AM, I knew the market would finish up on the day.

How did I know?

Too many stocks were already up on the day or not down enough.

That’s bullish.

People sold the rumor of the invasion and bought the news.

I was tempted to buy some stock on Thursday. I did not because I respect the *Risk-O-Meter*. In the end, this could be a short-able bounce. The market was deeply oversold going into the invasion.

Despite my temptations, I religiously follow a strategy.

That's the lesson.

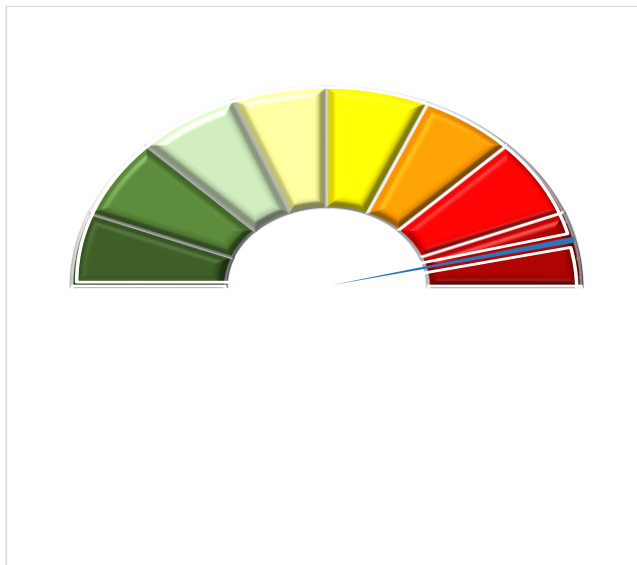
99% of investors have no strategy. They wing it.

Their performance sucks.

You need to have a strategy you can follow.

Even if World War III breaks out.

That is the secret to success.



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