



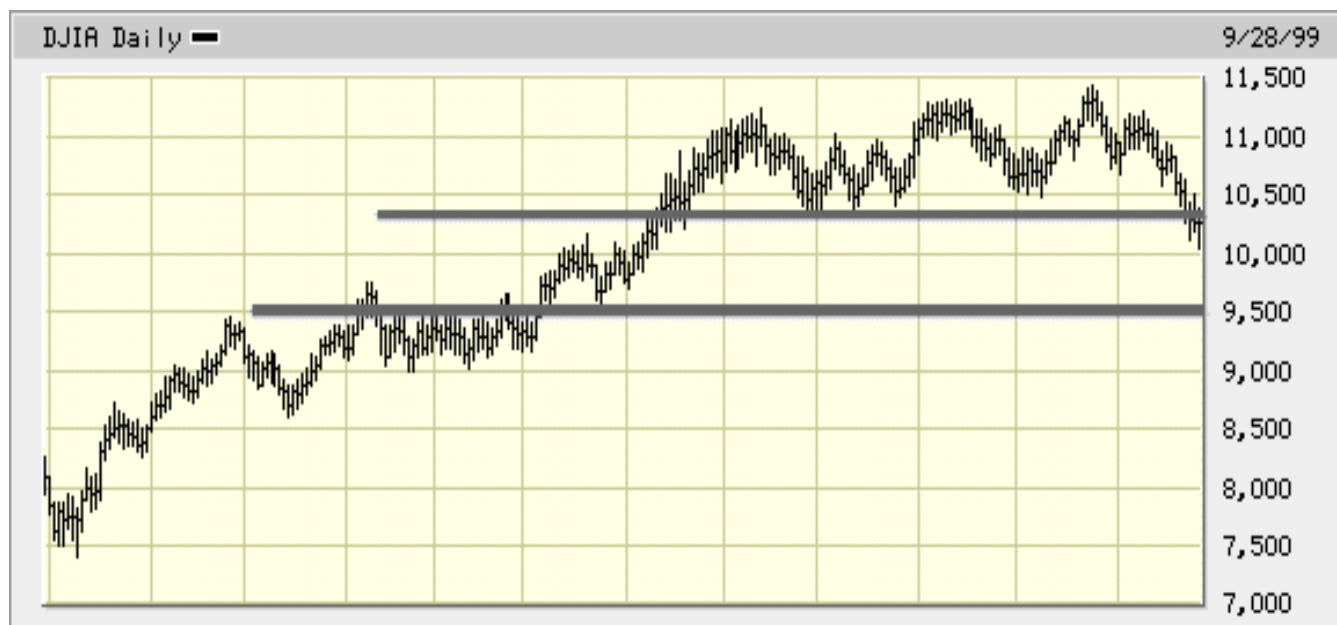
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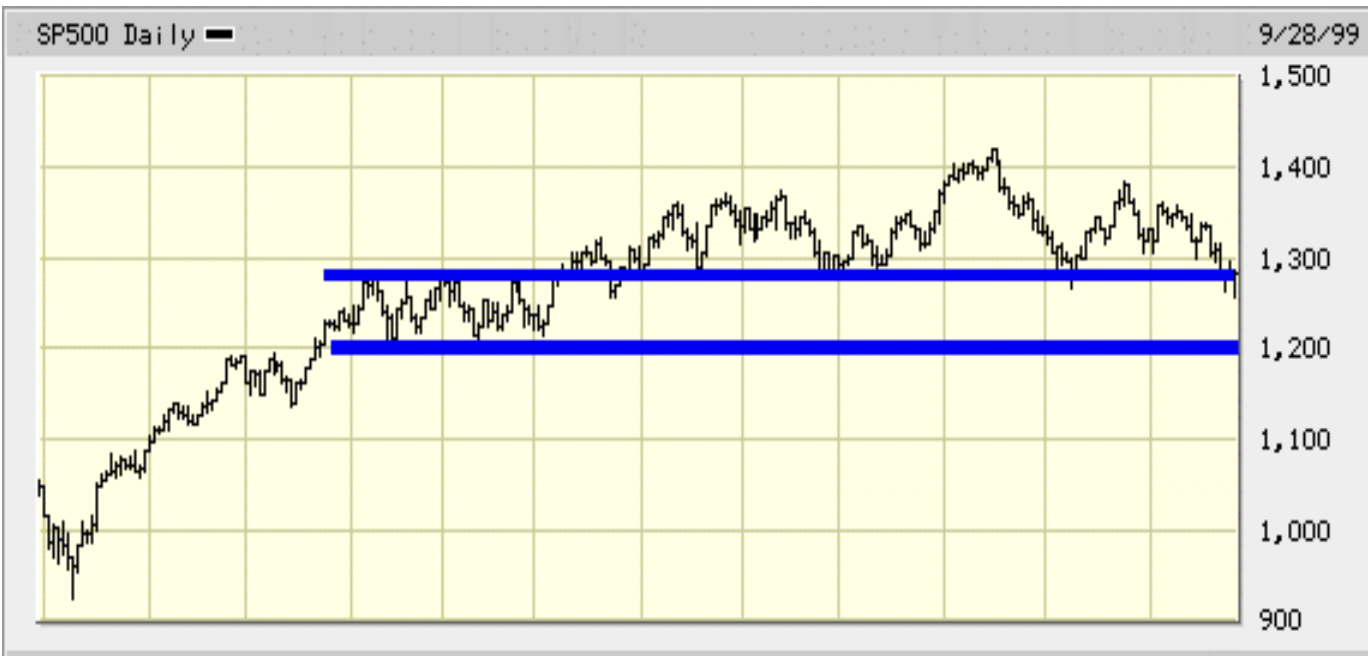
Market Comments

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U.S. Stocks at Support Levels -- Buying Opportunity or Deeper Correction?

Look at the charts. The horizontal lines are general support levels. If the markets do not come back soon above these levels, there is a probability that the markets would drop further, possibly to the next level. Otherwise, buyers will take over again and the markets could rise back to the top of the trading range.



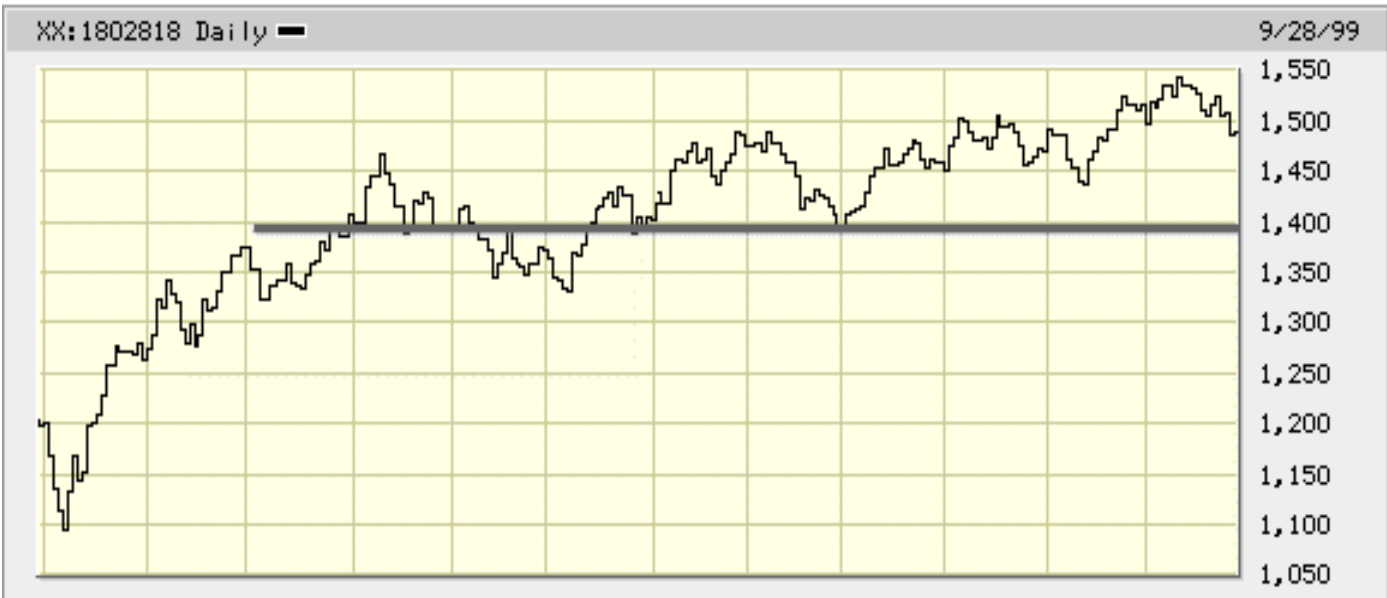


Smaller Companies in Similar Situation

It appears that Small Company stocks are also at a critical juncture as the Russell 2000 chart shows.

International Stocks Show Stronger Uptrend

The EAFE Index (below) has not come down to threaten support levels, though it has been falling sympathetically to the U.S. markets. Emerging Markets continue to cool, but could resume their strong upward trend if the other markets advance again.



Strategy

If you have cash to invest, a dollar-cost-averaging approach might be considered. Buy some now, phase in the rest over the next six to ten months, looking for dips on which to time your purchases. Otherwise, stick with your overall allocation. However, if you need cash from investments over the next few months, sell something now.