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Thread: [Free Stock Market Advice \[Experienced investor\]](#)

**thales** - July 28, 2016, 8:28 pm

Hi all.

I am offering some free stock market advice and analysis. I've been trading for nearly 5 years and have averaged around 20-25% returns per year (except this year due to a new strategy). I am going to school planning on studying finance in order to work in an investment firm in the future (or have my own).

Some past achievements:

AMAG (AMAG Pharmaceuticals): \$15 -> \$65 (2-3 years holding)  
NTDOY (Nintendo): \$35 -> \$29 (still holding/short selling) (week or so)  
JNJ (Johnson & Johnson): \$95 -> \$115 (few months holding)  
and more.

If you'd like some advice on investing in the stock market post below of pm me, your choice.

**?thereal** - July 28, 2016, 10:27 pm

Vouch for thales he knows his stuff

**TRAUMA** - July 28, 2016, 10:34 pm

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**thales** - July 28, 2016, 10:36 pm

(Jul 28, 2016 10:34 PM)CHaSE Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 20-25% chance return a year is insane.. You'd have better luck gambling.I've managed it for 4 years straight. Not that hard for me.

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**Based Daddy** - July 28, 2016, 10:52 pm

Hi, I am a freshman in college majoring in Finance. What do you think is the best way to go about working professionally in investments? Is finance an appropriate major?

**thales** - July 28, 2016, 10:55 pm

(Jul 28, 2016 10:52 PM)Based Daddy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hi, I am a freshman in college majoring in Finance. What do you think is the best way to go about working professionally in investments? Is finance an appropriate major?I believe it is. I will be studying finance this coming year in college as a freshman as well. I believe having connections is one of the best things you can have in the world of finance so try to get as many connections to people as you can that are in the field.

Also, start working on investing and showing that you are able to prove yourself by your knowledge. Keep researching and investing and hopefully you can land some internship somewhere that does

investments and just work your way up.

**Angel Investor** - July 28, 2016, 10:58 pm

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**thales** - July 30, 2016, 5:16 pm

Still helping people out. Post or pm if interested.

**3301** - July 30, 2016, 9:02 pm

What defensive equity positions do you currently have open?

**thales** - July 30, 2016, 9:03 pm

(Jul 30, 2016 09:02 PM)3301 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What defensive equity positions do you currently have open? I currently don't own any but for the current market I'd recommend gold or silver etf's.

**zyvox** - July 30, 2016, 9:11 pm

I've got a lot of free time coming up to watch the market most of the day while chilling (holiday) so I was thinking of investing again. Don't really know if I wanna go in for the long run or short run yet, I don't really care tbh as long as I see a good opportunity in either.

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Next I looked at Netflix, they state that the most of their revenue comes from new subscribers during October-March period, which is coming in not long. Furthermore looking at their graphs they're lower than they've been a while and I think they have strong support down there - I think if it dips down to about 85 I'll go for it. Netflix doesn't really have any competitors that are better than them (the other ones tend to suck and have bad opinions from customers), and the amount of subscribers is growing each year and so is revenue. One con is that iirc they don't pay any dividends but that's fine if I make money off the stock.

I've also been interested in NVIDIA for long, they keep going up and I don't think they'll lose to AMD at all in the future; the problem is just that they have, as I said, kept going up, so I fear it'll stall or dip down soon.

Also I wanna do some investments on VR but I am very unsure what company is going to come out ahead. I also know with the upcoming FFXV for consoles, as well as potential other ps4-exclusive games, as well as their VR headset, Sony might be a strong pick overall.

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I know this is very risky but I was considering buying some oil etf's due to the price dropping recently, however I do feel it may go even lower. I really like any sort of gun/ammo/defense/aerospace stocks such as Smith & Wesson, Lockheed Martin, etc.

If you want to get very risky but for a hefty return I'd short the market. With everything going on, the long bull market, upcoming elections, etc, I feel the market is headed downward.

If you want to find some good companies yourself I'd recommend using the stock screener on finviz.com. You can sort them by many many different ways and it may help you out which sectors are the best for you to invest in. They also have a good charts, information, and other stuff.

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Thanks. Just one more thing, what's your opinion on the dollar if you're into forex?

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(Jul 30, 2016 09:19 PM)zyvox Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks. Just one more thing, what's your opinion on the dollar if you're into forex?I'd have to research more about it. I don't follow forex really at all unless something big happens. I don't really like giving advice on things I'm not educated about ?

**zyvox** - July 31, 2016, 7:59 pm

Thanks.

I've never looked into investing in video game companies before, but I currently am so can you tell me about how their stock usually changes in terms of when a company releases a big game and it becomes a hit, if it fails, if a competitor takes a lot of the players away with a big game etc. if you have any experience with this? Say I know that a company will release a big game in a month from now, however big investors probably don't know much about this game - and I'm fairly sure it will be a success. Should this play a big factor in me deciding to invest or not, and a good way to pick out companies that I should look more into before proceeding to put money in them? Say I filter out a bunch of companies that have big upcoming games, and then go from that list and review their financials etc?

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Thanks! I'd only day trade if you're experienced with it as it's risky. Otherwise go for shorter-longer term.

**Pharaohs** - July 31, 2016, 9:14 pm

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**dowjones** - July 31, 2016, 9:20 pm

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**thales** - July 31, 2016, 9:40 pm

(Jul 31, 2016 09:20 PM)Pootis Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You can't day trade with \$3k. You'll need to maintain a balance of \$25k. I'd recommend swing-trading. This is correct as well.

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ThanksAlright man. Let me know if you need anything else. Just hmu ? Goodluck.

**thales** - August 15, 2016, 2:06 pm

Back from my trip and can help out a bit.

**Unexplained** - August 15, 2016, 8:14 pm

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**thales** - August 20, 2016, 9:45 pm

Helped a few more out. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have some questions.

**Bitdefender** - August 21, 2016, 7:49 am

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Daytrading might be possible with leveraged products but you're taking huge risk with that.

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**thales** - August 21, 2016, 1:37 pm

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Day trading is still possible. You need to trade very volatile stocks or etf's with large amounts of money. It's super risky.

**Mohammed Mohammed** - August 21, 2016, 4:34 pm

I would love to have some advice, I've been trying to follow the market for the past year reading bloomberg, wall street journal etc.

Was thinking about starting out and would love some advice, Thanks!

**Bitdefender** - August 22, 2016, 8:04 am

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What did you use? Plus500? ?

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Is it real money? No. Would I risk 25'000 like this on Futures? No. I could lose everything and I ended up losing 1'200'000. However, it's not real money.

There is a big difference between real money and simulation.

**thales** - August 23, 2016, 3:53 pm

(Aug 23, 2016 01:29 PM)Xolhozht III Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What do you think about long term investments in clean and renewable energy? I'm not sure if there is a huge demand for it at the moment in the United States, but given the constant depletion of natural resources, I'd think that we'd one day rely primarily on things like solar, wind, hydro and nuclear power, although nuclear reactor meltdowns do seem to be a major concern, like in Japan in recent years. Personally I like solar, wind, etc but I don't see it being used for a bit. I have a feeling even stricter regulations for nuclear energy will come up or there will be another form that is much more efficient.

**thales** - September 5, 2016, 4:43 pm

Posting here again to help people out.

**DonD** - September 5, 2016, 4:45 pm

Suggest me a good site to start small amount investments as a newbie?

**thales** - September 5, 2016, 4:49 pm

(Sep 5, 2016 04:45 PM)DonD Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Suggest me a good site to start small amount investments as a newbie? You need to open a brokerage account somewhere to start. People would recommend robinhood to start but I highly wouldn't. I tried to open an account 3 times, 2 different bank accounts of mine were rejected, and I'm still waiting for 3 different support tickets for a reply. I'd recommend etrade or wells fargo. Not sure though how much \$ you have.

**twentyturk** - September 11, 2016, 7:33 pm

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**BitcoinLuxury** - September 11, 2016, 11:19 pm

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2. I never compared myself to Renaissance. I used them as an example of good returns.

3. I'm good, thanks.

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