

Using The Market Dynamics Save Feature

Portfolios heavy with under-performing stocks almost never outperform the market.

Ignat's Law

The old saying that a "picture is worth a thousand words" is very true.

The Market Dynamics charting application allows users to save these charts as bitmap pictures for use in other applications.

A collection of recent newsletters is available on the web site.

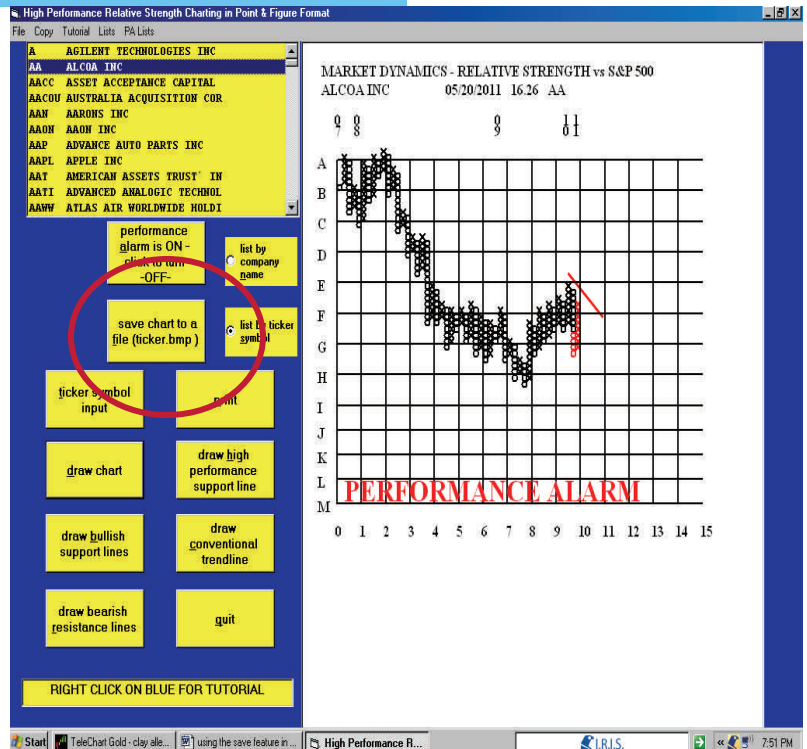
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The save feature in Market Dynamics is a very useful tool to save a chart to a file. The chart can then be used in a Word document or pasted into an email. I also use these charts in documents created with MS Publisher and slides for use in a PowerPoint presentation. I also set up my web page with these charts using the MS FrontPage software. The Save button appears on the main Market Dynamics screen in the red circle on the example at right.



The chart that is currently appearing in the chart picture box will be saved as a bitmap (.bmp) file. These charts are always saved to a folder labeled "\MDRS\CHARTS\" on the C:\ drive. The charts are labeled using the stock's ticker symbol and the .bmp extension (e.g. IBM.BMP). These charts can be viewed and saved using a different file format (e.g. .JPG or .GIF) using an image editor such as MS Paint, MS Image Composer or Adobe Photoshop and then saved to any folder on the computer for use in other applications. There also is a function at the top of the main screen labeled "Copy" that will copy the chart in the picture box to the clipboard for use in another application. Users can also save a chart using the File dropdown menu box at the top of the main screen and clicking on the Save caption.

Many users also set up a file with a list of ticker symbols (one symbol per line). A chart for every stock on the list can be saved by right-clicking the Save Button and then clicking the Save All button in the message box that appears. This allows the user to save time by saving all the charts on the list with just a few clicks.

When I use the bitmap chart in a Word document, I can also use the drawing tools to add elements and notes to the chart in the Word document. The drawing tool bar is very useful when making notes on the chart or adding lines, arrows, circles and other shapes to the chart. Users may have to try a few times before they "get the hang of it" to using these charts in various documents.

These charts are very effective when they are pasted into an email to be sent to a client or associates. Many of the regular reports from Market Dynamics are created with charts saved to a file with the save feature.

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