The ETF/No Load Fund Tracker

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED:

1. *4Wk, 8Wk, 12Wk and YTD* refer to how these funds have performed or "appreciated" during these various time periods.

2. *%M/A* (39-week Simple Moving Average) shows how far above or below its long-term trend line a fund/ETF is currently positioned.

3. "From 6/3/09" shows a fund's performance since the date a new domestic Buy Cycle started. "From 9/7/10" shows a fund's performance since the date we bought our International positions.

4. *DD%* (DrawDown percentage) measures the drop from a fund's high to its current price during the past year.

A fund that shows 0.00% has just made a new high. That's good news because it confirms that it is moving up given current economic conditions. It is therefore in tune with market momentum.

Conversely, a fund with a large negative DD% number is a lagging performer and should not be purchased at this time.

5. *MaxDD%* (Maximum DrawDown percentage) is *not* shown in these tables, but you will find me mention it quite frequently.

If you were to go back 365 days and measure DD% for a given fund every trading day, and then select the worst (largest) DrawDown number, you would have the information that I call MaxDD% (Maximum DrawDown Percentage).

This allows me to look back at anytime and see which funds have held up best and never hit our 7% sell stop.

Those are the ones with a low MaxDD% (low volatility) number and may be among my primary selections for the next Buy cycle.

6. *M-Index* (Momentum Index) shows the average non-weighted momentum ranking of a fund or ETF. The average is calculated from the existing 4wk, 8wk, 12wk and YTD momentum numbers. The higher the number, the more upside momentum a fund has. However, volatility is increased at the same time. If you're conservative, drop down a few numbers from the top of the ranking food chain.