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HOWARD
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THE HCM-BUYLINE®

PROPRIETARY STOPLOSS INDICATOR

Howard Capital Management's (HCM) HCM-BuyLine® was developed by Vance Howard after the devastating financial losses of Black Monday in 1987. As a central feature of HCM's overall investment strategy, it is used to identify macro trends in global markets to determine appropriate portfolio positioning.

For decades, the HCM-BuyLine® has demonstrated the ability to capture long-term risk-adjusted returns through full market cycles.

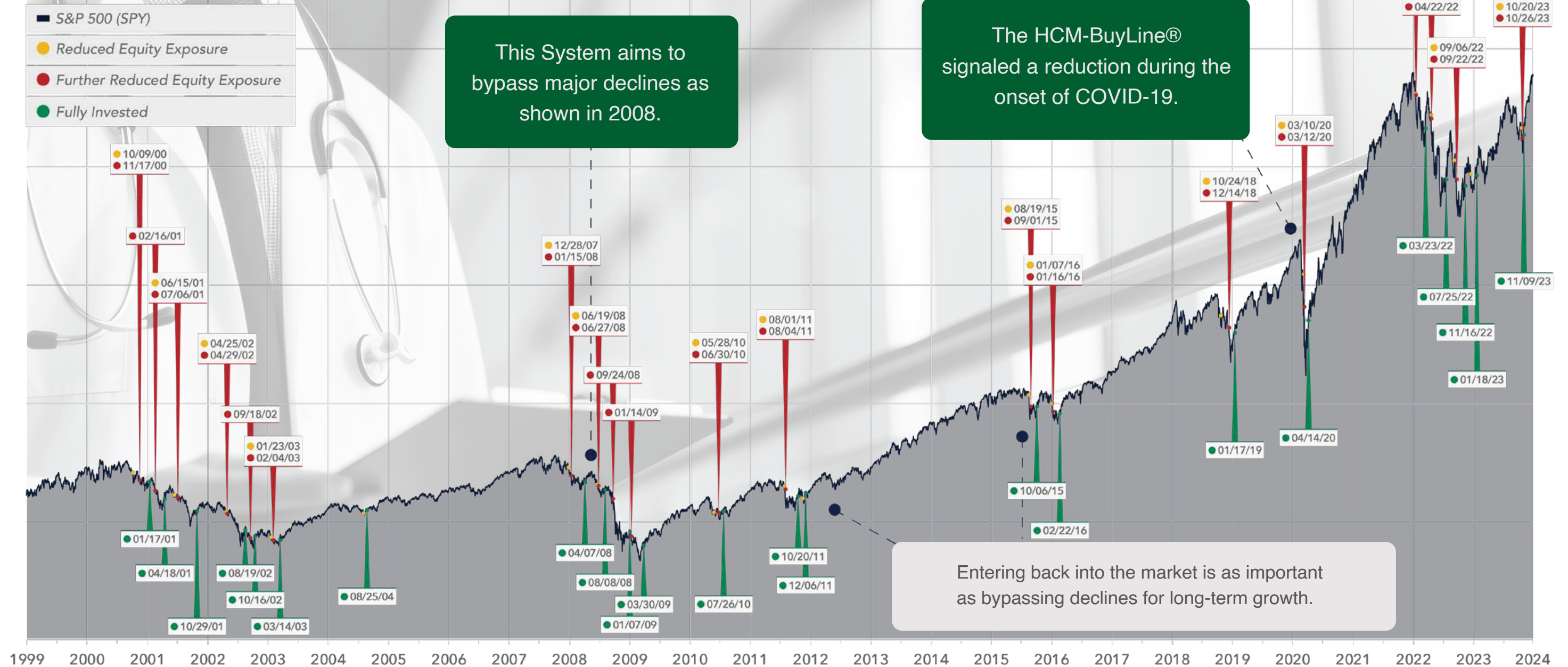
KEY FEATURES

- Designed to be an emotionless and mathematically driven process.
- Signals when to move to cash and/or lower risk investments during market declines.
- Greater capital might be available to reinvest during market advances.

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A DISCIPLINED STRATEGY

HCM-BuyLine® Historical Chart



GLOBAL TRENDS TIMELINE

MARCH 2000

Tech Bubble Burst

SEPTEMBER 2001

World Trade Center
Terror Attacks

MARCH 2007

Beginning of
the Sub-Prime
Mortgage Crisis

JANUARY 2008

The US Recession
is Underway,
Unemployment
Soon Reaches 10%

MAY 2010

Flash Crash: Dow
Has Second Largest
Point Swing

SEPTEMBER 2011

EU Sovereign Debt
Crisis; US Credit
Rating Downgrade

JUNE 2016

"Brexit": Britain
Votes to Exit
the E.U.

2018

Rise of
Computerized
Trading

MARCH 2020

COVID-19 Global
Pandemic

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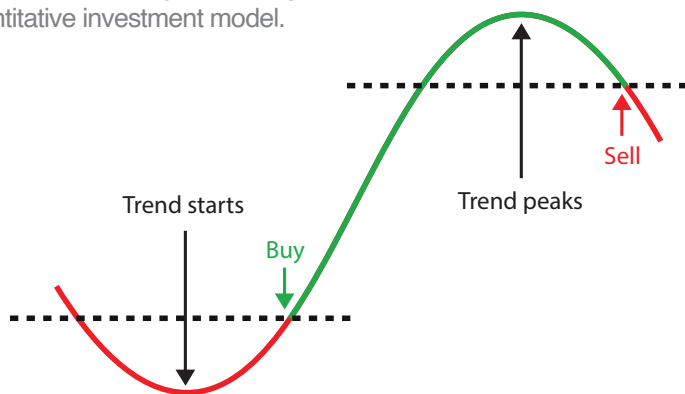
THE HCM-BUYLINE®

Proprietary, quantitative indicator

The HCM-BuyLine® uses a proprietary quantitative investment model to determine when we should be in or out of the market. The HCM-BuyLine® uses trend analysis to help identify the broad trend in the equity market. When the trend is down, we reduce exposure to equities, and when the trend is up, we increase exposure to equities.

This non-emotional, mechanical, and repeatable system helps take the guesswork out of HCM investment decisions. Even though not every HCM-BuyLine® signal will result in a profitable trade, the HCM-BuyLine®'s ability to preserve capital using math in major market downturns while pursuing opportunities for growth provides HCM with the potential to outperform the market on a long-term basis. For example, a portfolio which suffers a 30% loss, takes a 43% gain to return to the previous portfolio value. When the impact of a major market downturn is reduced, the investor is left better situated compared to a buy-and-hold strategy. However, avoiding market downturns is just the start of an effective risk management system. The manager also needs to know when to be invested in equities. Here again, the HCM-BuyLine® comes into play, signaling a potential uptrend.

The goal is not to call tops and bottoms of the market, but instead to identify macro-trends and cycles through our quantitative investment model.



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THE HCM-BUYLINE® IN ACTION

2008 Market Collapse



The HCM-BuyLine® aims to bypass the decline by signaling when to move to the safety of money markets and/or short-term bonds. Highlighting the financial meltdown in 2008, the HCM-BuyLine® signaled to exit the stock market.

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James E. "JEB" Bashaw is a fourth generation Texan who has been in the financial services business since 1983. Mr. Bashaw started his career with Merrill Lynch as a trainee, has been a partner in two NYSE firms and opened his own firm eponymously named in 2001. Mr. Bashaw is active in his community where he currently serves on the Board of Directors of John XXIII Catholic High School in Katy, Texas, Past Chairman of the Board and board member of Catholic Charities, Chairman of the Investment Committee and Board member for the Catholic Endowment Foundation of Galveston-Houston, the investment committee and Board Member of the Christus Foundation and several others. He is a committeeman for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and active fundraiser for the Huntington Disease Society of America. Mr. Bashaw has received numerous industry awards including Barron's top

advisor in Texas in 2011*, Finalist for the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the year in 2012**, TOP 100 University of Houston alumnus owned businesses in 2014 and was named Alumnus of the Year and presented the Ignatian Award for his alma mater, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in January of 2015.

Additionally, Mr. Bashaw was named by Pope John Paul II as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, by Pope Benedict as a Knight of Magistral Grace in the Order of Malta and was named a Knight of the International Order of St. Hubertus.

Mr. Bashaw is married and he and his wife, Laurel, have a combined four children, two horses, two dogs, and one cat.

Alex Creede, CFA has been with James E. Bashaw & Co. for 10 years. He acts as Financial Advisor and Chief Investment Officer. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Finance. In 2021, Alex received his charter from the CFA Institute (Chartered Financial Analyst). He is current charter holder and a member of the CFA Society of Houston. Alex specializes in portfolio management, retirement planning, and alternative investments. In Baton Rouge, Alex met his wife, Bethany. Their shared love for Cajun food may have led to the naming of their two dogs, Boudin & Cracklin. Alex enjoys hunting, fishing, rugby, and cheering on the Tigers any chance he gets.



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"We practice active money management*. We do not believe in buy and hold, nor do we favor asset allocation. We must be strategic and tactical to bring our best defense against a market that does not think or feel."

Vance Howard specializes in identifying market trends based on his proprietary HCM-Buyline", a strict investment discipline developed through years of research and experience.

His investment management abilities are utilized in many types of trading systems, with investments including mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, individual equities and cash equivalents.

"We do not believe in buy and hold, nor do we favor asset allocation" says Mr. Howard of his philosophy. "Rather, we use a combination of both strategic and tactical approaches. The market does not think or feel. It is what it is, which is why our modus operandi is active money management." Howard Capital Management, Inc., A SEC registered investment advisory firm, provides fee-based investment management to individuals and institutions using the HCM-Buyline®

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