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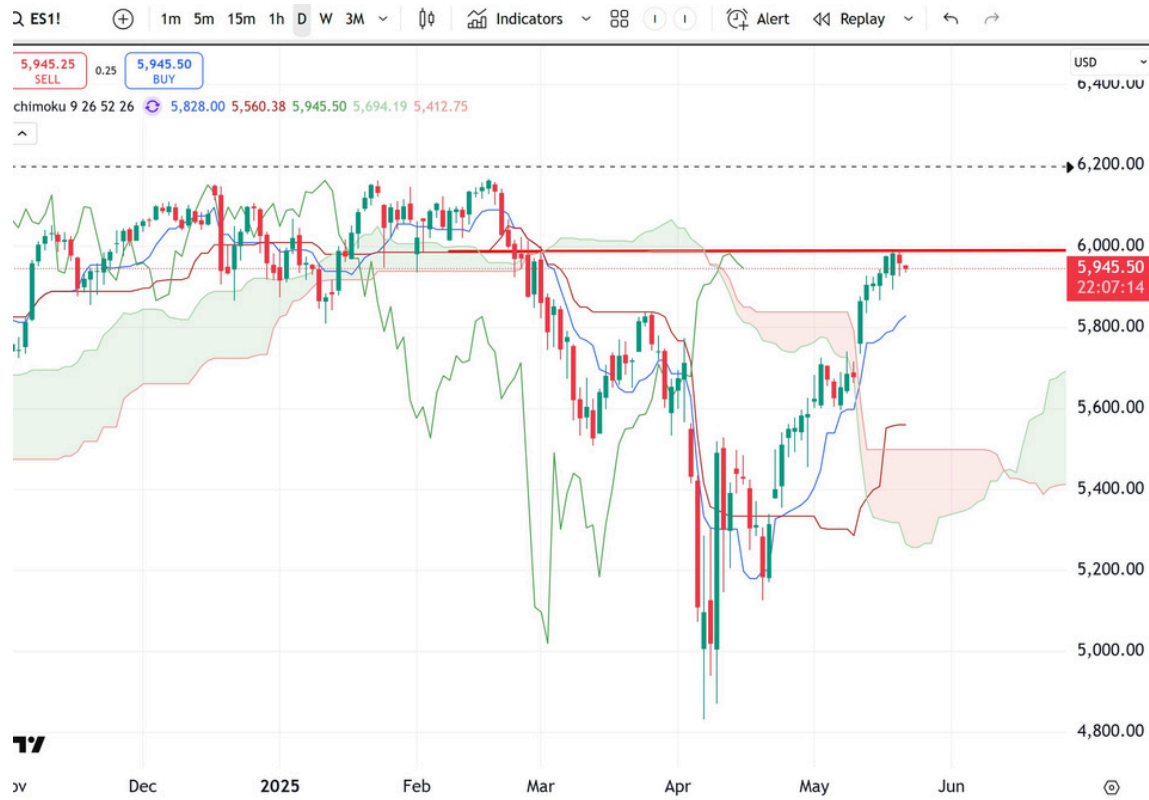
Floors Become
Ceilings &

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Become Floors

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Dear Readers,



Isn't this chart interesting?

Please remember the “mantra” Floors become ceilings and ceilings become floors. Why? Because all the trading floors know it and you need to be trading WITH the trading floors.

Always think... “What would the trading floor at GS and JPM be doing right now?”

So notice the breakdown and rebound to where the breakdown was and now I would call it a “target” not resistance since resistance would be a rally to a negative trend line or Ichimoku Cloud line.

So, we got out of our trades since I know this mantra and I know it comes true simply because people believe it. We snagged a quite 23% on a second SPY call but I don't really count that. I only count over 100% on an option trade as a decent win. But our 900% win on ORCL earnings a while back was sure a great day!



Always think what these guys above might be thinking. Also they get bonuses for beating the S&P500 and a percent of their wins. I remember a trader making \$800 million I believe it was for a big Wall St Firm in the housing crisis and he only got \$8 million and I think he sued! But they said it was a standard payout. I mean, that's a nice mansion but the firm takes all the risk.

Peace = Stocks Up

Also remember that as peace talks progress the market should go up and you also have to consider how much peace is “baked in” to the market already. I do expect however a permanent ceasefire that stocks surge immediately and it after hours gap up the next day but if you trade futures you could probably get in on some of the action if it's after normal hours so make sure you can trade ES future or NQ futures.

Meet The Expert



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Neil writes commentary on the market, economy, finance, and trends in the marketplace in order to get you in the picks and sectors that can move right now.

Neil issues model portfolios for individual traders to trade in Stocks/ETFs, Options, and Crypto.

Neil has a Bachelor in Finance, Minor in Economics, and was an NCAA Div. 1 ski racer and on the University Dean's List and a former Series 7, 63, 65 fully licensed Financial Advisor.

Neil uses his knowledge and experience to see "through" what the Fed is saying while using historical trend analysis to get you into trades like technology since 2022 since he knew rising interest rates favor tech stocks since tech companies have billions in cash.

Long term readers were also warned of the crashes in 2009 and 2020, profiting in a big way on the downside while buying at the bottom. Or, at least staying out.

Recent successes were 55% in 2022 when the S&P500 was down -18% due in large part to being in the right sectors. Oil, Natural Gas, and Potash. In fact, energy was the only sector up the entire year proving that sector allocation is the most important thing in trading as we were heavily weighted in energy since the first trading day of the year. A \$100,000 account in the S&P500 would have been only \$82,000 at the end of 2022, while an account trading our picks would have been at \$155,000, an 89% difference. We are still well ahead of the market since 2020.



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