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- This Trading Floor Research report contains:
- What the first week of trading in the new year has indicated about 2021
- A new buy on Treasury Inflation Protected Securities TIPS in an inflationary economy.
- ClearSign Technologies (CLIR) a new buy candidate in the Energy-Alternative Other industry group.
- My class “Understanding the Stock Market” starts tomorrow January 11, 2021 at the USW Burns Harbor Career Development Center. Hope to see you with a guest.

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## Strong Signs of Inflation for 2021

This is what the first week of trading for the new year told me about 2021. I can sum it up in one word, and that word is inflation. The evidence that brought me to that conclusion started on the first day of trading. The strongest industry groups in the market were all commodity based. Miners-Gold/Silver/Gems industry group was not only the best performing industry group in the market but also gave a buy signal out of a base that started in August of last year.

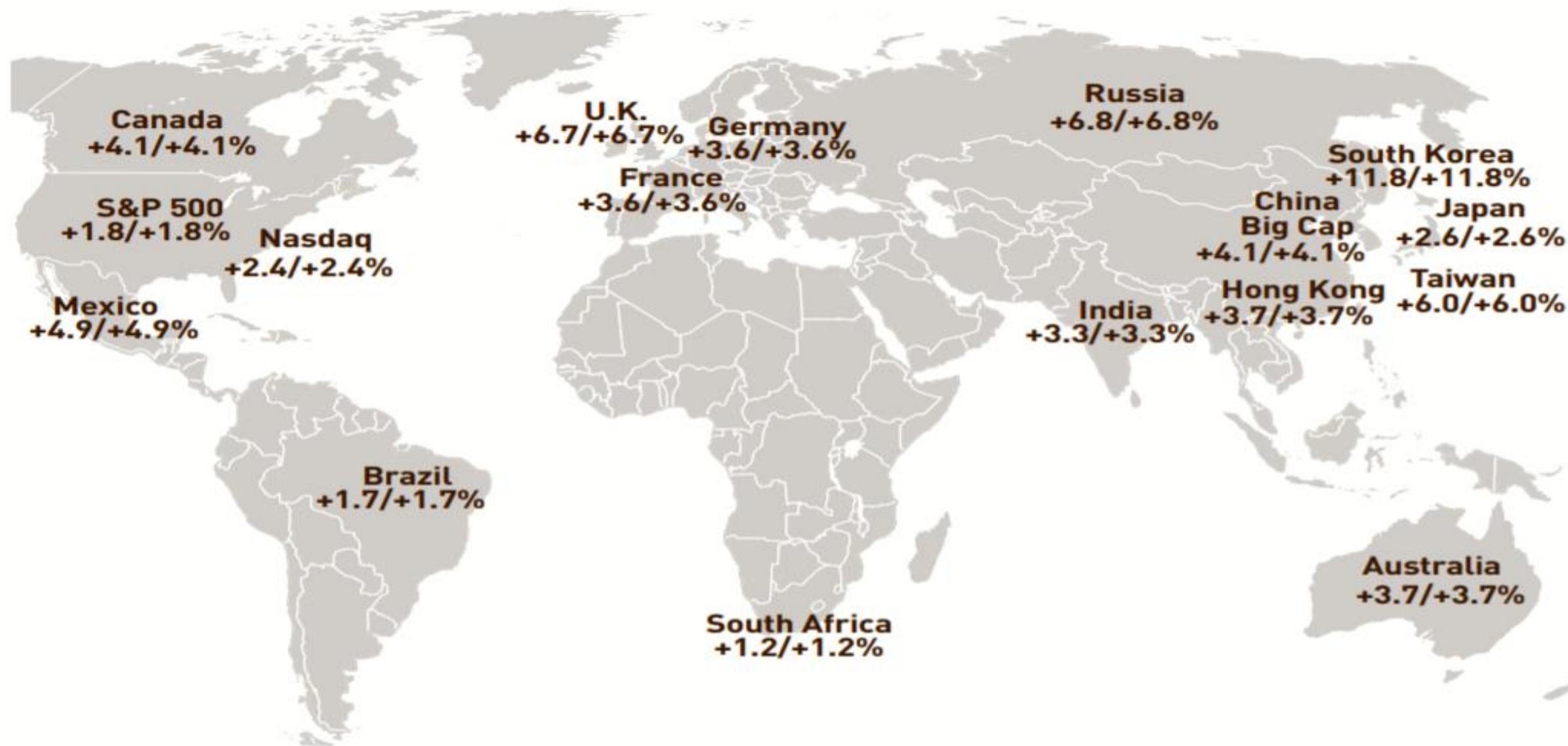
Supporting information came from the strength in the Machinery Farm industry group, and the chemicals-Agricultural industry group. Light sweet crude and copper hit 52-week highs on Friday.

Looking at the Major Markets world map of returns in IBD this weekend highlighted the commodities rising thesis. The strongest percentage moves came from Asian markets betting on the Biden administration easing up on trade. But if you look closer at the Major Markets slide I included in this report, you notice that Canada and Russia also had moves that did well compared to the US markets. These two economies are strong commodity-based economies and highlight where I am looking for opportunities in the new year.

Of course, we can't forget about the selloff in treasuries this week taking interest rates on the 10-year treasury to 1.1%. Inflation appears to be what is driving bond prices lower and yields higher.

# Major World Markets, percentage change based on benchmark ETFs

Weekly/Year to date



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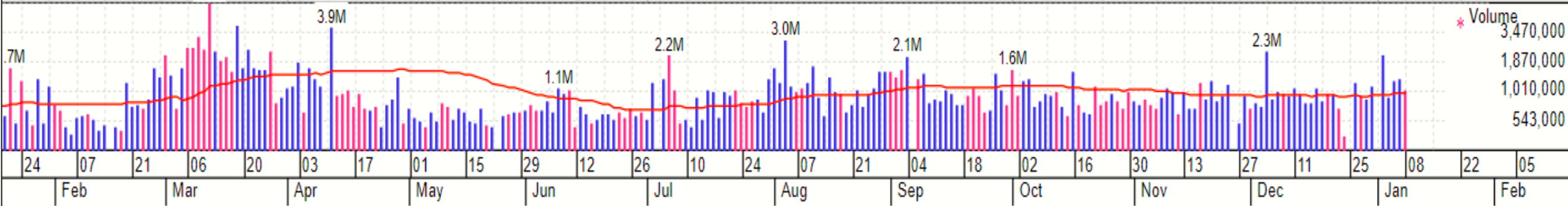
## Strong Signs of Inflation for 2021

Strong signs of inflation made me rethink about where I am parking my cash that is waiting to buy stock. I strongly recommend **Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS)** as a parking place in your 401K accounts. These are US Government Treasury bonds that rise in price and yield as inflation rises. I have already started purchasing the Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities ETF symbol (VTIP) in my managed accounts after giving a buy signal this week out of a cup-with-handle base that started in August last year. They are currently paying a 1.1% yield, and the opportunity for capital appreciation as inflation enters our economy.

Equity prices move higher in inflationary markets as well. Several years ago, when Brazil had hyper-inflation, their markets rose 60% in one year. Although I am still concerned about a short-term correction in the market, stocks should go higher with inflation.

EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND TRACKING BARCLAYS **U.S. TREASURY INFLATI ON-PROTECTED SECURITIES 0-5 YEAR INDEX.**

Year (Sep)	EPS (\$)	Price(\$) High Low	EPS Rating	N/A
2014	49.38	52 47	Group RS Rating	D+
2015	48.36	48 48	SMR Rating	N/A
2016	49.59	49 48	Acc/Dis Rating	B-
2017	49.41	49 48	Composite Rating	N/A
2018	48.34	49 47	Timeliness Rating	C
2019	49.06	49 47	Growth Rate	N/A
2020	51.02	51 46	P/E	N/A
2021			Mkt Cap	\$10B(\$7.2B)
2022			Shares	199M(140M)
			Funds	2%



Qtr Ended September 30, 2019				Qtr Ended December 31, 2019				Qtr Ended June 30, 2020				Qtr Ended September 30, 2020				NAV Due 12/31e*
49.06	vs	48.34	+1%	49.20	vs	47.86	+3%	50.13	vs	49.27	+2%	51.02	vs	49.06	+4%	N.A. Value (\$)
N/A	vs	N/A	N/A	N/A	vs	N/A	N/A	N/A	vs	N/A	N/A	N/A	vs	N/A	N/A	Sales (\$Mil)
0.44			N/A	0.35			N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A			N/A	Div -- P/E Range

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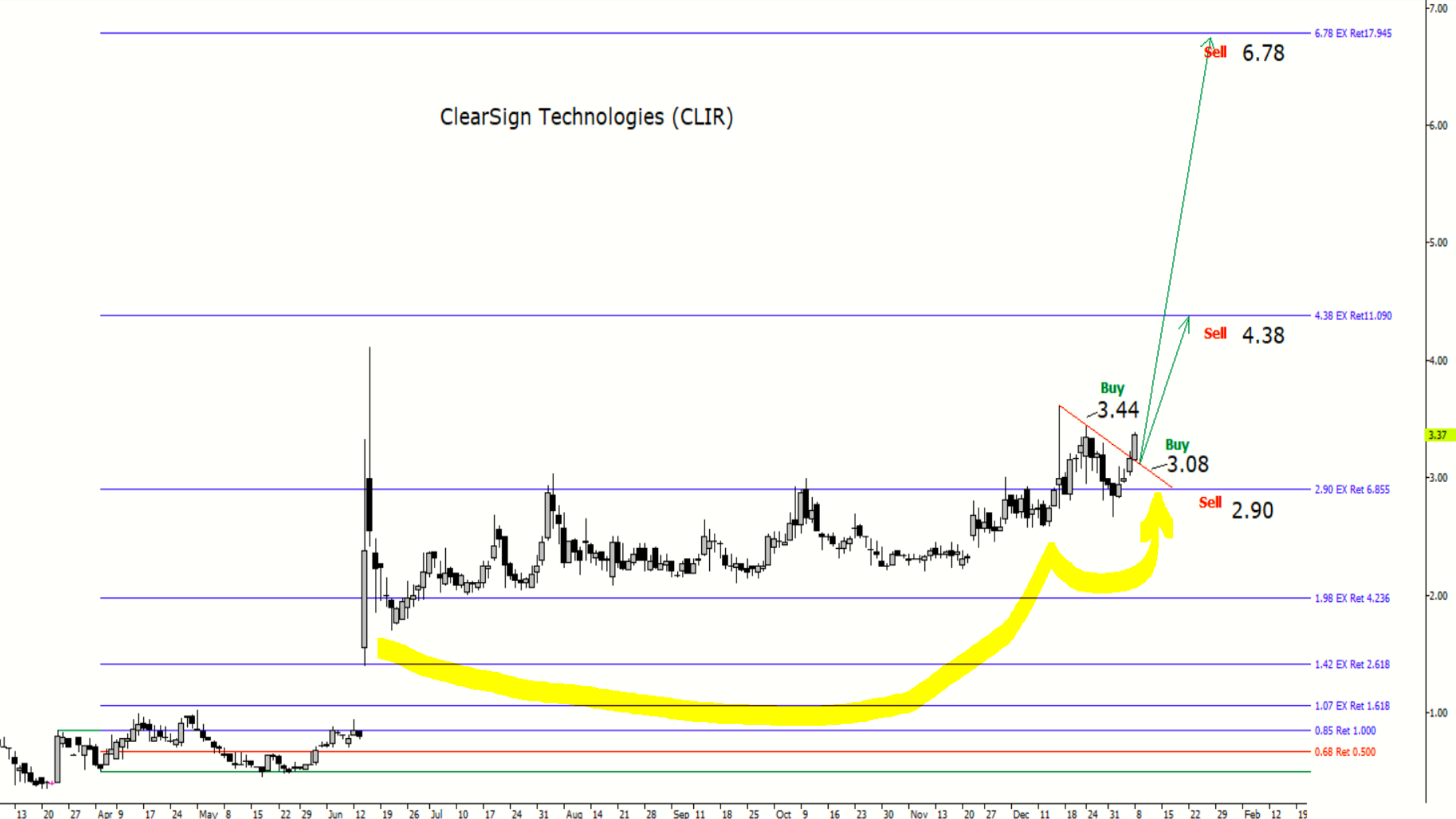
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- Buy candidate ClearSign Technologies (CLIR)
- Green energy stocks are performing well with Democrat control of Washington DC.
- CLIR has technology that enhances the performance of combustion systems in refinery burners. This will help refineries with CO2 emissions. A major concern of incoming Biden administration.
- Industry Group: Energy-Alternative Other.
- Start position at 2-star(\*\*)
- Breaking out of cup-with-handle base.
- Under massive accumulation with an Up/Down Volume ratio of 2.1
- Handle of cup-with-handle base formed a double bottom base. Buy point of handle double bottom base is breaking pivot at **3.44**.
- Buy breaking **3.44** with volume
- 2<sup>nd</sup> buy point is throwback to trendline at **3.08**.
- Target price: **4.38** and **6.78**.
- Take 50% of position off at 4.38. Take remaining position off at 6.78
- Stop sell price: **Close** below **2.90**.

# ClearSign Technologies (CLIR)







## **Understanding the Stock Market.**

Class begins Monday January 11, 2021 at the USW Burns Harbor Career Development Center, and goes for 5 weeks. (No class Jan 18 in observance of MLK holiday)



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A morning and afternoon class will be given:

- 8:30 am-10:30 am
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Get on the right track with your investments  
for the new year

Invite a family member or friend and give  
them the opportunity

to start the new year right



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## TFR open positions as of 01/10/2021:

TGC	11/23/20	(4-star)	+21.43%
SNMP	11/22/20	(2-star)	+30.64%
GP	12/08/20	(3-star)	+62.13%
NBAC	12/08/20	(3-star)	+28.45%
THCA	12/13/20	(1-star)	-2.53%
GMDA	12/20/20	(2-star)	-2.90%
TUSK	12/22/20	(2-star)	-4.43%
ZKIN	01/03/21	(2-star)	+28.57%





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## Results of TFR closed positions as of 01/10/2021:

XPEV	Sold position	+41.83%
DADA	Stopped out	-12.6%
GPRO	Stopped out	-2.31%
FUV	Sold position	+67.34%
BLNK	Sold position	+76.25%
OPTT	Sold ½ position	+128%
OPTT	Stopped out 1/2 position	+49.13%
BBIO	Sold Position	+21.81%
CVAC	Sold Position	+66.81%
NGMS	Stopped out	-11.22%
EH	Sold Position	+61.78%
UFAB	Sold Position	+43.60%



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Results of TFR closed positions as of 01/10/2021:

OTIC	Sold position 12/22/20	+41.80%
BTBT	Sold position 12/30/20	+101.15%
LUNG	Sold position 12/31/20	+41.88%
GBTC	Sold position 01/05/21	+95.29%
ZKIN	Sold ½ position 01/05/21	+28.57%





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