

# WEBSITES FOR TRADERS

## WWW.COLLECTIVE2.COM

"I think I've found the Holy Grail!" This statement is enough to catch any trader's attention, but really, as a trader, how many times have you heard that? And how many times have you fallen for it? Next time someone says that to you, ask him or her to enter the system into **collective2.com**, a site where trading minds (traders and system developers) gather and share their thoughts about trading systems.

The many features on this site range from rating trading systems to placing trades. You do have to register to take advantage of the services this site offers, but it is free. You just have to get used to the regular emails.

Another factor that adds glam to this site is that it caters to all trader types. Whether you are a beginning trader, an advanced trader, a system developer, or someone who has a great trading system to sell, you will find something of use on this site.

Here's what you can find on Collective2: It tracks trading systems, monitors them, gives you the opportunity to subscribe to trading systems you like, and lets you trade automatically. There are more than 700 trading systems available here, and it's likely that many more will be added. This shouldn't come as a big surprise, given that it is an ideal place to sell your trading system. But with that many systems, it becomes tedious to look through the entire database. Fortunately, the systems have been categorized based on subscription terms, what gets traded (stocks, futures, options, or foreign exchange), the length of the trade (daytrade, swing trade), and profitability.

I clicked on the forex category, where I found a partial list of the active trading

Forex Trading Systems											
Collective2 analyzes trading systems that work with stocks, options, futures, and forex. The systems below primarily trade <b>forex</b> (although they may occasionally trade other things.)											
Currently showing only active systems. <a href="#">Show all?</a>											
Click on a column heading to sort by that column.											
	System	Age	#T	Type	Speed	% W	W:L	Sharpe	Return	Trial?	Cost
↻	Hawk-fx	45 wks	157	Forex	Swing Trade (days/trade)	92%	3:8	1.805	291.8%	14 days	\$150/mo ■
↻	Dr.Forex {Advanced Strategy}	55 wks	112	Forex	Swing Trade (days/trade)	53%	1:5	1.515	202.3%		\$385/mo
↻	Neural Fibo FX Trader	6 wks	72	Forex	Daytrade (rapid)	63%	3:6	n/a	175.0%		\$495/mo
↻	Currency Scalper	23 wks	202	Forex	Daytrade (rapid)	68%	2:3	3.016	160.6%		\$200/mo
↻	Winning Forex Monthly System!	25 wks	211	Forex	Daytrade (rapid)	53%	1:5	3.064	130.2%		\$219/mo
↻	Pipraker	27 wks	179	Forex	Daytrade (rapid)	73%	2:9	6.476	109.7%		\$120/mo ■
↻	V2 Forex	19 wks	40	Forex	Swing Trade (days/trade)	83%	2:9	3.328	105.0%	90 days	\$5/qtr ■
↻	High-Sharpe FX	27 wks	106	Forex	Daytrade (rapid)	75%	2:0	5.297	102.5%		\$120/mo

**FIGURE 1: FOREX SYSTEMS.** Here you see a partial list of the forex trading systems included in Collective2.com.

systems (Figure 1). The list displays the time period the system has been tested for, the number of trades, trading style, the percentage of wins, win/loss ratio, return (list is sorted by return), the trial period (if applicable), and the cost. You can find details of any listed system with a mouse-click. And if you roll your mouse over the system name, an equity chart vs. the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 will pop up.

Subscribers also get a chance to participate in the active forum. This is useful for anyone, in my opinion, since you can ask questions, find out about a system you may be interested in, or discuss trades recommended by a specific system. Once you find a trading system you would like to use, it doesn't hurt to poke around the various forums to read what others are saying about it. In addition to the emails you receive from Collective2, you will receive emails from the system(s) you subscribe to. These typically contain trade recom-

mendations, entry/exit points, and stop-loss points.

The site isn't just useful for traders. If you're a system developer and would like to have your system monitored, you can submit your trading system to Collective2. All you have to do is enter your trades, and the site will monitor your system's performance using the S&P 500 as a reference. If you are really confident about your trading system, you could sell it through Collective2. There are various ways you can do this, and the process is explained very clearly on the site.

There are many plans in store for Collective2.com. It'll be interesting to see where the developers of the website will go and, given the number of subscribers they have, I have no doubt they will produce some unique tools. So if you know of someone who claims to have found the Holy Grail, send him or her along to this site.

—Jayanthi Gopalakrishnan, Editor

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