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BASES AND BREAKOUTS

MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES (MANH)

Buy Point: 230.61 | Buy Zone: 230.61 - 242.14

Current Action: Manhattan Associates gapped up and broke out of its **flat base** to an all time high after earnings. The stock trimmed some of its opening gains is in buy range past a proper buy point of 230.61. The higher volume is lending strength to the action after the cloud-based

supply management software provider reported fourth quarter results late Tuesday. The relative strength line is at a new high as well and the combination has earned the stock a blue dot on IBD MarketSmith.

CARDINAL HEALTH (CAH)

Buy Point: 108.39 | Buy Zone: 108.39 - 113.81

Current Action: Another stock that is at a correct buy point after an earnings gap up is Cardinal Health. The action shows that investors are bullish on the company's agreement to buy multispecialty group Specialty Networks for \$1.2 billion in cash. Cardinal Health's chart also shows four weeks of tight trading in the handle, a bullish sign of institutional support. Big money has been lending support in recent weeks, going by the Accumulation/Distribution Rating of B+. Cardinal Health makes and distributes drugs and lab products to health care facilities.

BREAKDOWNS

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION (ROK)

Current Action: Rockwell Automation triggered a sell signal by plunging below its 50-day moving average in heavy volume Wednesday. And there are additional red flags on the chart. The stock is at risk of undercutting its forming base. Fiscal first-quarter sales growth tapered to 4% while earnings declined 17%, as the company missed profit estimates. Lastly, many leading stocks have been outpacing Rockwell shares over the past 12 months, resulting in a 64 Relative Strength Rating.

LULULEMON (LULU)

Current Action: Sellers sent LULU sharply below the 50-day line as well Wednesday, with volume tracking more than 100% above average. LULU stock fell to the 50-day line in mid-January, after the company raised the current quarter guidance slightly on Jan. 8. The stock had been trying to garner support at the key level for two weeks but finally succumbed to selling pressure. According to reports, Yipit, a research firm, sees a slowdown in consumer spending that will hurt apparel stocks. But the RS line uncovered the stock's weakening action earlier as it sloped downwards starting early January.

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