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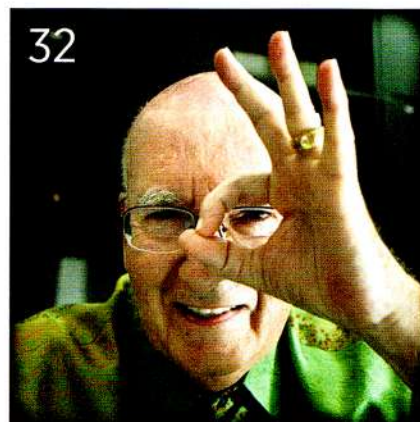
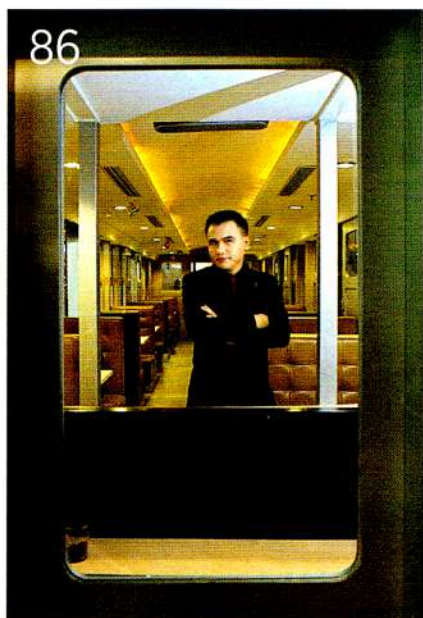
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Star Power and Golden Ratios

Want to be rich? Gema Merdeka has a unique technical analysis to predict the markets.

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SINCE THE INVENTION OF STOCK markets, investors have tried to predict their movements. Technical analysts have claimed to have found it in stock price patterns. Gema Merdeka Goeyardi has developed his own system, Astronacci, that does the technical ana-

lysts one better. He combines the best of two systems, astrology and ancient number theory, to guide his analysis.

Gema was born on Indonesian Independence day and thus his name Merdeka. He launched his business, PT Astronacci International, a year

ago to market his theory of Astronacci, as he calls it, and claims he is already making a profit. It all started in 2008, about a year after Gema, now 25, graduated from Narotama University, a private university in his hometown of Surabaya. Gema wanted to pursue a career in finance. Something of Renaissance man, it was not an easy decision, as his interests included magic and flying. He toyed with becoming a professional pilot but his parents nixed the idea. He stills rents a single-engine plane from time to time for leisure flying (he has a pilot's license).

Then the proverbial light bulb lit up. Why not combine Western astrology and the Fibonacci series of numbers—what he calls a combina-

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tion of heaven and earth. Gema recalls the precise day and time—December 18, 2008, at 7 pm—when inspiration struck. The strength of the Astronacci system would be the ability to predict the movements of almost any market or investment, be it stocks, commodities or currencies. "Western astrology is a matter of tracking the influence of the stars and planets, while Fibonacci is concerned with the golden ratio, which exists in all living beings: man, animal or vegetable," explains Gema.

The use of astrology and Fibonacci series to predict markets has been around a long time, though not a mainstream practice. Gema, however, is one of the few to combine them together, and he is on a mission to prove his Astronacci system works. Gema loves to use the quote attributed to financier J.P. Morgan: "Millionaires don't use astrology, billionaires do." He claims multiple successful predictions, such as the record high close of 3,872 for the JSX Composite Index (JCI) on May 20, as well as the recent decline in the JCI in the first half of June. He also claims to have predicted, in May 2010, the Rp 3,500 share price for Bumi Resources, in early May this year.

Without revealing the inner workings of his system, Gema says: "Fibo-

nacci retracement is useful for estimating the support and resistance line of a chart, while Western astrology provides the time aspect of those critical points." He elaborates that: "It's a meeting of price and time elements, or between sky, heaven and earth."

One big advantage of his system, he says, is the ability to see ahead while others merely extrapolate trend lines to make forecasts. "I can map where the price will be at certain dates and hours," he says. Therefore, Gema says, he is always a step ahead of others using his system.

Gema is still improving his system: "In the last three years, I've been working hard, about 18 hours a day, to improve and perfect my Astronacci system." Gema says he has spent about \$130,000 to develop and set up Astronacci International. "I spent around \$50,000 trading in the market to hone my prediction system," he says. In May 2010, he secured an exclusive contract agreement with PT UOB Kay Hian Securities Indonesia, the Indonesian branch of Singapore's UOB Kay Hian, as his first domestic institutional client. Gema's Astronacci has attracted both institutional and retail clients. "You're looking at 10% profits [per prediction] at least, but in reality, we achieve much higher figures," says Gema of his typical returns, net of costs. He adds that one portfolio he created for UOB has risen three-fold from a year ago, versus just 32% for the JCI in the year to date to June 28.

"With Astronacci, I have a clearer decision making process which I could not have before," says Utomo (real

name withheld), 54, one of Gema's clients. About 70% of Astronacci International's revenue comes from sales to retail clients, with the rest from institutional clients. He says that revenue from Indonesia makes up 40% of his income but he also has clients in the U.S., Japan, Singapore, the Philippines and Dubai.

Depending on the product, Gema charges from \$75 per month for retail investors up to \$2,000 per month for institutional investors. The company also provides investment advisory services, taking a 20% commission on any profits, and special courses on his system for \$3,500 per person.

Currently, Astronacci has affiliation agreements with two Indonesian securities companies, UOB for stocks and PT Askap Futures for futures, currencies and commodities. In a special deal with UOB, Gema also bought the Kelapa Gading, North Jakarta branch office, where Gema bases his research team. Gema says he is now vetting potential partners across Asia, to be followed by road shows in major Asian cities later this year and next year. "My goal is to introduce Astronacci to the world, starting from Asia," says Gema.

Gema has bigger dreams than just Astronacci. "I wish I could own a mining company or airline someday," he says. Nevertheless, he says for now he will stick to Astronacci: "I'll remain focused on perfecting and marketing Astronacci, my creation for the world, which is hopefully something to make this country proud." 🐮

All Time High in July?

Here are Gema's predictions for the Indonesia stock market, made on July 1.

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3,800

PREDICTION 1:

In July 4 to 6 the market could decline or consolidate to as low as 3,800, with the downturn ending somewhere between July 13 to 15.

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4,100

PREDICTION 2:

Between July 25 and 28, the market will hit a new high, with a target of 4,100. In the next six months, it will hit 4,500.



PREDICTION 3:

Stocks to buy are Adaro, Astra International, Bank Mandiri, Bank Rakyat Indonesia, Bumi Resources, Charoen Pokphand, Gajah Tunggal and Indofood.