

Tech Talk for Saturday August 19th 2023

The Bottom Line

Intermediate swing traders looking for continuation of an upward trend by North American equity markets were rewarded for their patience last week. The S&P 500 Index at 4,369 moved closer to technical support near 4,200. The TSX Composite Index at 19,818 moved closer to technical support near 19,400.



Economic focus this week is on the Jackson Hole Symposium from August 24th to August 26th. Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's speech is the highlight. Recent price drops by long term Government Treasuries and related ETFs (e.g. TLT and IEF) hint that the FOMC is leaning toward a higher Fed Fund Rate that will remain elevated until at least late this year.

Economic News This Week

Source: www.investing.com

July U.S. Existing Home Sales released at 10:00 AM EDT on Tuesday are expected to slip to 4.15 million units from 4.16 million units in June.

Canadian June Retail Sales are released at 8:30 AM EDT on Wednesday

July U.S. New Home Sales released at 10:00 AM EDT on Wednesday are expected to increase to 701,000 from 697,000 in June.

July Durable Goods Orders released at 8:30 AM EDT on Thursday are expected to drop 4.0% versus a gain of 4.7% in June.

Discussions on U.S. interest rates are held at the Jackson Hold Symposium from Thursday to Saturday.

August Michigan Consumer Sentiment released at 10:00 AM EDT on Friday is expected to slip to 71.2 from 71.6 in July

Selected Earnings News This Week

Source: www.investing.com

Focuses this week are on U.S. retailers and Canadian banks.

Tuesday: Lowe's, Medtronic, Zoom, Dick's Sporting Goods, Toll Brothers, Macy's, Urban Outfitters.

Wednesday: Nvidia, Analog Devices, NetEase, AutoDesk, Splunk, NetApp, Kohl's, Foot Locker

Thursday: Intuit, Royal Bank, Toronto Dominion Bank, Gap Stores, Nordstrom

Friday: Marvell, Dell.

Trader's Corner

Technical scores range from +6 (Most bullish) to -6 (Most bearish). A score of 0 is neutral. Preferred purchase candidates have a rising technical score. Preferred sell/short sell candidates have a falling technical score.

Technical score ranges are:

Trend:	-2 to +2
Strength relative to S&P 500:	-2 to +2
Above/Below 20 day moving average:	-1 to +1
Daily momentum indicators (Stochastics, RSI, MACD):	-1 to +1
Minimum/Maximum scores	-6 to +6

Equity Indices and Related ETFs

Daily Seasonal/Technical Equity Trends for August 18th 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
SPX	Neutral	Oct.28	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	0
TSX	Neutral	Dec. 12	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Down	-2	4
DJIA	Neutral	Sept.20	Up	Positive	Below	Down	2	4
COMPQ	Neutral	Oct.10	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2
TRAN	Neutral	Aug.27	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	2
AORD	Positive	Nov.10	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	4
NIKK	Neutral	Nov.8	Down	Neutral	Below	Down	-4	-2
IEV	Neutral	Dec.9	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	-2
SSEC	Neutral	Sept.26	Down	Neutral	Below	Down	-4	0
EEM	Neutral	Nov.29	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2

Green: Increase from previous day

Red: Decrease from previous day

Source for all positive seasonality ratings: www.EquityClock.com

Commodities

Daily Seasonal/Technical Commodities Trends for August 18th 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
CRB Index	Neutral	Jan.14	Up	Positive	Below	Down	2	6
Gasoline	Neutral	Mar.30	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	0
Crude Oil	Neutral	Jan.20	Up	Positive	Below	Down	2	4
Natural Gas	Neutral	April 1	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	4
S&P Energy	Neutral	Mar.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Oil Services	Neutral	Dec.28	Up	Positive	Below	Down	2	4
Gold	Neutral	Dec. 23	Down	Neutral	Below	Down	-4	-2
Silver	Neutral	Nov.29	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Up	0	-4
Gold Bug	Positive	Sept.3	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-4
Platinum	Neutral	Dec.9	Down	Neutral	Below	Up	-2	-6
Palladium	Neutral	Nov.26	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	6
Copper	Neutral	Nov.22	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Up	0	-2
Agriculture	Neutral	Oct.9	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	2

Green: Increase from previous day

Red: Decrease from previous day

Sectors

Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for August 18th 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
XLK	Positive	Aug.19	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-4
XLB	Neutral	Oct.1	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	0
XLI	Neutral	Aug.26	Down	Neutral	Below	Down	-4	0
XLY	Neutral	Aug.7	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	0
XLF	Positive	Nov.2	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	0
XLE	Neutral	Mar.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLP	Neutral	Jan.6	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	0
XLV	Neutral	Nov.3	Up	Positive	Below	Down	2	6
XLU	Neutral	Feb.6	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Up	0	-2
XLC	Neutral	Jan.18	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	2
XLRE	Neutral	Dec.1	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2
TSX Financial	Neutral	Jan. 8	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	4
TSX Energy	Neutral	Dec.22	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
TSX Gold	Positive	Sept.3	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-2
TSX Tech	Neutral	Nov.15	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2
TSX B Metals	Neutral	Nov. 28	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	0

Green: Increase from previous day

Red: Decrease from previous day

Technical Notes for Friday

Base Metals ETF XBM.TO moved below intermediate support at \$Cdn\$18.81.



Israel iShares \$EIS moved below \$54.01 setting an intermediate downtrend.



Lithium ETF \$LIT moved below \$57.36 extending an intermediate downtrend.



Colgate \$CL an S&P 100 stock moved below \$73.75 extending an intermediate downtrend.



Constellation Software \$CSU.TO a TSX 60 stock moved below Cdn\$2,634.66 and \$2,592.00 setting an intermediate downtrend.



Thomson Reuters \$TRI.TO a TSX 60 stock moved below intermediate support at Cdn\$170.56.



S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer added 1.00 on Friday, but plunged 20.00 last week to 35.40. It changed from Neutral to Oversold on a drop below 40.00. Daily trend remains down.



The long term Barometer added 0.60 on Friday, but dropped 9.40 last week to 54.20. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00. Daily trend remains down.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer slipped 0.44 on Friday and plunged 22.51 to 37.44 last week to 37.44. It changed from Neutral to Oversold on a drop below 40.00. Daily trend remains down.



The long term Barometer was unchanged on Friday and down 8.81 last week to 48.46. It remains Neutral. Daily trend remains down.

Disclaimer: Seasonality ratings and technical ratings offered in this report and at www.equitylock.com are for information only. They should not be considered as advice to purchase or to sell mentioned securities. Data offered in this report is believed to be accurate, but is not guaranteed