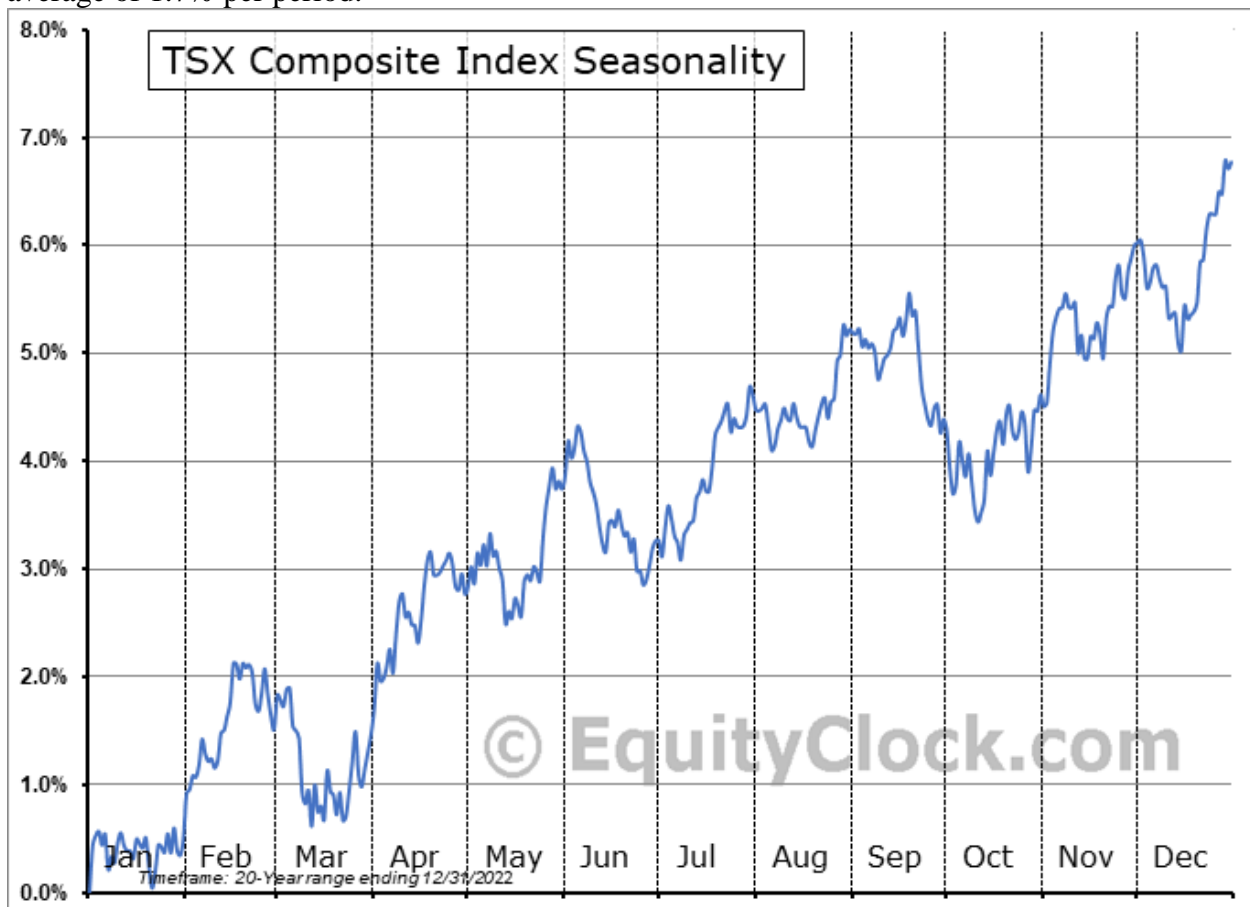


Tech Talk for Saturday September 16th 2023

The Bottom Line

History suggests that short term caution is warranted for a new investment in North American equity markets. According to www.EquityClock.com, “The weakest time of year for stocks is at our doorstep, encompassing the final weeks in the third quarter. Between September 19th and the last day of the month on September 30th, the S&P 500 Index has lost an average of 1.14% per period with 32 of the past 50 (64%) periods showing a decline”

Ditto for the TSX Composite Index! During the past 20 periods, the Index has dropped by an average of 1.7% per period.



Consensus for Earnings and Revenues for S&P 500 Companies

Source: www.Factset.com

Consensus estimates for remainder of 2023 and 2024 moved slightly lower last week.

Consensus for the third quarter is an earnings increase on a year-over-year basis of 0.2% (versus previous increase of 0.5%). Third quarter revenues are expected to increase 1.5% (versus previous increase of 1.6%). Fourth quarter earnings are expected to increase 8.2%. Fourth

quarter revenues are expected to increase 3.7%. For all of 2023, consensus calls for an earnings increase of 1.2%. Revenues are expected to increase 2.4%.

The recovery continues into 2024, but at a slower than previous rate. Consensus for the first quarter on a year-over-year basis is an earnings increase of 8.2 % (versus previous estimate of 8.6%) and a revenue increase of 3.7% (versus previous estimate of 4.7%). Consensus for the second quarter is an earnings increase of 12.1% and a revenue increase of 5.5%. Consensus for all of 2024 is an increase in earnings of 12.0% (versus previous estimate at 12.2%) and a 5.6% increase in revenues.

Economic News This Week

Source: www.Investing.com

Focus is on results of the FOMC meeting released on Wednesday.

August U.S. Housing Starts released at 8:30 AM EDT on Tuesday are expected to ease to 1.440 million units from 1.452 million units in July.

Canadian August Consumer Price Index is released at 8:30 AM EDT on Tuesday

FOMC Decision on interest rates released at 2:00 PM EDT on Wednesday is expected to maintain the Fed Fund Rate at 5.5%.

September Philly Fed Index released at 8:30 AM EDT on Thursday is expected to improve to 0.0 from -12.0 in August.

August U.S. Existing Home Sales released at 10:00 PM EDT on Thursday are expected to increase to 4.10 million units from 4.07 million units in July.

August U.S. Leading Economic Indicators released at 10:00 AM EDT on Thursday are expected to slip 0.3% versus a drop of 0.4% in July.

July Canadian Retail Sales are released at 8:30 AM EDT on Friday.

Selected Earnings News This Week

Source: www.Investing.com

Six S&P 500 companies and no TSX 60 companies are scheduled to release quarterly results this week.

Tuesday: Autozone

Wednesday: FedEx, General Mills, KB Homes

Thursday: Darden Restaurants

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 September 15th 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	2
TSX	Neutral	Dec. 12	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	0
DJIA	Neutral	Sept.20	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	0	-2
COMPQ	Neutral	Oct.10	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Down	-2	0
IYT	Positive	Dec.8	Up	Negative	Below	Up	0	-2
AORD	Positive	Nov.10	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0
NIKK	Neutral	Nov.8	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	0
IEV	Neutral	Dec.9	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	-2
FXI	Neutral	Sept.26	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Down	0	-4
EEM	Neutral	Nov.29	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	-4

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 September 15th 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Scord Last Week
CRB Index	Neutral	Jan.14	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Gasoline	Neutral	Mar.30	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	1
Crude Oil	Neutral	Jan.20	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Natural Gas	Neutral	April 1	Up	Neutral	Below	Up	2	-2
S&P Energy	Neutral	Mar.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Oil Services	Neutral	Dec.28	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Gold	Neutral	Dec. 23	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-4
Silver	Neutral	Nov.29	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	-2
Gold Bug	Neutral	Dec.15	Down	Positive	Above	Up	2	-4
Platinum	Neutral	Dec.9	Down	Neutral	Below	Up	-2	-6
Palladium	Neutral	Nov.26	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-6
Copper	Neutral	Nov.22	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	-2
Agriculture	Neutral	Oct.9	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0

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Sectors

Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for September 15th 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
XLK	Neutral	Apr.13	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	2
XLB	Neutral	Oct.1	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	-2
XLI	Positive	Dec.11	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-6
XLY	Positive	Jan.3	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	2
XLF	Positive	Nov.2	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
XLE	Neutral	Mar.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLP	Neutral	Jan.6	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-6
XLV	Neutral	Nov.3	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-6
XLU	Neutral	Feb.6	Down	Positive	Above	Up	2	-4
XLC	Neutral	Jan.18	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
XLRE	Neutral	Dec.1	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	-2
TSX Financial	Neutral	Jan. 8	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	-2
TSX Energy	Neutral	Dec.22	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
TSX Gold	Neutral	June 14	Down	Positive	Above	Up	2	-4
TSX Tech	Neutral	Nov.15	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	4
TSX B Metals	Neutral	Nov. 28	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	-2

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Technical Notes for Friday September 15th

S&P 500 Index closed below its 20 and 50 day moving averages on Friday.



The technology sector led the decline in U.S. equity indices on Friday. Big cap technology stocks breaking intermediate support included Netflix, Copart, KLA Inc, Microchip Technologies and Lam Research.

Netflix \$NFLX a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$398.15 extending an intermediate downtrend.



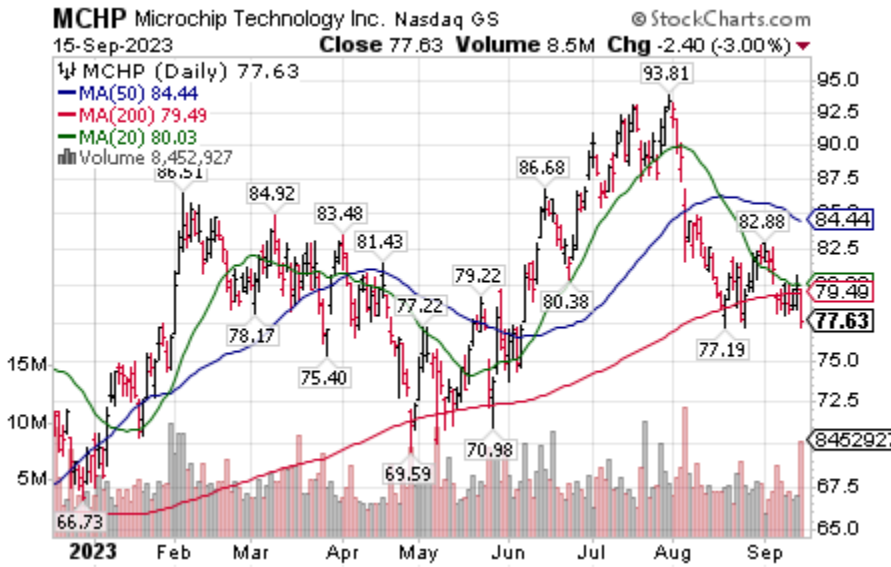
Copart \$CPRT a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$42.93 completing a Head & Shoulder pattern.



KLA Inc \$KLA a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below intermediate support at \$468.13 completing a double top pattern.



Microchip Technology \$MCHP a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$77.19 setting an intermediate downtrend.



Lam Research \$LRCX a NASDAQ 100 stock moved \$637.54 completing a double top pattern.



DexCom \$DXCM a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$98.02 extending an intermediate downtrend.



Peloton \$PTON a NASDAQ 100 stock moved below \$5.05 extending an intermediate downtrend.



Interesting Chart

As Apple goes, so goes major U.S. equity indices! Apple is the stock with the highest weight in the S&P 500 Index, NASDAQ 100 Index and NASDAQ Composite Index. The stock's price change has a significant impact on the performance and trend of these major equity indices. Apple has a history of moving lower briefly just after release of new product launches in mid-September. Technical signs of weakness in Apple appeared last week:

- Daily momentum indicators (Stochastics, RSI, MACD) turned down.
- Strength relative to the S&P 500 Index turned negative.
- A move below \$171.96 will complete a double top pattern
- A break by Apple below \$171.96 likely will have a significant negative impact on broadly based U.S. equity indices.



S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer dropped 6.20 on Friday and 0.80 last week to 34.20. It remains Oversold.



The long term Barometer slipped 1.20 on Friday but added 4.20 last week to 54.40. It remains Neutral.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer slipped 0.44 on Friday, but gained 8.41 last week to 56.64. It remains Neutral.



The long term Barometer added 2.65 on Friday and 7.08 last week to 55.31. It remains Neutral.

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