

Tech Talk for Saturday December 23rd 2023

The Bottom Line

Encouraging U.S. economic news released on Friday added to the possibility of the proverbial Santa Claus yearend rally that normally lasts to the first two trading days in January. The November Core PCE Price Index on a year-over-year basis came in at 3.2%, nicely lower than consensus at 3.4%. Equity and bond investors interpreted the news as U.S. inflation pressures are coming down sooner than expected: The FOMC could lower the Fed Fund Rate sooner than the second half of 2024, setting the stage for a sooner rise in GDP growth.

Economic News This Week

December Chicago Purchasing Managers Index released at 9:45 AM EST on Friday is expected to drop to 51.0 from 55.8 in November.

Selected Earnings News This Week

Nil

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

Example: TSX score is 2 -2 +1 +1 = 2

Equity Indices and Related ETFs

Daily Seasonal/Technical Equity Trends for Dec.22nd 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day Momentum MA	Tech Score	Score Last Week	
SPX	Positive	Jan.18	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
TSX	Positive	Mar.7	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	0
DJIA	Positive	Jan. 4	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	6
COMPQ	Positive	Jan.5	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
IYT	Neutral	Aug.27	Neutral	Positive	Above	Down	2	4
AORD	Positive	Jan.4	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
NIKK	Positive	Jan.4	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	0
IEV	Positive	Apr.30	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4

FXI	Positive	Jan.12	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-4
EEM	Positive	Mar.1	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	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 Dec.22nd 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
CRB Index	Neutral	Jan.14	Down	Negative	Above	Up	-2	-4
Gasoline	Neutral	Mar.30	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-2
Crude Oil	Neutral	Jan.20	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-4
Natural Gas	Neutral	April 1	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	-4
S&P Energy	Neutral	Mar.23	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-2
Oil Services	Neutral	Dec.28	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	0
Gold	Positive	Apr 27	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	2
Silver	Positive	Mar.5	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	0
Gold Bug	Positive	Feb.26	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
Platinum	Positive	Mar.1	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
Palladium	Positive	Mar.3	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Copper	Positive	Mar. 5	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	-2
Agriculture	Positive	Feb.8	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4

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Sectors

Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for Dec.22nd 2023

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
XLK	Neutral	Apr.13	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
XLB	Positive	Jan.1	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLI	Neutral	Aug.26	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLY	Positive	Jan.3	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
XLF	Neutral	July 7	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
XLE	Neutral	Mar.23	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	-2
XLP	Neutral	Jan.6	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	0
XLV	Positive	Jan. 27	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	2
XLU	Neutral	Feb.6	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	0
XLC	Neutral	Jan.18	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
XLRE	Positive	Apr.3	Neutral	Positive	Above	Down	2	4
TSX Financial	Neutral	Jan. 8	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
TSX Energy	Neutral	Dec.22	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	-4

TSX Gold	Neutral	June 14	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4
TSX Tech	Positive	April 3	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	4
TSX B Metals	Positive	Feb.17	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6

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Technical Notes for Friday

TSX Composite Index moved above 20,843.21 and **S&P/TSE 60 Index** moved above 1,255.49 extending intermediate uptrends.



U.S. Junior Gold equity ETF \$GDXJ moved above \$39.18 and \$39.41 extending an intermediate uptrend.



Gold equity ETF \$GDX moved above \$32.39 extending an intermediate uptrend.



ANSYS \$ANSS a NASDAQ 100 stock moved above \$351.23 extending an intermediate uptrend. Synopsis is in negotiations to acquire the company

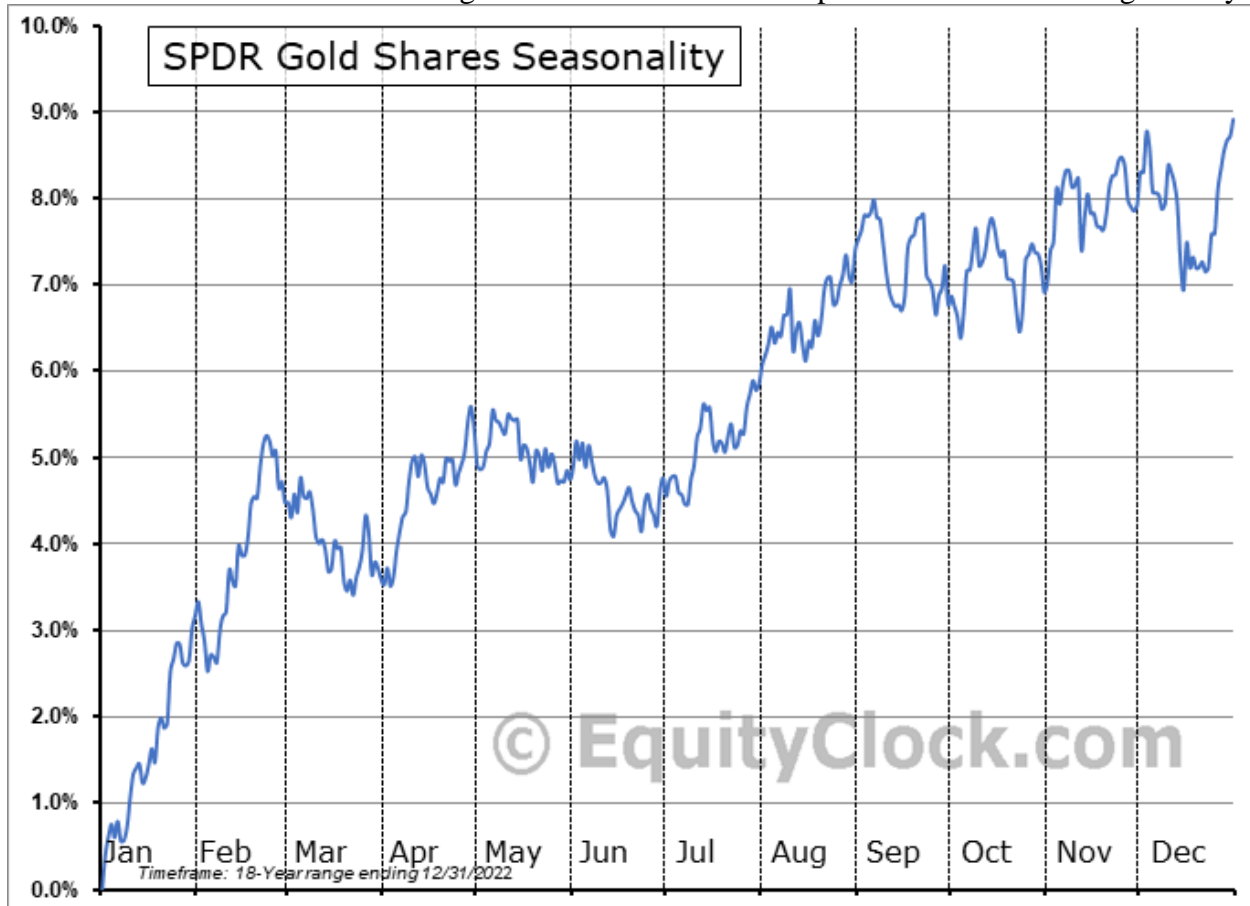


Dow \$DOW an S&P 100 stock moved above \$55.02 and \$55.45 extending an intermediate uptrend.



Seasonality Chart of the Day

Gold bullion and its related Exchange Traded Notes enter their period of seasonal strength today.



According to www.EquityClock.com analysis of the SPDR Gold Shares (NYSE:GLD) seasonal charts above shows that a **Buy Date of December 23** and a **Sell Date of April 27** has resulted in a geometric average return of **2.74%** above the benchmark rate of the S&P 500 Total Return Index over the past 18 years.

S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer added 0.80 on Friday and added 2.40 last week to 90.00. It remains Overbought.



The long term Barometer added 0.60 on Friday and 1.40 last week to 76.40. It remains Overbought.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer added 2.22 on Friday and 4.63 last week to 74.67. It remains Overbought.



The long term Barometer added 1.33 on Friday and 9.36 last week to 61.78. It changed from Neutral to Overbought on a move above 60.00. Daily trend remains up.

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