

Tech Talk for Saturday February 24th 2024

The Bottom Line

Nvidia was the pleasant surprise last week: Its strength following release of “blow out” quarterly results powered the S&P 500 Index and Dow Jones Industrial Average to all-time highs. Nvidia extended its parabolic upside move following release of results on Wednesday.

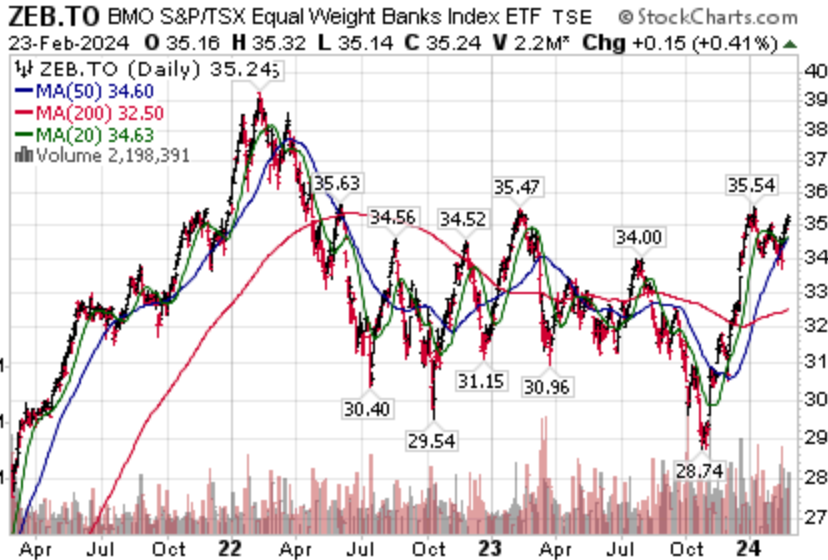


Meanwhile the CNN Fear and Greed Index moved higher to 78 on Friday, an Extreme Greed level. See [Fear and Greed Index - Investor Sentiment | CNN](#)

Quietly beyond the focus of North American investors, Europe and Far East equity markets soared last week: Europe iShares gained 1.78% to an all-time high, the Shanghai Composite jumped 4.85% after completing a double bottom pattern on the charts and the Nikkei Average advanced 5.40% to an all-time high set 38 year ago. Equity markets outside on North American continue to offer higher short term risk/reward potential.

Economic focus this week in the U.S. is on the January Core PCE Price Index released on Thursday at 8:30 AM EST. Consensus is calling for a change in monthly trend from down to up. If confirmed, plans for the FOMC to reduce the Fed Fund Rate will be further delayed.

Focus this week in Canada is on fiscal first quarter results released by many of Canada's largest chartered banks. The market is anticipating an earnings recovery after many of the banks reported a “kitchen sink” fiscal fourth quarter when loan loss provisions were ramped up.



Economic News This Week

Source: www.investing.com

January U.S. New Home Sales released at 10:00 AM EST on Monday are expected to increase to 675,000 units from 664,000 units in December

January Durable Goods Orders released at 8:30 AM EST on Tuesday are expected to drop 4.5% versus unchanged in December.

Updated U.S. fourth quarter annualized real GDP released at 8:30 AM EST on Wednesday is expected to increase 3.3% versus a gain of 4.9% in the third quarter.

January PCE Price Index released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday is expected to increase 0.3% versus a gain of 0.2% in December. **January core PCE Price Index** is expected to increase 0.4% versus a gain of 0.2% in December.

January Personal Income released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday is expected to increase 0.5% versus a gain of 0.3% in December. January Personal Spending is expected to increase 0.3% versus a gain of 0.2% in December

Canadian December GDP released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday is expected to increase 0.3% versus a gain of 0.2% in November.

January U.S. Construction Spending released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday is expected to increase 0.2% versus a gain of 0.9% in December.

February ISM Manufacturing PMI released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday is expected to remain unchanged from January at 49.1.

February Michigan Consumer Sentiment released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday is expected to increase to 79.6 from 79.0 in January.

Selected Earnings News This Week

Source: www.Investing.com

Monday: Berkshire Hathaway, Oneok, Zoom, Domino Pizza,

Tuesday: Lowe's, Bank of Montreal, Dell, Bank of Nova Scotia, Republic Services, AutoZone, Agilent, Devon Energy, Splunk, eBay, Macy's Urban Outfitters

Wednesday: Salesforce.com, Royal Bank, Monster Beverages, Snowflake, Baidu, Dollar Tree,

Thursday: Toronto Dominion, Canadian Natural Resources, Autodesk, Commerce Bank, Best Buy

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 Feb.23rd 2024

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day Momentum MA	Tech Score	Score Last Week
SPX	Neutral	Mar.14	Up	Neutral	Above Up	4	2
TSX	Positive	Mar.7	Up	Neutral	Above Up	4	4
DJIA	Neutral	Mar.14	Up	Negative	Above Up	2	0
COMPQ	Neutral	Mar.14	Up	Neutral	Above Up	4	2
IYT	Neutral	Aug.27	Up	Positive	Above Up	6	4
AORD	Neutral	Mar.14	Up	Negative	Above Down	0	0
NIKK	Neutral	Mar.14	Up	Positive	Above Up	6	6
IEV	Positive	Apr.30	Up	Neutral	Above Up	4	4
FXI	Neutral	Sept.26	Up	Positive	Above Up	6	6
EEM	Positive	Mar.1	Up	Positive	Above Up	6	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 Feb.23rd 2024

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
CRB Index	Positive	June 11	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
Gasoline	Neutral	Mar.30	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	4
Crude Oil	Positive	Apr. 12	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
Natural Gas	Neutral	Apr 1	Down	Neutral	Below	Down	-4	-6
S&P Energy	Neutral	Mar.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
Oil Services	Positive	Apr.24	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	0
Gold	Positive	Apr 27	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	-2
Silver	Positive	Mar.5	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	4
Gold Bug	Neutral	June 15	Down	Negative	Below	Up	-4	-4
Platinum	Positive	Mar.1	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-4
Palladium	Positive	Mar.3	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	0
Copper	Positive	Mar. 5	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-4
Agriculture	Neutral	Nov.10	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	0

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Sectors

Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for Feb.23rd 2024

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To SPX	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
XLK	Neutral	Apr.13	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	-2
XLB	Neutral	Oct.1	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
XLI	Neutral	Aug.26	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLY	Neutral	Aug.7	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
XLF	Neutral	July 7	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
XLE	Neutral	Mar.23	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4
XLP	Positive	May 24	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0
XLV	Neutral	Mar.20	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLU	Positive	July 2	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	-2
XLC	Positive	June 2	Up	Negative	Above	Up	2	2
XLRE	Positive	Apr.3	Neutral	Negative	Above	Up	0	0
TSX Financial	Positive	Apr.18	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4
TSX Energy	Positive	Apr.12	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
TSX Gold	Neutral	June 14	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	-4
TSX Tech	Positive	April 3	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	2
TSX B Metals	Neutral	Oct.4	Down	Neutral	Below	Up	-2	0

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Seasonality Chart of the Day: Gold

Technical score for gold bullion in U.S. Dollars increased on Friday from -2 to +2. Seasonal influences are positive until April 27th

Intermediate trend: Up

Strength relative to S&P 500: Negative

20 day moving average: Moved above

Daily momentum (Stochastics, RSI, MACD) turned higher

Score: +2 to +2

Score: -2 to -2

Score: -1 to +1

Score: -1 to +1

Total Score: -2 to +2



Technical Notes for Friday

China iShares \$FXI moved above \$24.07 extending an intermediate uptrend.

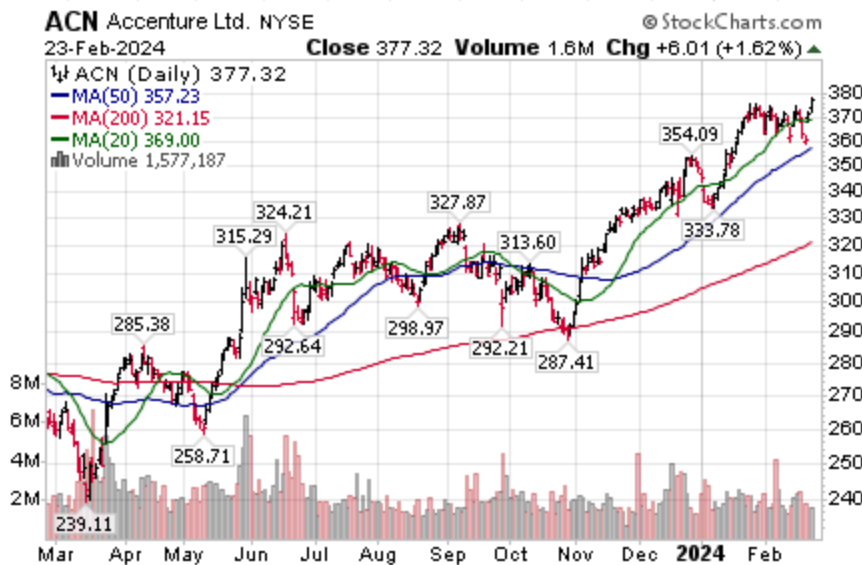


U.S. Broker iShares \$IAI moved above \$109.40 extending an intermediate uptrend.



S&P 100 and NASDAQ 100 stocks extending an intermediate uptrend included **Blackrock** on a move above \$819.00, **Regeneron** on a move above \$973.99, **Clorox** on a move above \$86.14, **Accenture** on a move above \$375.73 and **General Motors** on a move above \$39.75.





Power Corp \$POW.TO a TSX 60 stock moved above Cdn\$39.74 to an all-time high extending an intermediate uptrend.



Pembina Pipeline \$PPL.TO a TSX 60 stock moved above Cdn\$46.84 extending an intermediate uptrend.



S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer added 3.00 on Friday and gained 7.20 last week to 68.40. It remains Overbought.



The long term Barometer added 0.60 on Friday and gained 5.60 last week to 76.60. It remains Overbought.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer was unchanged on Friday and dropped 4.00 last week to 57.78. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.



The long term Barometer added 0.44 on Friday and slipped 0.88 last week to 59.56. It changed from Overbought to Neutral on a drop below 60.00.

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