

Tech Talk for Saturday March 30th 2024

The Bottom Line

World equity markets were mixed last week, typical when intermediate momentum indicators are overbought: U.S. equity indices moved in a narrow trading range. S&P 500 Index gained 0.39% and the NASDAQ Composite Index slipped 0.30%. ETFs representing European, Canadian and Merging Markets were slightly higher. ETFs representing Far East markets were slightly lower

Finally, an all-time inter-day high for the TSX Composite Index! High for the Index on Thursday was 22,220.91, beating the previous all-time high at 22,213.07 set on April 5th 2022.

Most of the upside action last week occurred in the Commodity sector, led by gold. Strength in the sector was recorded despite strength in the U.S. Dollar Index.

February Core PCE Price Index released on Friday morning is expected to have a mixed impact on U.S. equity markets on Monday. Consensus was a year-over-year increase of 2.8%. Actual was an increase of 2.8%.

Consensus for Earnings and Revenues for S&P 500 Companies

Source: www.FactSet.com

Analysts slightly increased earnings estimates and slightly reduced revenue estimates for the first quarter of 2024. Consensus on a year-over-year basis calls for an earnings increase of 3.6% (versus a 3.4% increase last week). Revenues are expected to increase 3.5% (versus a 3.6% increase last week).

Earnings gains accelerate in the second and third quarters. Consensus for the second quarter calls for a 9.4% earnings increase (versus a 9.3% increase last week) and a 4.6% increase in revenues (versus a 4.7% increase last week). Consensus for the third quarter calls for an 8.5% increase in earnings (versus a previous 8.4% increase) and a 5.0% increase in revenues (versus a previous 5.1% increase).

Impressive earnings gains were lowered for the fourth quarter. Consensus for the fourth quarter calls for an 11.0% increase in earnings (versus a previous 17.4% increase) and a 5.0% increase in revenues (versus a previous 5.8% increase).

For all of 2024, consensus calls for an 11.0% increase in earnings (versus a previous increase of 10.9%) and a 5.0% increase in revenues (versus a previous 5.1% increase)

Estimates for fiscal 2025 were raised slightly. Consensus calls for a 13.4% earnings increase (versus previous 13.3% increase) and a 6.0% revenue increase (versus a previous 5.9% increase).

Economic News This Week

Source: www.Investing.com

March U.S. Construction Spending released at 10:00 AM EDT on Monday is expected to increase 0.5% versus a decline of 0.2% in February

March ISM Manufacturing PMI released at 10:00 AM EDT on Monday is expected to increase to 48.5 from 47.8 in February.

February U.S. Factory Orders released at 10:00 AM EDT on Tuesday are expected to increase 1.0% versus a decline of 0.8% in January.

March ISM Non-manufacturing PMI released at 10:00 AM EDT on Wednesday is expected to slip to 52.5 from 52.6 in February.

February U.S. Trade Deficit released at 8:30 AM EDT on Thursday is expected to ease to \$66.50 billion from \$67.40 billion in January.

February Canadian Trade is released at 8:30 AM EDT on Thursday

March U.S. Non-farm Payrolls released at 8:30 AM EDT on Friday are expected to drop to 198,000 from 275,000 in February. March Unemployment Rate is expected to remain unchanged from February at 3.9%. March Average Hourly Earnings are expected to increase 0.3% versus a gain of 0.1% in February. On a year-over-year basis, March Average Hourly Earnings are expected to increase 4.1% versus a gain of 4.3% in February.

Canadian March Employment Change released at 8:30 AM EDT on Friday is expected to gain 20,000 versus a gain of 40,700 in February.

Selected Earnings News This Week

Source: www.Investing.com

Tuesday: Paychex

Wednesday: Levi Strauss, Blackberry

Thursday: ConAgra

Trader's Corner

Example of a change in daily technical score:

Score for the NASDAQ Composite Index changed on Thursday from 2 to 0:

	Score
Intermediate trend remains up	+2
Strength relative to S&P 500 changed from Neutral to Negative: from 0 to -2	-2
Remains above its 20 day moving average	+1
Daily momentum (Stochastics, RSI, MACD) trending down	-1
Total score	+2 to 0

Equity Indices and Related ETFs

Daily Seasonal/Technical Equity Trends for March 28th 2024

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To S&P 500	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
SPX	Positive	May 2	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4
TSX	Neutral	Dec.15	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
DJIA	Positive	May 2	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	4
COMPQ	Positive	Apr.30	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	4
IYT	Neutral	Aug.27	Neutral	Negative	Above	Down	-2	0
AORD	Positive	May 2	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
NIKK	Positive	Apr.30	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
IEV	Positive	Apr.30	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0
FXI	Positive	Apr.15	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0
EEM	Neutral	Nov.29	Up	Negative	Above	Down	0	0

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 March 28th 2024

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To S&P 500	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
CRB Index	Positive	June 11	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
Gasoline	Neutral	Mar.30	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
Crude Oil	Positive	Apr. 12	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
Natural Gas	Neutral	Apr 1	Down	Neutral	Below	Up	-2	0
S&P Energy	Positive	June 6	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Oil Services	Positive	Apr.24	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
Gold	Positive	Apr 27	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
Silver	Neutral	Dec.28	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	0
Gold Bug	Neutral	June 15	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	2
Platinum	Neutral	Dec.24	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	-4
Palladium	Neutral	Nov.28	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	0
Copper	Positive	Apr.20	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	2
Agriculture	Neutral	Nov.10	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	0

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Sectors Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for March 28th 2024

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Strength Relative To S&P 500	20 Day MA	Momen tum	Tech Score	Score Last Week
XLK	Neutral	Apr.13	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	2
XLB	Neutral	Oct.1	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLI	Neutral	Aug.26	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLY	Neutral	Aug.7	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
XLF	Neutral	July 7	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
XLE	Positive	June 6	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
XLP	Positive	May 24	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
XLV	Positive	July 30	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0
XLU	Positive	July 2	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	2
XLC	Positive	June 2	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
XLRE	Positive	Apr.3	Neutral	Negative	Above	Up	0	-4
TSX Financial	Neutral	July 12	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	2
TSX Energy	Positive	Apr.12	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6
TSX Gold	Neutral	June 14	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	2
TSX Tech	Positive	April 3	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	2
TSX B Metals	Neutral	Oct.4	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	6

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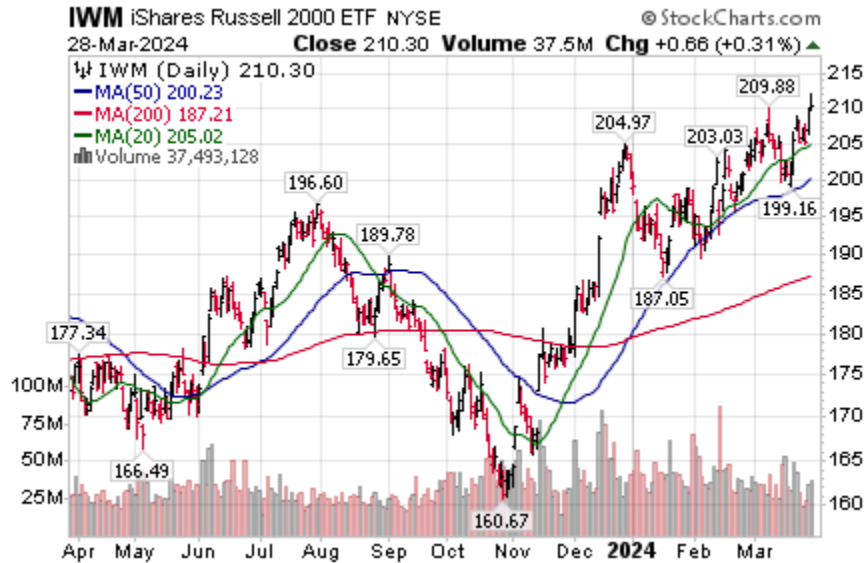
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Technical Notes for Thursday

Mexico iShares \$EWW moved above \$69.39 to an all-time high extending an intermediate uptrend.



Russell 2000 iShares \$IWM moved above \$209.88 extending an intermediate uptrend.



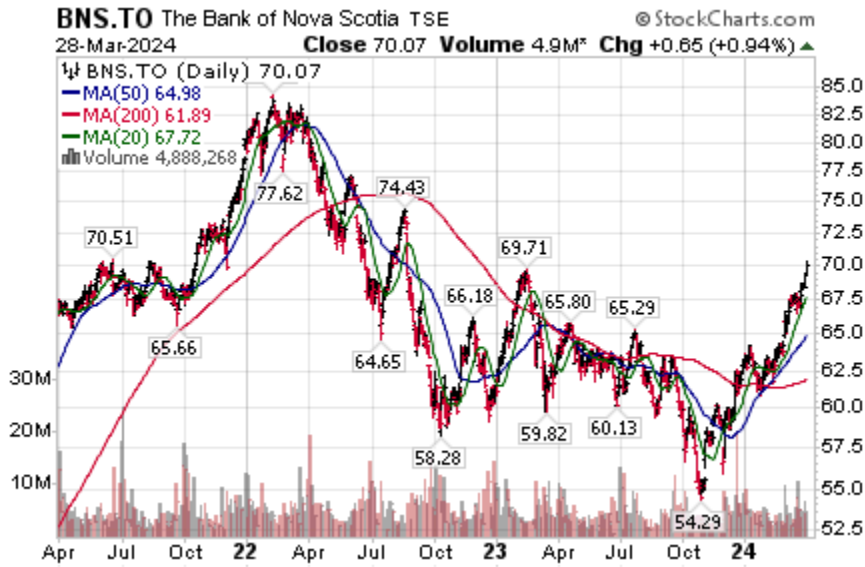
S&P Oil & Gas Exploration SPDRs \$XOP moved above \$152.24 extending an intermediate uptrend.



Chevron \$CVX an S&P 100 stock moved above \$152.24 extending an intermediate uptrend.



Bank of Nova Scotia \$BNS.TO a TSX 60 stock moved above Cdn\$69.71 extending an intermediate uptrend.



Agnico-Eagle \$AEM a TSX 60 stock moved above US\$59.22 and Cdn\$80.29 extending an intermediate uptrend.



S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer added 2.00 on Friday and gained 8.40 last week to 85.20. It remains Overbought.



The long term Barometer gained 1.40 on Friday and advanced 5.00 to 85.30 last week, a 33 month high. It remains Overbought.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The intermediate term Barometer slipped 1.79 on Friday, but gained 2.23 last week to 72.32. It remains Overbought.



The long term Barometer added 2.23 to 75.89 on Friday and gained 4.80 last week to 75.89. It remains Overbought.

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