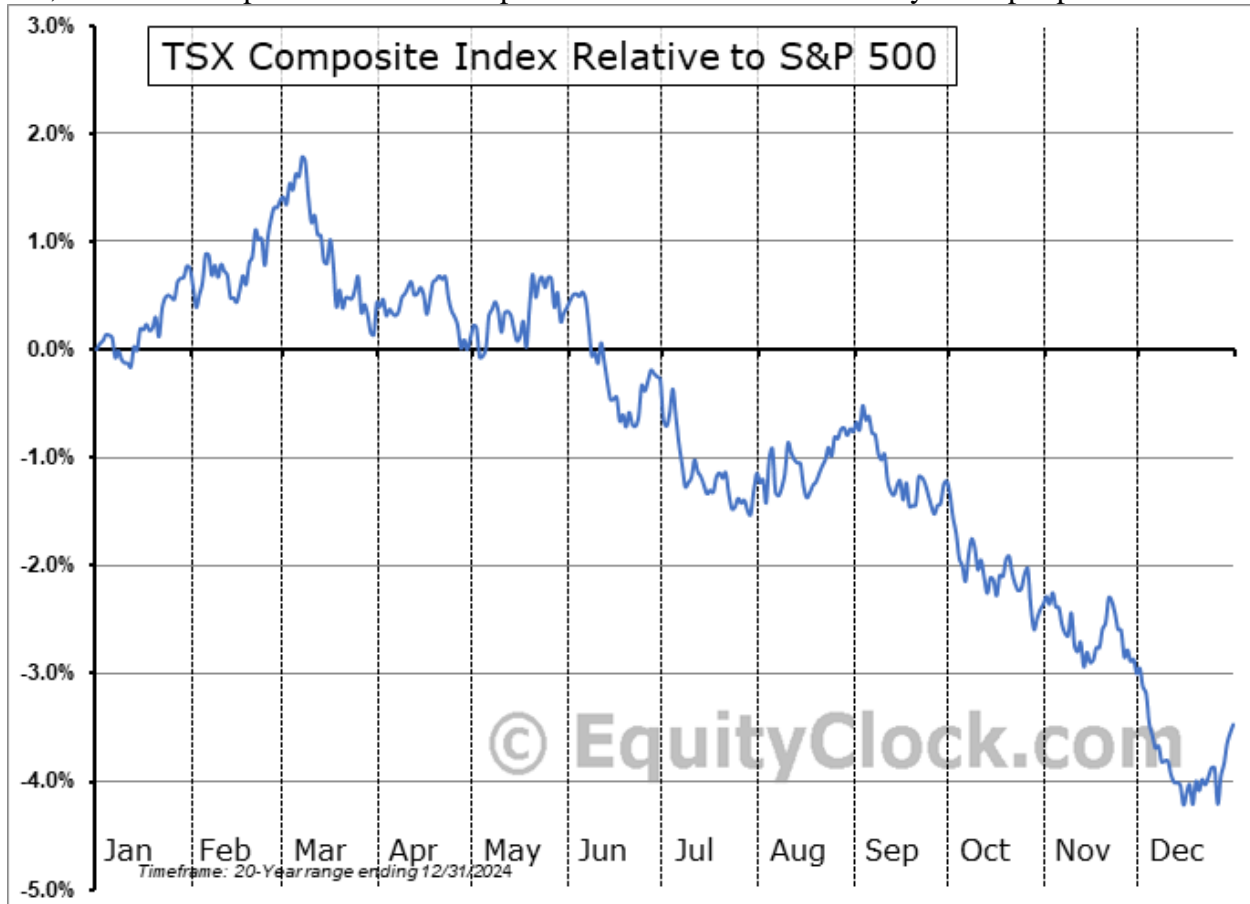


Tech Talk for Saturday December 13th 2025

The Bottom Line

The TSX Composite Index has just entered its strongest period of seasonal strength in the year relative to the S&P 500 Index. During the past 20 periods from December 14th to March 3rd, the TSX Composite Index has outperformed the S&P 500 Index by 2.7% per period.



What about this year? History is expected to repeat! Consensus for earnings by TSX companies for the fourth quarter to be released from late January to late February calls for accelerating growth relative to the third quarter at a time when earnings by the S&P 500 companies are expected to record a deceleration in earnings growth. According to www.Factset.com, consensus earnings gains on a year-over-year basis by S&P 500 companies in the fourth quarter is expected to slow to 8.1% from 13.4% in the third quarter. Slowing growth by S&P 500 companies is occurring when valuations by S&P 500 companies based on current Price/Earnings ratios are at all-time highs. Meanwhile, quarter to quarter earnings gains by Canadian companies in the fourth quarter are expected to accelerate in key sectors, notably financial, gold and base metals. Strength in TSX stocks at this time of year is supplemented by annual additional contributions to TSFA and RRSP accounts from late December to late February. Much of the contributions eventually are investing into equities. Enjoy the proverbial Christmas Rally for both markets from December 14th to January 6th, but prepare to switch into selected Canadian investments during the Christmas rally period!

The proverbial “Christmas Rally” in U.S. equities has lost much of its historic “shine” recently. During the past 10 periods from December 14th to January 6th, the S&P 500 Index has advanced in five periods and declined in five periods. Average gain was only 0.16% per period.

Consensus for Earnings and Revenues for S&P 500 companies

Source: www.factset.com

Analyst earnings estimates increased slightly from last week’s report:

- Consensus for **fourth quarter 2025** earnings gains increased to 8.1% from 7.7%. Consensus for revenue growth remained at 7.5%. **For all of 2025**, consensus for earnings gains increased to 12.1% from 11.9%. Consensus for revenue gains remained at 6.9%.
- Consensus for **first quarter 2026** calls for a 12.4% earnings increase, up from 12.2% last week. Revenue gains slipped to 7.9% from a previous 8.0% gain.
- Consensus for **second quarter 2026** earnings gains increased to 13.8% from 13.6%. Consensus for revenue gains remained at 7.1%.
- Consensus for **third quarter 2026** earnings calls for a 13.8% earnings gain, up from 13.6% last week. Consensus for revenue gains remained at 6.3%.
- Consensus for **fourth quarter 2026** earnings calls for a 17.5% earnings gain and a 7.1% revenue gain, unchanged from last week.
- **For all of 2026**, consensus for earnings growth remained at 14.5%. Consensus for revenue gains remained at 7.1%..

Economic News This Week

December Empire State Survey is released at 8:30 AM EST on Monday
November Canadian Consumer Price Index is released at 8:30 AM EST on Monday

September U.S. Housing Starts are released at 8:30 AM EST on Tuesday.
November U.S. Employment Report is released at 8:30 AM EST on Tuesday.
September U.S. Business Inventories are released at 10:00 AM EST on Tuesday
Bank of Canada Governor Macleod speaks at 12:30 PM on Tuesday

October U.S. Retail Sales are released at 8:30 AM EST on Wednesday

Bank of England’s interest rate decision is released at 7:00 PM EST on Thursday.
European Central Bank’s interest rate decision is released at 8:15 AM EST on Thursday
November U.S. Consumer Price Index is released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday
December Philly Fed Manufacturing Index is released at 8:30 AM EST on Thursday

October Core PCE Price Index is released at 8:30 AM EST on Friday
October U.S. Retail Sales are released at 8:30 AM EST on Friday
November U.S. Existing Home Sales are released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday
December Michigan Consumer Sentiment is released at 10:00 AM EST on Friday.

Selected Earnings News This Week

Tuesday: Lennar

Wednesday: Micron, Jabil Circuit, General Mills

Thursday: Accenture, Nike, Cintas, FedEx, Darden Restaurants, KB Homes, Blackberry

Friday: Paychex, Carnival, Conagra

Trader's Corner

Example showing score for NASDAQ Composite Index (COMPQ)

	Previous Score	New Score
Intermediate trend: Remains neutral	0	0
Strength relative to S&P 500: Changed from positive to neutral	2	0
Above/Below 20 day moving average: Remains above	1	1
Daily momentum (Stochastics, RSI, MACD): Changed from up to down	1	-1
Totals	4	0

Equity Indices and Related ETFs

Daily Seasonal/Technical Equity Trends for December 12th 2025

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev Score
SPX	Positive	Jan.5	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	4
TSX	Positive	Mar.7	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
DJIA	Neutral	July 7	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
COMPQ	Neutral	May 10	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Down	0	4
IYT	Neutral	Aug.31	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
AORD	Neutral	June 15	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	-2
NIKK	Positive	Jan.31	Up	Neutral	Above	Down	2	
IEV	Neutral	Feb. 8	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
FXI	Positive	Jan.19	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	
EEM	Positive	Mar.1	Up	Negative	At	Up	1	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 December 12th 2025

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev Score
CRB Index	Neutral	Feb.15	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	1
Gasoline	Neutral	Dec.18	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	
Crude Oil	Neutral	Jan.12	Down	Negative	Below	Down	-6	
Natural Gas	Neutral	Apr.6	Neutral	Neutral	Below	Down	-2	
S&P Energy	Positive	Apr.12	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Up	2	
Oil Services	Positive	Apr 15	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	

Gold	Neutral	Dec.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
Silver	Neutral	Dec.23	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Gold Bug	Positive	Apr.12	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Platinum	Positive	Mar.1	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
Palladium	Neutral	June 28	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
Copper	Neutral	Aug.8	Up	Positive	Above	Down	4	6
Agribusiness	Positive	Feb.21	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	

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Sectors

Daily Seasonal/Technical Sector Trends for December 12th 2025

Unit	Seasonal	Until	Trend	Relative Strength	20 Day MA	Momentum	Tech Score	Prev. Score
XLK	Neutral	Apr.19	Neutral	Neutral	Above	Down	0	4
XLB	Positive	Jan.4	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4
XLI	Neutral	Dec.24	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
XLY	Neutral	May 20	Down	Positive	Above	Up	2	
XLF	Positive	Jan.4	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
XLE	Positive	Apr.12	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	
XLP	Neutral	Feb.9	Down	Neutral	Above	Up	0	
XLU	Neutral	Feb.15	Up	Negative	Below	Down	-2	
XLV	Neutral	May 3	Up	Neutral	Above	Up	4	0
XLC	Neutral	Jan.18	Neutral	Positive	Above	Up	4	
XLRE	Positive	Feb.12	Neutral	Negative	Below	Down	-4	
TSX Financial	Neutral	July 9	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
TSX Energy	Neutral	Mar 20	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	
TSX Gold	Positive	Apr.9	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	
TSX Tech	Positive	Feb.9	Up	Neutral	Below	Down	0	6
TSX B Metals	Positive	Feb.18	Up	Positive	Above	Up	6	4

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Changes last week

Index	Close	Change	Percent Change
SPX	6,827.41	-43.09	-0.63
TSX	31,527.39	215.98	0.69
INDU	48,458.09	503.10	1.05
COMPQ	23,195.17	-382.96	-1.62
TRAN	17,504.57	321.45	1.87
AORD	8,983.30	57.20	0.64
NIKK	50,836.55	344.68	0.68
IEV	68.01	0.58	0.86
FXI	39.08	-0.81	-2.03
EEM	54.24	-0.50	-0.91

Technical Notes for Friday

Platinum ETN (PPLT) moved above \$157.85 to a 12 year high extending an intermediate uptrend.



Ford (F) an S&P 100 stock moved above \$13.81 to a three year high extending an intermediate uptrend.



CSX (CSX) a NASDAQ 100 stock moved above \$37.05 extending an intermediate uptrend.



First Quantum Minerals (FM.TO) a TSX 60 stock moved above Cdn\$33.88 extending an intermediate uptrend.



S&P 500 Momentum Barometers



The intermediate Barometer dropped 1.00 on Friday, but gained 4.60 last week to 59.60. It remains Neutral.



The long term Barometer was unchanged on Friday, but gained 1.00 last week to 63.40. It remains Overbought.

TSX Momentum Barometers



The long term Barometer was unchanged on Friday, but added 1.42 last week to 66.35. It remains Overbought.



The long term Barometer was unchanged on Friday and dropped 1.42 last week to 81.04. It remains Overbought.

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