February 2024 Outlook & Update: Official January Barometer Reading

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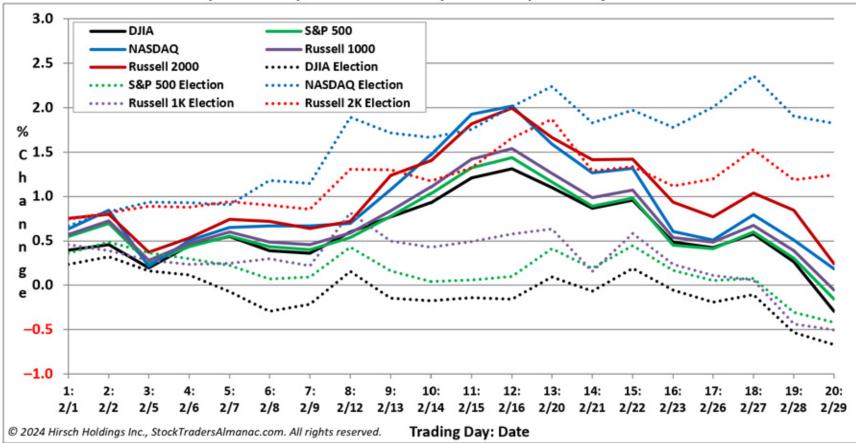
Today's Takeaways

- Positive January Barometer Is Bullish
- February Weak Link Expect Some Pullback
- Sitting President Election Year Seasonality On Track
- Fed Cuts Likely Later Near/After Mid-Year
- Breakout To New S&P & DJIA Highs Encouraging
- Bullish Sentiment Not Extreme Can Be Bullish
- ➤ Has Small Cap Effect Run Its Course?
- Is "Free Lunch" Over?



February Mediocre in Election Years & Weak Link Of Best Six Months

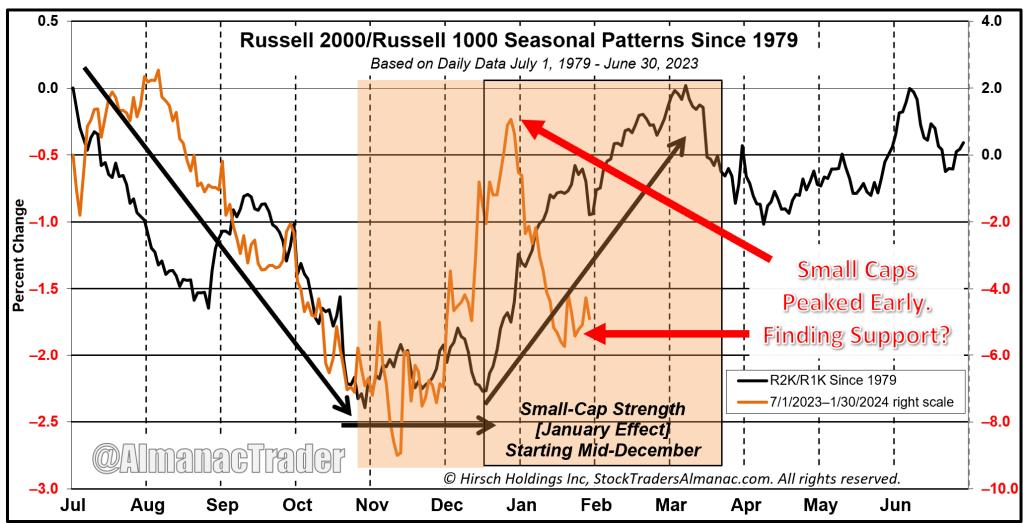




Electi	on Year	February	since 19	50
	Rank	Avg %	Up	Down
DJIA	11	-0.1	10	8
S&P 500	11	-0.4	9	9
NASDAQ*	3	1.8	7	6
Russell 1K**	10	-0.5	5	6
Russell 2K**	6	1.2	6	5
* Since 1971, ** Sir	nce 1979			
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Small Caps Peaked Early, But May Have Found Support





January Trifecta: Barometer Key When Santa & 1st 5 Days Fail

S&P	500 Jan	uary Indi	cator Tri	fecta —	Down SCR	& FFD
New Year	SCR	FFD	JB	Feb	Last 11 Mon	Full Year
1956	-0.9%	-2.1%	- 3.6%	3.5%	6.5%	2.6%
1969	-1.2%	-2.9%	-0.8%	-4.7%	- 10.6%	- 11.4%
1978	-0.3%	- 4.7%	-6.2%	-2.5%	7.7%	1.1%
1982	-1.8%	-2.4%	- 1.8%	-6.1%	16.8%	14.8%
1985	-0.6%	-1.9%	7.4%	0.9%	17.6%	26.3%
1991	-3.0%	- 4.6%	4.2%	6.7%	21.3%	26.3%
1993	-1.1%	- 1.5%	0.7%	1.0%	6.3%	7.1%
2000	- 4.0%	-1.9%	- 5.1%	-2.0%	- 5.3%	- 10.1%
2005	-1.8%	-2.1%	- 2.5%	1.9%	5.7%	3.0%
2008	-2.5%	-5.3%	- 6.1%	-3.5%	- 34.5%	- 38.5%
2016	-2.3%	-6.0%	- 5.1%	-0.4%	15.4%	9.5%
2024	-0.9%	- 0.1%				
			Average:	- 0.5%	4.3%	2.8%
			Median:	- 0.4%	6.5%	3.0%
			#Up:	5	8	8
			#Down:	6	3	3
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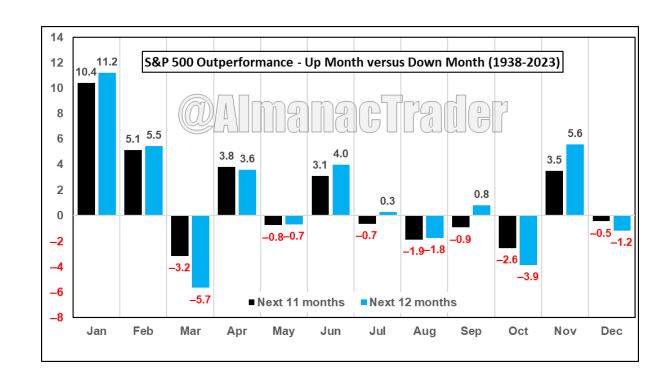
S&P 500	January	/ Indicate	or Trifecta	— Do	wn SCR & FF	D, Up JB
New Year	SCR	FFD	JB	Feb	Last 11 Mon	Full Year
1985	- 0.6%	- 1.9%	7.4%	0.9%	17.6%	26.3%
1991	- 3.0%	-4.6%	4.2%	6.7%	21.3%	26.3%
1993	- 1.1%	- 1.5%	0.7%	1.0%	6.3%	7.1%
2024	- 0.9%	- 0.1%	1.6%			
			Average:	2.9%	15.1%	19.9%
			Median:	1.0%	17.6%	26.3%
			# Up:	3	3	3
			#Down:	0	0	0
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1956	- 0.9%	- 2.1%	- 3.6%	3.5%	6.5%	2.6%
1969	- 1.2%	- 2.9%	- 0.8%	- 4.7%	– 10.6%	– 11.4%
1978	- 0.3%	-4.7%	- 6.2%	- 2.5%	7.7%	1.1%
1982	- 1.8%	-2.4%	- 1.8%	- 6.1%	16.8%	14.8%
2000	- 4.0%	- 1.9%	- 5.1%	- 2.0%	- 5.3%	– 10.1%
2005	- 1.8%	- 2.1%	- 2.5%	1.9%	5.7%	3.0%
2008	- 2.5%	- 5.3%	- 6.1%	- 3.5%	- 34.5%	- 38.5%
2016	- 2.3%	- 6.0%	- 5.1%	- 0.4%	15.4%	9.5%
			Average:	- 1.7%	0.2%	- 3.6%
			Median:	- 2.2 %	6.1%	1.8%
			# Up:	2	5	5
			#Down:	6	3	3
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Up January Most Significant Outperformance Of All Months

- Up January versus Down January compared to all months
- Largest Improvement over next 11 months and next 12 months
- Next 11 months after Up January: +11.6%
- Next 11 month after Down January: +1.2%





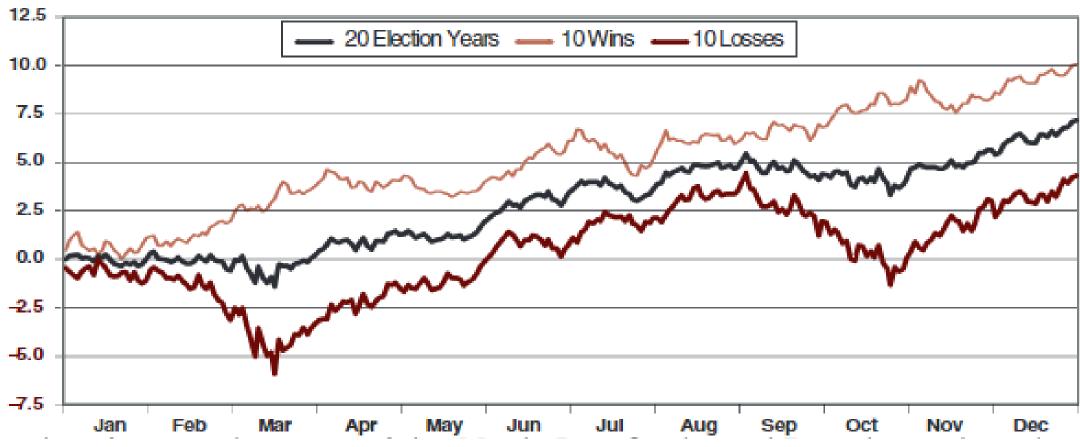
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- > First Five Months Better When Party Retains White House
- ➤ Market Better When Sitting President Runs for Reelection
- ➤ Only Six Election Year Declines Greater Than 5% Since 1896
- > Only Two Losses in Last Seven Months of Election Years



First 5 Months Better - Incumbent Wins Versus Losses







Only Six Election Year Declines Greater Than 5% Since 1896

- > 1920 End WWI: -32.9%
- > 1932 Depression: -23.1%
- > 1940 WWII: -12.7%
- > 1960 Cold war: -9.3%
- > 2000 Tech bust, undecided election: -6.2%
- > 2008 GFC: -33.8%

4-Year Cycle Post-Election Midterm Pre-Election Beginning President Elected Year Year 1833 1837 Jackson (D) 13.0 3.1 -11.7 -12.3 45.0 1.2 5.5 15.5 –3.6 Van Buren (D) -11.5 1.6 1841° 1845° -13.3 8.1 W.H. Harrison (W)** -18.1 -14.5 Polk (D) N/C -12.7 -31.0 19.6 4.4 14.0 1849° 1853° 18.7 -30.2 -3.2 1.5 Taylor (W) Pierce (D) 1857 14.3 55.4 3.6 5.6 2.8 6.1 -2.9 -10.7 Buchanan (D) 1861 1865 1869 1873 -1.8 -8.5 1.7 38.0 1.6 7.3 -4.1 6.4 10.8 6.8 –17.9 Lincoln (R) Lincoln (R)** Grant (R) Grant (R) -12.7 -9.4 3.0 18.7 –18.8 1877 1881 Hayes (Ŕ) 43.0 -8.5 -8.4 17.6 2.3 9.2 -23.6 -37.7 Garfield (R)** 1885 20.1 5.5 -24.6 21.3 -8.7 38.2 15.0 -10.3 12.4 4.8 Cleveland (D) 1889° 1893° -14.1 -6.6 -1.7 7.0 41.7 B. Harrison (Ŕ) Cleveland (D) -0.61897 1901 22.5 McKinley (R) McKinley (R)** -1.9 -17.9 -5.4 1905 T. Roosévelt (R) 46.6 0.4 81.7 30.5 -3.3 28.8 -52.7 38.5 7.6 -4.2 -32.9 26.2 48.2 -23.1 24.8 1909 1913 Taft (R) Wilson (D) -21.7 12.7 30.0 10.5 21.7 0.3 1917 1921 1925 1929 Wilson (D) Harding (Á)** Coolidge (R) Hoover (R) -17.2 -33.8 66.7 1933 F. Roosèvélt (D) 4.1 -12.7 12.1 -2.1 8.4 2.3 -9.3 14.6 -32.8 -15.4 28.1 7.6 1937 1941 F. Roosevelt (D) -2.9 13.8 2.2 14.4 20.8 16.4 17.0 15.2 6.1 38.3 4.2 20.3 2.3 20.3 F. Roosevelt (D) 26.6 12.9 -3.8 1945 1949 -8.1 17.6 F. Roosevelt (D)* Truman (D) 1953 Eisenhower (R) 44.0 1957 1961 34.0 -10.8 -12.8 18.7 10.9 -15.2 -16.6 -17.3 -9.2 27.7 27.0 Eisenhower (R) Kennedy (D)4 1965 1969 -18.9 4.8 Johnson (D) 4.3 Nixon (R) 17.9 14.9 -3.7 11.8 4.2 1973 1977 1981 -27.6 -3.1 19.6 Nixon (R)*** Carter (D) Reagan (R) 22.6 1985 Reagan (R) 1989 G. H. W. Bush (R) 20.3 33.5 25.2 25.3 6.4 5.5 -2.2 22.3 1993 1997 Clinton (D) 13.7 22.6 2.1 26.0 -6.2 Clinton (D) 2001 -7.1-16.8 3.1 G. W. Bush (R) -33.8 7.3 13.4 7.2 2005 G. W. Bush (R) -0.6 18.8 16.3 11.0 Obama (D) 26.5 25.1 7.5 -5.6 2013 2017 Obama (D) Trump (R) 18.7 489.6% Total % Gain 156.4% 180.1% 282.4% Average % Gain 3.3% 3.8% 10.4% 6.0%

STOCK MARKET ACTION SINCE 1833 Annual % Change in Dow Jones Industrial Average¹



^{*}Party in power ousted **Died in office ***Resigned D-Democrat, W-Whig, R-Republican

Based on annual close: prior to 1886 based on Cowles and other indices: 12 Mixed Stocks, 10 Rails, 2 Inds 1886–1889. 20 Mixed Stocks, 18 Rails, 2 Inds 1890-1896; Railroad average 1897 (First industrial average published May 26, 1896)

Only Two Losses in Last Seven Months of Election Years

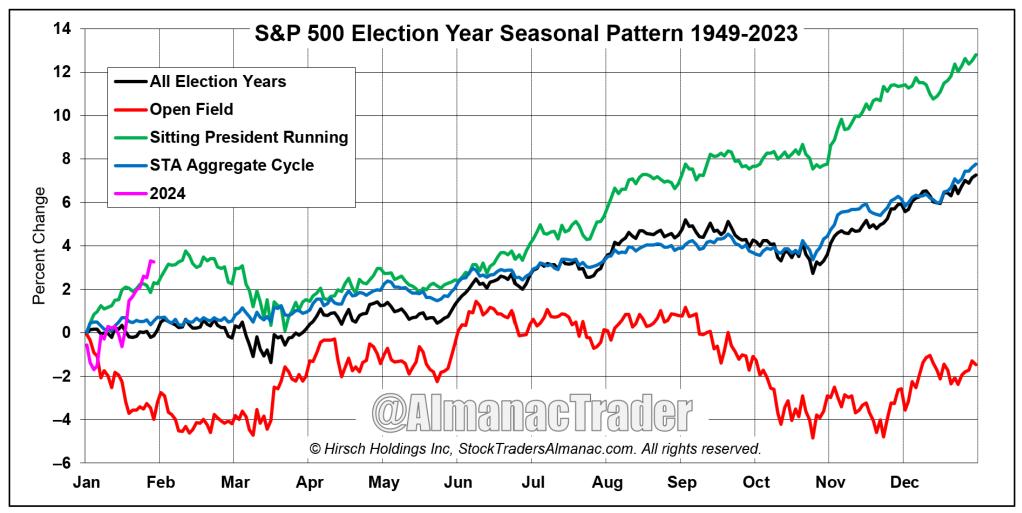
- **▶** Undecided 2000
- ➤ GFC in 2008

S&P 50	00 DUR	ING ELEC	CTION YE	ARS			
	% Change						% Change
Election	First 4						Last 8 Last 7
Year	Months	April	May	June	July	Dec	Months Months
1952*	- 1.9%	23.32	23.86	24.96	25.40	26.57	13.9% 11.4%
1956	6.4	48.38	45.20	46.97	49.39	46.67	- 3.5 3.3
1960*	-9.2	54.37	55.83	56.92	55.51	58.11	6.9 4.1
1964	5.9	79.46	80.37	81.69	83.18	84.75	6.7 5.4
1968*	1.2	97.59	98.68	99.58	97.74	103.86	6.4 5.2
1972	5.5	107.67	109.53	107.14	107.39	118.05	9.6 7.8
1976*	12.7	101.64	100.18	104.28	103.44	107.46	5.7 7.3
1980*	- 1.5	106.29	111.24	114.24	121.67	135.76	27.7 22.0
1984	-3.0	160.05	150.55	153.18	150.66	167.24	4.5 11.1
1988	5.8	261.33	262.16	273.50	272.02	277.72	6.3 5.9
1992*	-0.5	414.95	415.35	408.14	424.21	435.71	5.0 4.9
1996	6.2	654.17	669.12	670.63	639.95	740.74	13.2 10.7
2000**	- 1.1	1452.43	1420.60	1454.60	1430.83	1320.28	-9.1 -7.1
2004	-0.4	1107.30	1120.68	1140.84	1101.72	1211.92	9.4 8.1
2008*	- 5.6	1385.59	1400.38	1280.00	1267.38	903.25	- 34.8 - 35.5
2012	11.2	1397.91	1310.33	1362.16	1379.32	1426.19	2.0 8.8
2016*	1.0	2065.30	2096.96	2098.86	2173.60	2238.83	8.4 6.8
2020*	-9.9	2912.43	3044.31	3100.29	3271.12	3756.07	29.0 23.4
Totals	22.8%						107.3% 103.6%
Average	1.3%						6.0% 5.8%
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^{*} Incumbents ousted, ** Incumbent ousted & undecided Election. Down months are bold.



2024 Tracking Sitting President Election Year Pattern





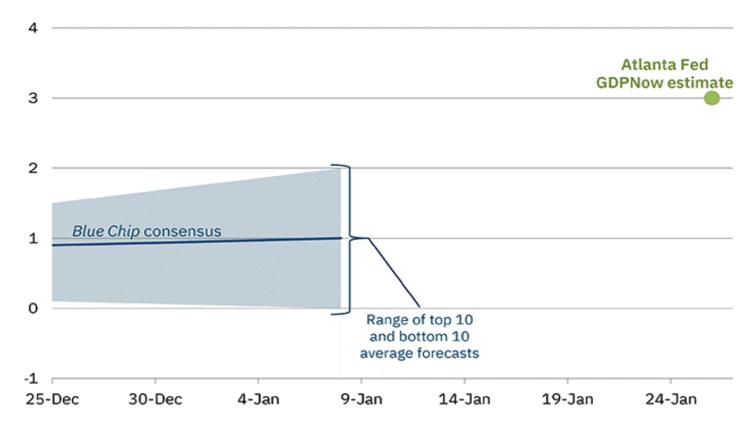
Inflation Cooled But Still Elevated



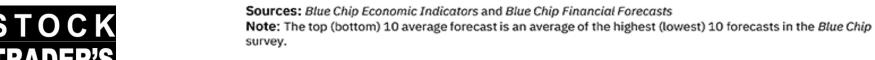


Economic Slowdown? – Q1 GDP Est. 3.0% After Q4 Advance 3.3%

Evolution of Atlanta Fed GDPNow real GDP estimate for 2024: Q1 Quarterly percent change (SAAR)









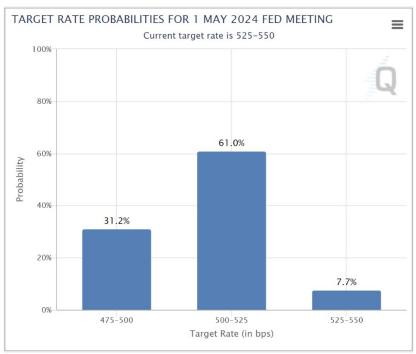
10-Year Yield Retreats Again As S&P Hits ATH

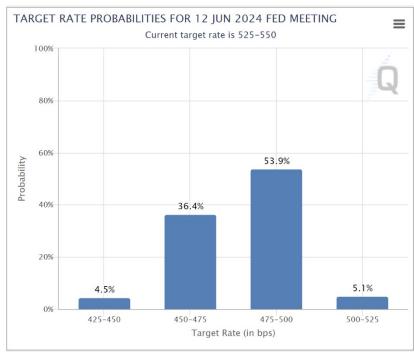




Fed Cuts Not Likely Until Mid-Year – Maybe 2 or 3, 75-bps

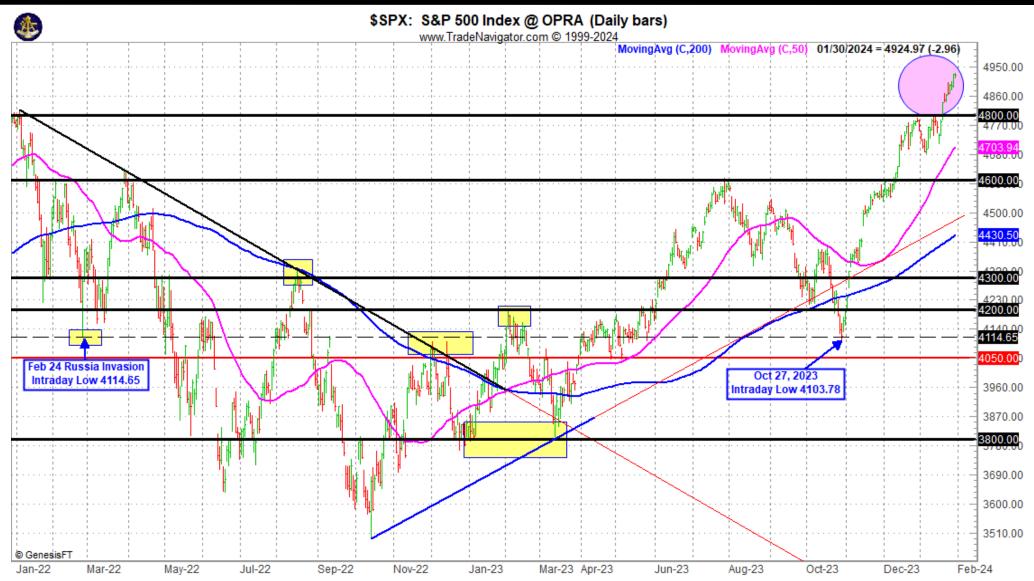






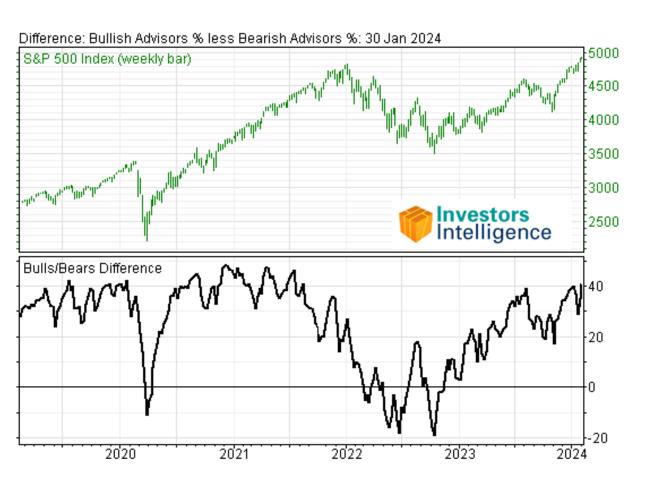


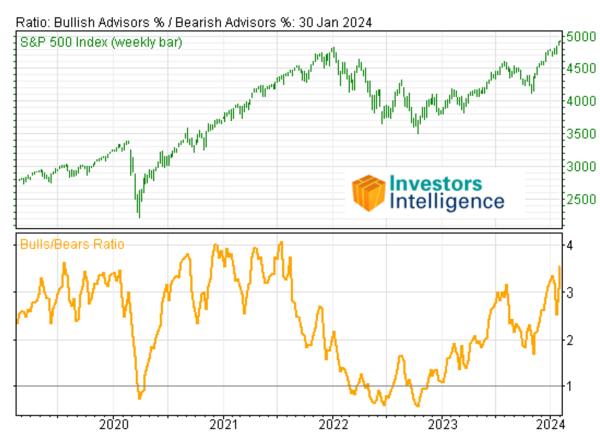
Broke Through Resistance At All-Time Highs





Bullish Sentiment Not Extreme Can Be Bullish







Source: https://www.investorsintelligence.com

ETF Portfolios

	Prese	nted	1/30/	2024	Buy	Stop	Auto	
icker Exchange Traded Fund	Date	Price	Price	Return	Limit 1	Loss 1	Sell*	Current Advice 1
LV SPDR Health Care **	10/6/22	127.03	140.57	10.7%		122.27	173.77	Hold
/W iShares US Technology	8/3/23	109.13	129.70	18.8%		104.41	146.54	Hold
∕⊤ iShares DJ Transports	10/5/23	234.90	262.33	11.7%		224.67	302.00	Hold
Z iShares DJ US Telecom	10/5/23	21.17	23.87	6.8%			24.98	Sold 1/5 @ 22.62
OXX iShares Semiconductor	10/5/23	483.98	594.66	12.1%			612.23	Sold 1/5 @ 542.38
LY SPDR Consumer Discretionary	10/5/23	162.52	174.09	7.1%		153.18	206.20	Hold
LP SPDR Consumer Staples	10/5/23	67.41	73.46	9.0%		63.78	80.66	Hold
LF SPDR Financial	10/5/23	33.33	39.24	17.7%		33.04	41.83	Hold
LI SPDR Industrials	10/5/23	102.98	114.21	10.9%		98.10	126.45	Hold
LB SPDR Materials	10/5/23	79.00	83.30	5.4%		74.54	100.57	Hold
LK SPDR Technology	10/5/23	169.73	201.92	19.0%		163.73	214.18	Hold
NQ Vanguard REIT	10/5/23	75.48	84.70	12.2%		76.77	91.45	Hold
BB iShares Biotech	10/5/23	122.52	136.58	11.5%		119.95	164.17	Hold
PER United States Copper	12/7/23	23.10	24.37	5.5%		20.62	26.65	Hold, Added 1/18 @ 23.10
OPX Global X Copper Miners	12/7/23	34.50	36.72	6.4%		32.62	39.80	Hold
LE SPDR Energy	12/7/23	81.25	85.00	4.6%		76.00	99.91	Hold

¹ STANDARD POLICY: SELL HALF ON A DOUBLE, Buy Limits good til cancel, Stop only if closed below Stop Loss, (S) = Short Trade, *** Spilt adjusted
Current Advice is based upon closing prices as they appear in table. *Auto Sell price based upon historical sector returns plus 10% or 20%. ** Average purchase price.

	Almana	ac Investor Ta	actical S	easonal	Switchir	ng Strat	tegy ET	F Portfo	lio
		Presei	nted	1/30/	2024	Buy	Stop	Auto	
Ticker	Exchange Traded Fund	Date	Price	Price	Return	Limit 1	Loss 1	Sell*	Current Advice 1
QQQ	Invescos QQQ	10/5/23	368.84	425.30	15.3%				Hold
IWM	iShares Russell 2000	10/5/23	175.66	197.71	12.6%				Hold
DIA	SPDR DJIA	10/5/23	337.52	384.49	13.9%				Hold
SPY	SPDR S&P 500	10/5/23	434.88	490.89	12.9%				Hold
		Open Positio	n Average	% Return	13.7%				
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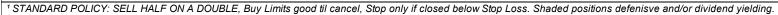
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Stock Portfolios

	Present	ed	1/30/2024	Net %	Buy	Stop	
cker Company	Date	Price	Price	Return ***	Limit 1	Loss 1	Current Advice 1
GS Navigator Holdings	10/13/22	11.66	16.25	39.4%		12.20 Hold	
KT Daktronics	11/9/23	9.94	7.82	-23.7%		Stopped out	1/22 @ 7.58
AMA Mama's Creations	11/9/23	3.59	4.30	19.8%		3.80 Hold	_
RC Virco Manufacturing	11/9/23	6.78	11.96	76.4%		9.32 Hold	
_	Open Po	sition Aver	age % Return	45.2%			

		A	Imanad	Investor	Mid-Ca	Stoc	k Portfo	lio	
		Present	ed	1/30/2024	Net %	Buy	Stop		
Ticker	Company	Date	Price	Price	Return ***	Limit 1	Loss 1		Current Advice 1
SMCI	Super Micro Computer ²	11/10/22	81.93	512.97	313.1%		284.18	Hold	
AMRX	Amneal Pharmaceuticals	11/9/23	4.19	5.51	31.5%		4.57	Hold	
AMPH	Amphastar Pharm	11/9/23	52.93	54.94	3.8%		51.24	Hold	
AWI	Armstrong World Industries	11/9/23	80.48	100.71	25.1%		83.37	Hold	
ACLS	Axcelis Tech	11/9/23	125.86	133.41	6.0%		109.15	Hold	
CBZ	Cbiz Inc	11/9/23	56.52	65.60	16.1%		51.65	Hold	
FTDR	Frontdoor Inc	11/9/23	34.23	33.48	-2.2%		30.03	Hold	
LOPE	Grand Canyon Ed	11/9/23	137.14	129.13	-5.8%		117.21	Hold	
ITGR	Integer Holdngs	11/9/23	84.51	102.52	21.3%		81.56	Hold	
IPAR	Inter Parfums	11/9/23	123.38	139.47	13.0%		114.82	Hold	
IDCC	InterDigital	11/9/23	86.60	107.53	24.2%		87.89	Hold	
MGRC	Mcgrath Rentcorp	11/9/23	100.14	126.43	26.3%		93.91	Hold	
SKWD	Skyward Specialty Ins	11/9/23	30.65	31.82	3.8%		28.04	Hold	
THR	Thermon Group	11/9/23	31.19	33.57	7.6%		26.00	Hold	
		Open Po	sition Aver	age % Return	34.6%				

	Almanac Investor Large-Cap Stock Portfolio									
		Present	ed	1/30/2024	Net %	Buy	Stop			
Ticker	Company	Date	Price	Price	Return ***	Limit 1	Loss 1		Current Advice 1	
Т	AT&T Inc *	4/9/20	20.24	17.53	-16.3%			Hold		
RS	Reliance Steel & Aluminm	11/10/22	198.23	290.75	46.7%		240.82	Hold		
UNH	Unitedhealth Group	11/10/22	527.97	503.61	-4.6%		466.66	Hold		
AIZ	Assurant Inc	11/9/23	162.84	170.09	4.5%		140.60	Hold		
EME	Emcor Group Inc	11/9/23	211.18	230.75	9.3%		181.41	Hold		
DRS	Leonardo DRS	11/9/23	19.79	19.67	-0.6%		16.43	Hold		
NVT	nVent Electric	11/9/23	50.44	61.44	21.8%		46.99	Hold		
		Open Po	sition Aver	age % Return	8.7%					



² Half position, * Adjusted, ** Canadian Dollars, (S) = Short Trade

^{***} Based on \$1000 to \$4000 initial investment in each stock, Net % Return includes half & closed positions, Value is open position value



Free Lunch Stock Portfolio

	Present	ted	1/30/2024	Net %	Buy	Stop	
icker Company	Date	Price	Price	Return ***	Limit 1	Loss 1	Current Advice 1
HSY Hershey Foods Corp	12/15/23	182.71	197.38	8.0%		167.77	Hold
NRT North European Oil Royality Trus	12/15/23	6.10	5.15	-13.8%		5.26	Stopped Out 1/16 @ 5.26
ZTO Zto Express Cayman Inc ADR	12/15/23	20.10	16.48	-10.0%		18.09	Stopped Out 1/16 @ 18.09
ASYS Amtech Systems Inc	12/15/23	3.94	4.02	2.0%		3.80	Hold
EP Icahn Enterprises	12/15/23	15.48	18.16	17.3%		15.44	Hold
.GO Largo Inc	12/15/23	1.98	2.06	11.1%		2.20	Stopped Out 1/16 @ 2.20
QIPT Quipt Home Medical Corp	12/15/23	4.47	4.66	4.3%		4.46	Hold
TH Target Hospitality Corp	12/15/23	9.18	9.64	5.0%		8.35	Hold
	Open Po	sition Aver	age % Return	6.0%			

- 1. Consider selling Free Lunch stocks as soon as you have a sizable gain and utilize stop losses.
- 2. The stocks all behave differently and there is no automatic trigger point to sell at.
- 3. Standard trading rules from the Almanac Investor Stock & ETF Portfolios do not apply for these stocks.
- 4. We think you should be out of all of these stocks between the middle of January and the middle of February.
- 5. Also, be careful not to chase these stocks if they have already run away.



Recap & Outlook

Headwinds

- Fed Higher Longer?
- Recession Fears
- 10-Year Rising Again
- US Dollar rising
- Geopolitics 2 wars
- Down SCR & FFD

Tailwinds

- Inflation Has Cooled
- Fed Is Done Hiking
- GDP Cont. Growth
- Govt Spending Robust
- Sitting Prez Election
- Tracking Cycles

Outlook

- January Barometer +
- Soft Landing Likely
- Rate Cuts Coming
- Economy Moderates
- Jobs Data Softens
- Base Case in Play



2024 Forecast – Base Case In Play

- Current Four-year Cycle Tracks Historical Pattern
- Bullish Election Year 2024 Boosted By Sitting President Running
- ➤ More New Highs
- Dow Gains 8-15% In 2024 S&P/NASDAQ Likely More
- Weakness In Spring/Summer 2024 During Q2 And Q3
- Dow Near My Forecasted "Super Boom" Level Of 38820



Thank You!

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