2026 Forecast: Sixth Year of Presidency & AI Super Boom Fuel the Bull

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Today's Takeaways

- Will There be a Santa Claus Rally This Year?
- S&P 7100 By Yearend?
- Bullish Post-Election Pattern Still On Track
- But Best Case 20% Gain Becoming Harder to Reach
- 2026 Forecast Base Case: Bullish 6th Year of Presidency 8-12%
- Second Midterm Year About Legacy
- Hitting the Trifecta & AI Super Boom
- Commodity & Bitcoin Midterm Seasonal Patterns & Technicals

2025 Annual Forecast – Best Case on Track – 20% Needs Santa

- **Base Case:** ~~65%~~ 30% Probability – Bull market tacks on average market gains of 8-12% with pullbacks in Q1 and Q3. Choppy trading as the market navigates change in Washington and the Fed trying to balance inflationary forces with sustained economic growth and a stable labor market.

- **Best Case:** ~~25%~~ 70% Probability – Trump administration proves effective with few missteps. Inflation remains contained and U.S. economy continues steady growth without overheating or stalling. Geopolitics cools. Goldilocks scenario. More of a recent post-election pattern as the best year of the 4-year cycle since 1985 (page 11, Stock Trader's Almanac 2025). Above average gains of 12-20%.

- ~~**Worst Case:** 10%~~ Probability – Old school weak Republican President post-election year performance (page 28, Stock Trader's Almanac 2025). Trump administration and Republican Congress implement to many drastic measures. Inflation spikes, economy cools, rates higher for longer and stubborn global turmoil. Teetering on bear market recession territory. Flat to negative full-year performance with broad losses across most asset classes.

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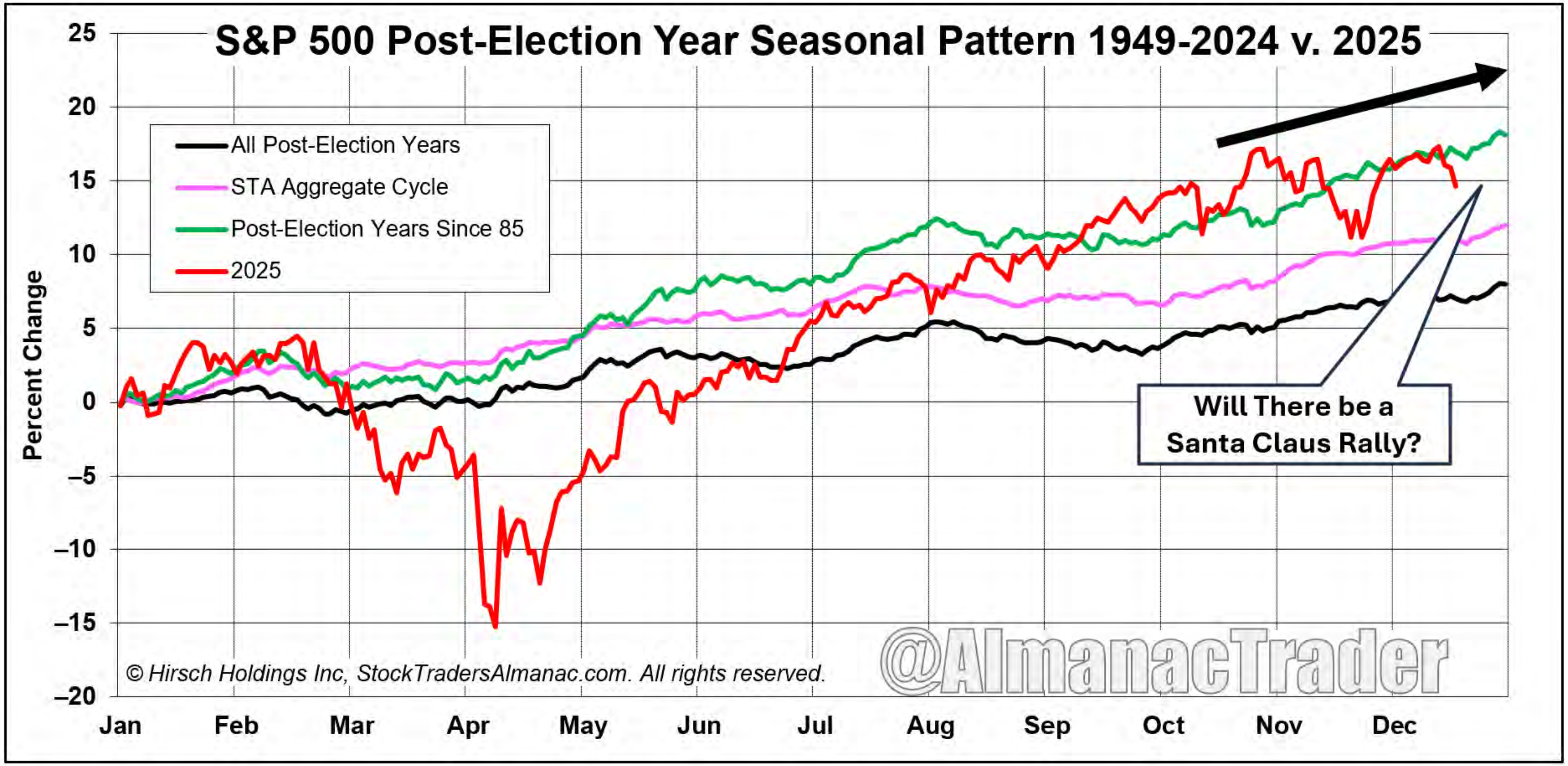
Bullish Post-Election Patterns – Will Santa Claus Rally Deliver?



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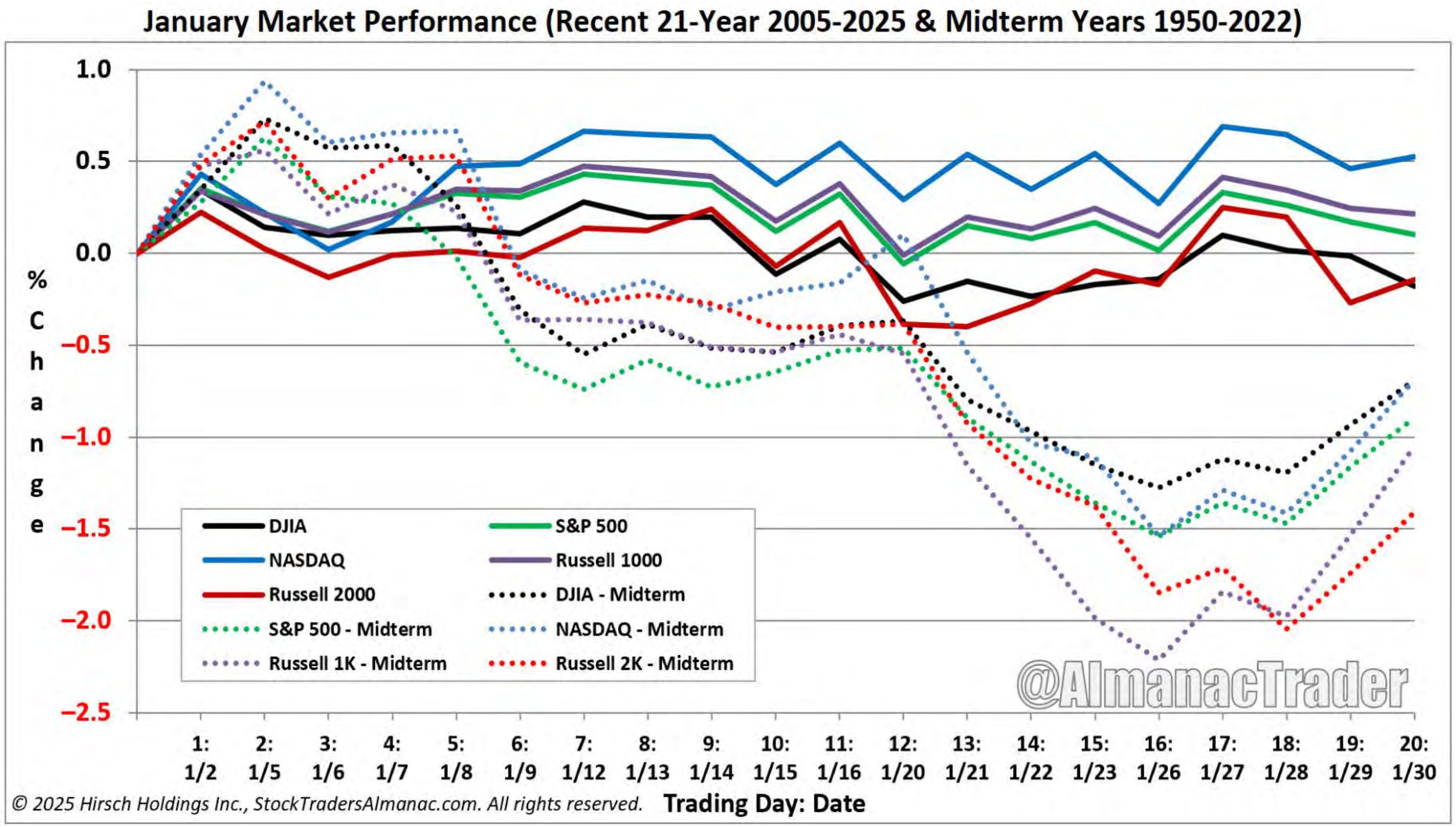
January 2026 Almanac: January Weaker in Midterm Year



Midterm Year January since 1950

	Rank	Avg %	Up	Down
DJIA	9	–0.7	9	10
S&P 500	11	–0.9	9	10
NASDAQ*	5	–0.7	6	7
Russell 1K**	10	–1.1	5	6
Russell 2K**	9	–1.4	4	7

** Since 1971, ** Since 1979*

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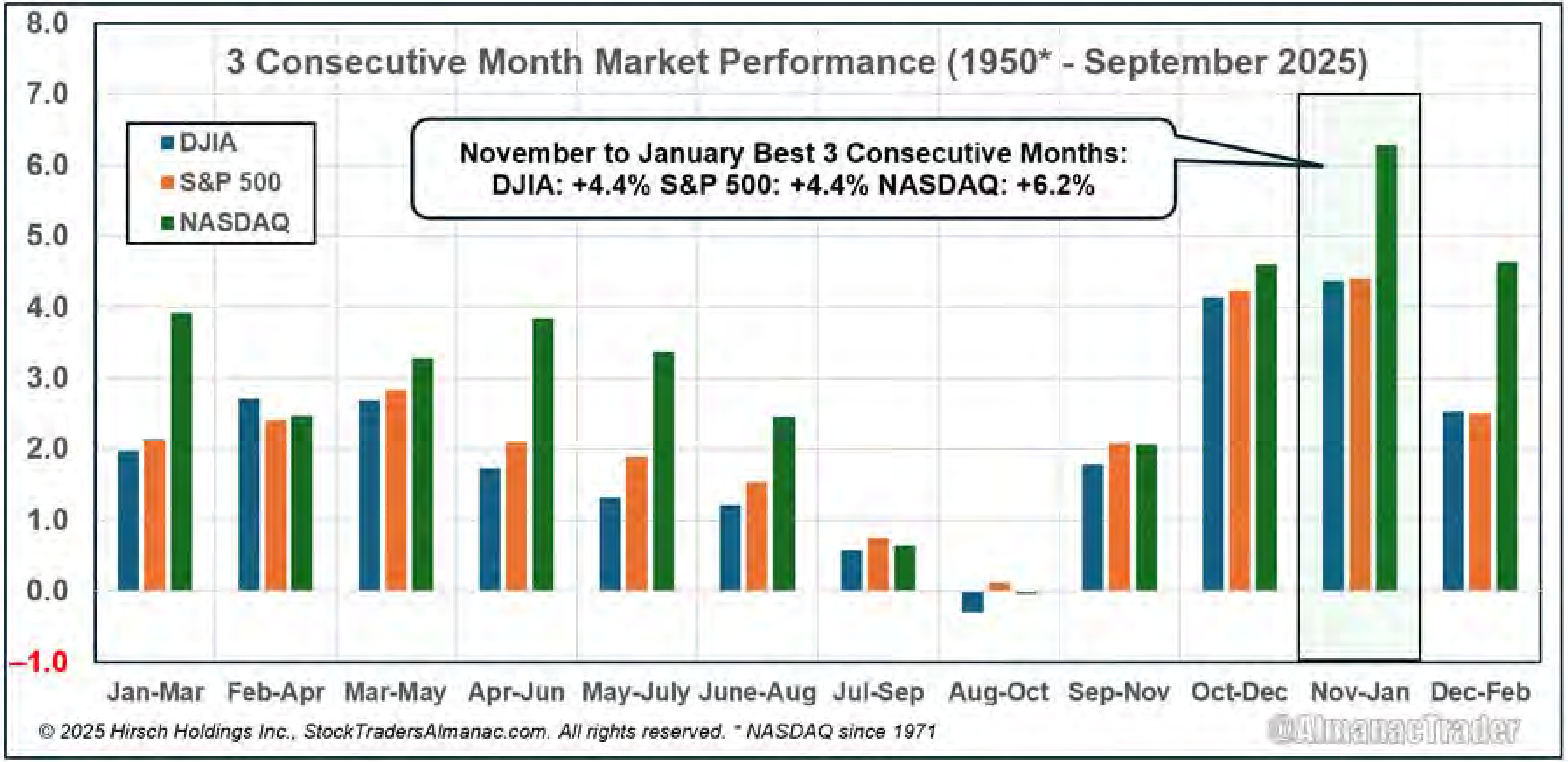
Best 3-Months Behind



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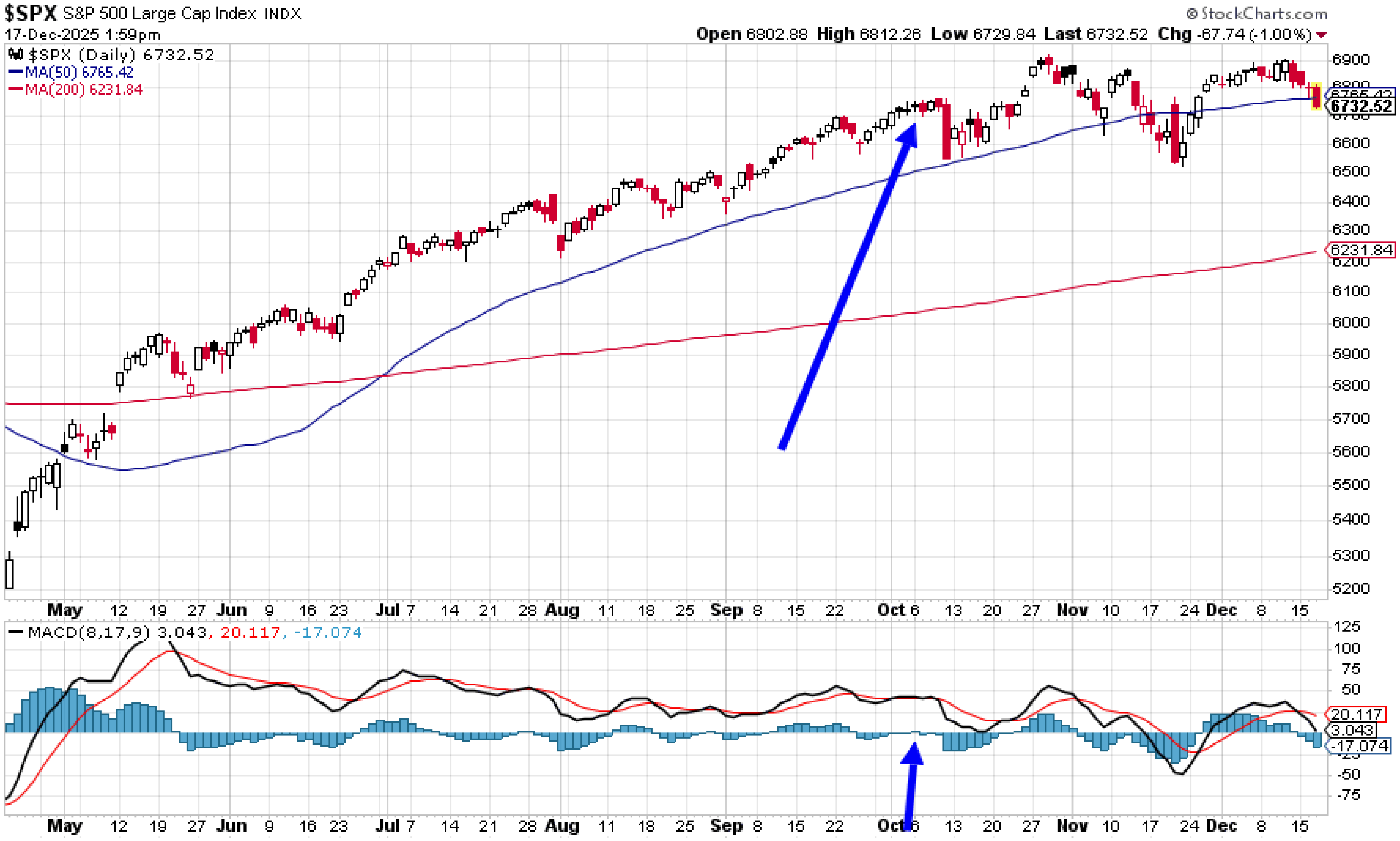
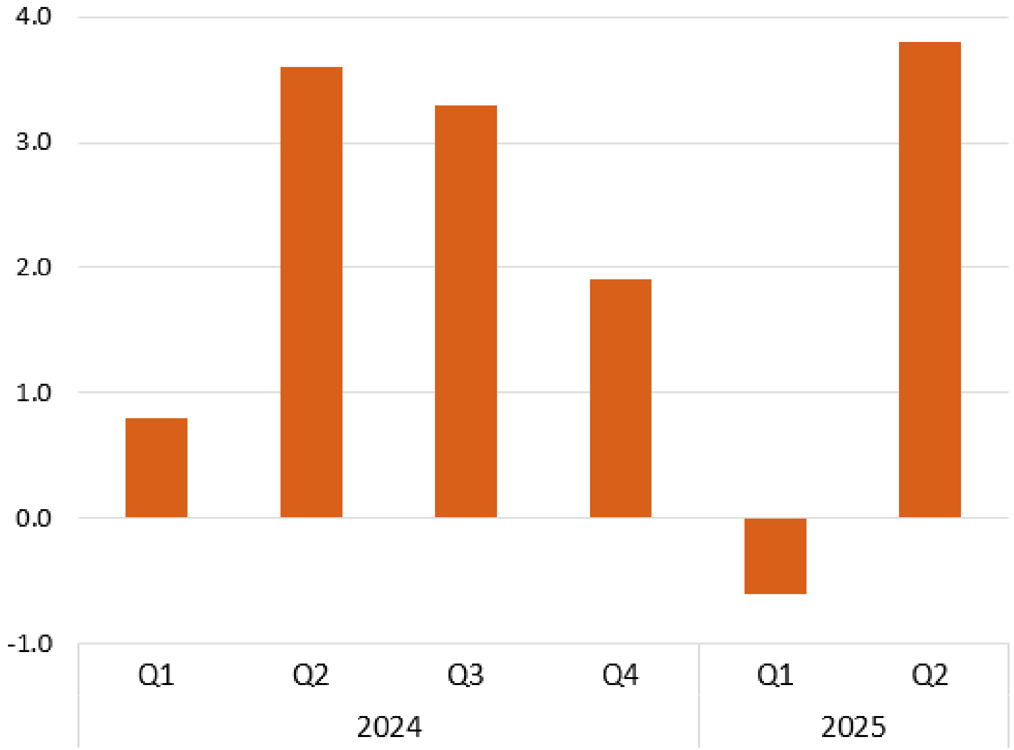
S&P 500 Below Seasonal MACD Buy



Economy: Q2 Came in Strong | Q3 Delayed But Looking Solid

Real GDP, Percent Change From Preceding Quarter



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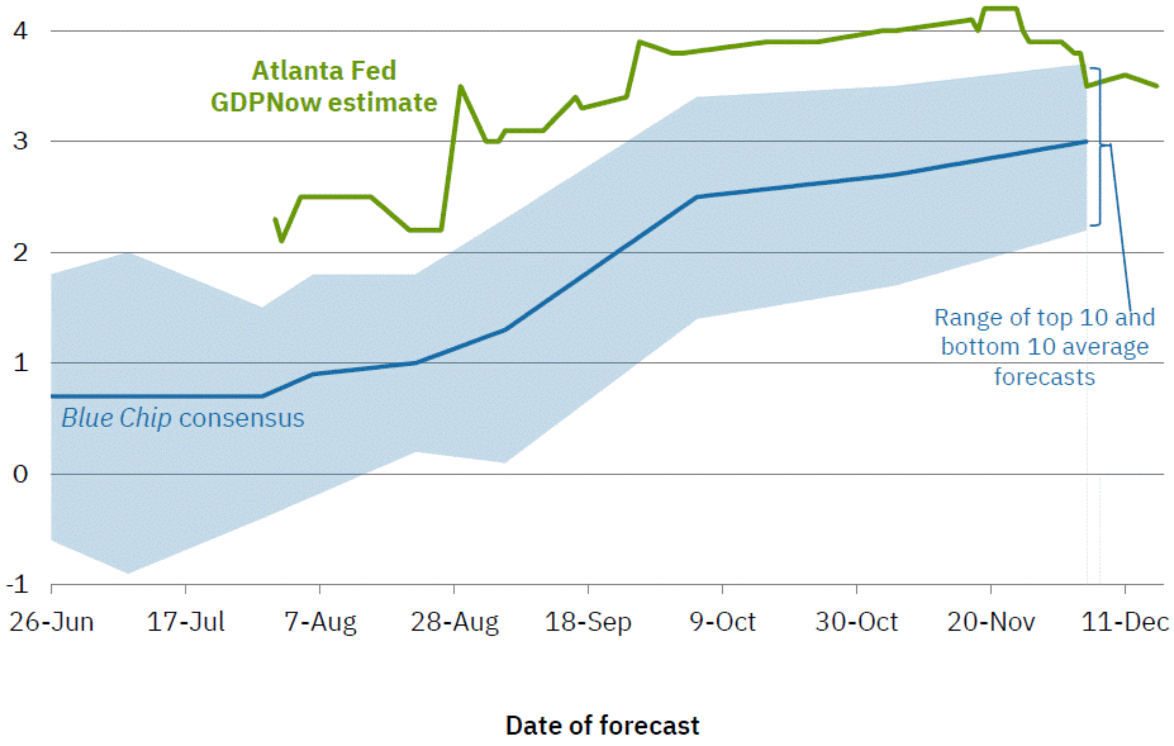
Seasonally adjusted annual rates

Evolution of Atlanta Fed GDPNow real GDP estimate for 2025: Q3

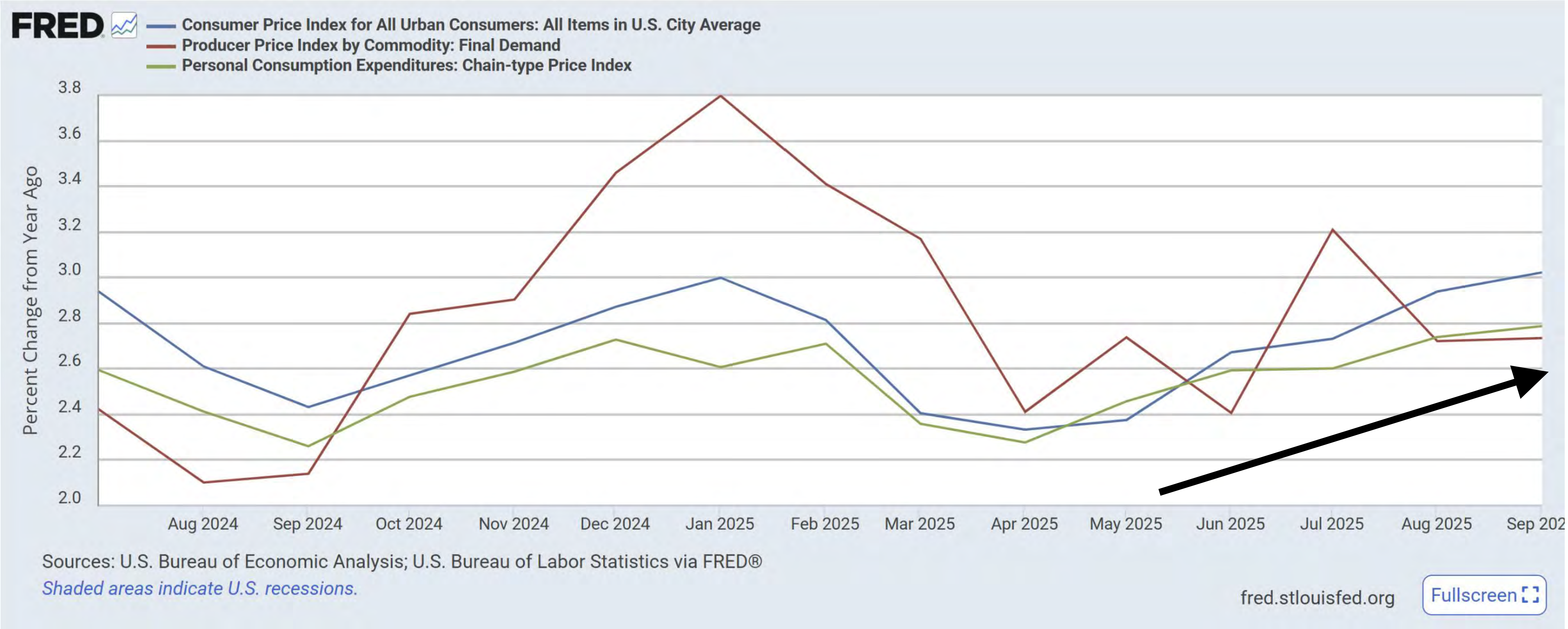
Quarterly percent change (SAAR)



Sources: *Blue Chip Economic Indicators* and *Blue Chip Financial Forecasts*

Note: The top (bottom) 10 average forecast is an average of the highest (lowest) 10 forecasts in the *Blue Chip* survey.

Inflation Rising



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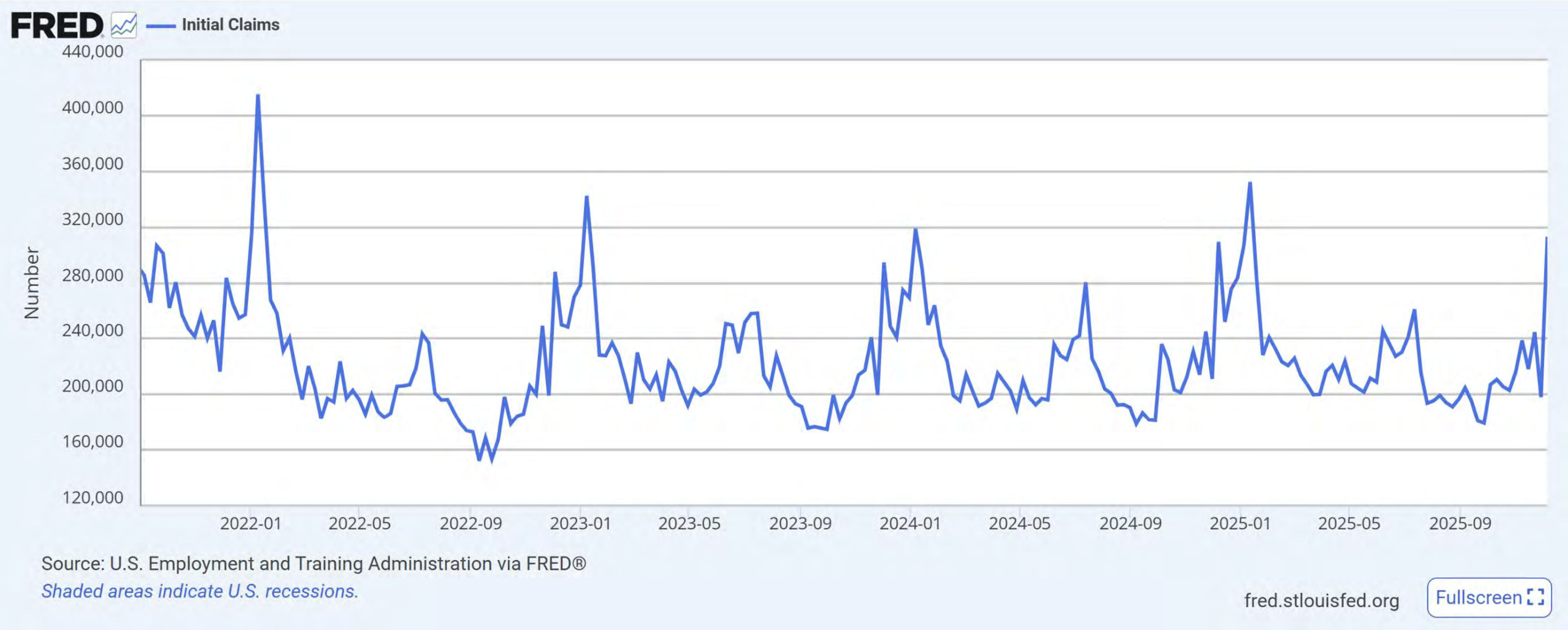
Unemployment Concerns Seasonal?



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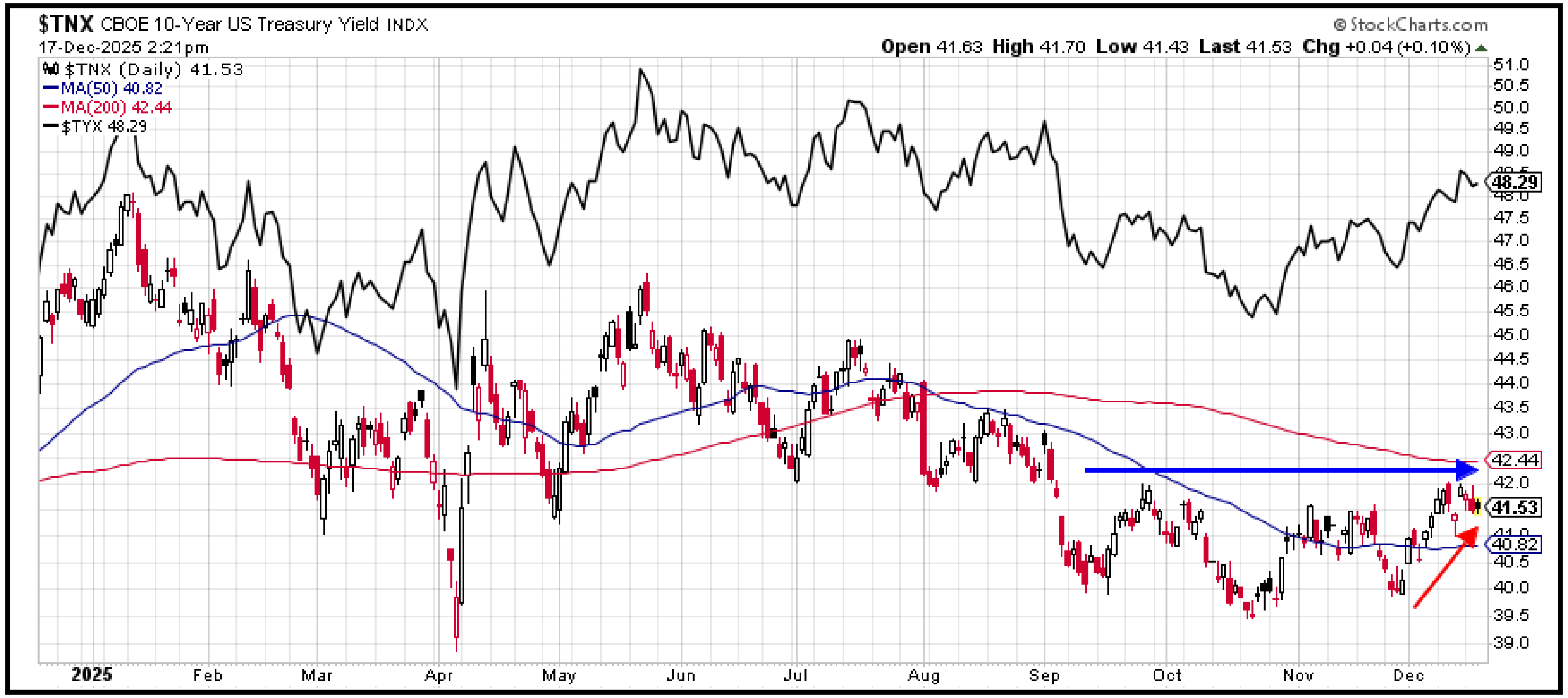
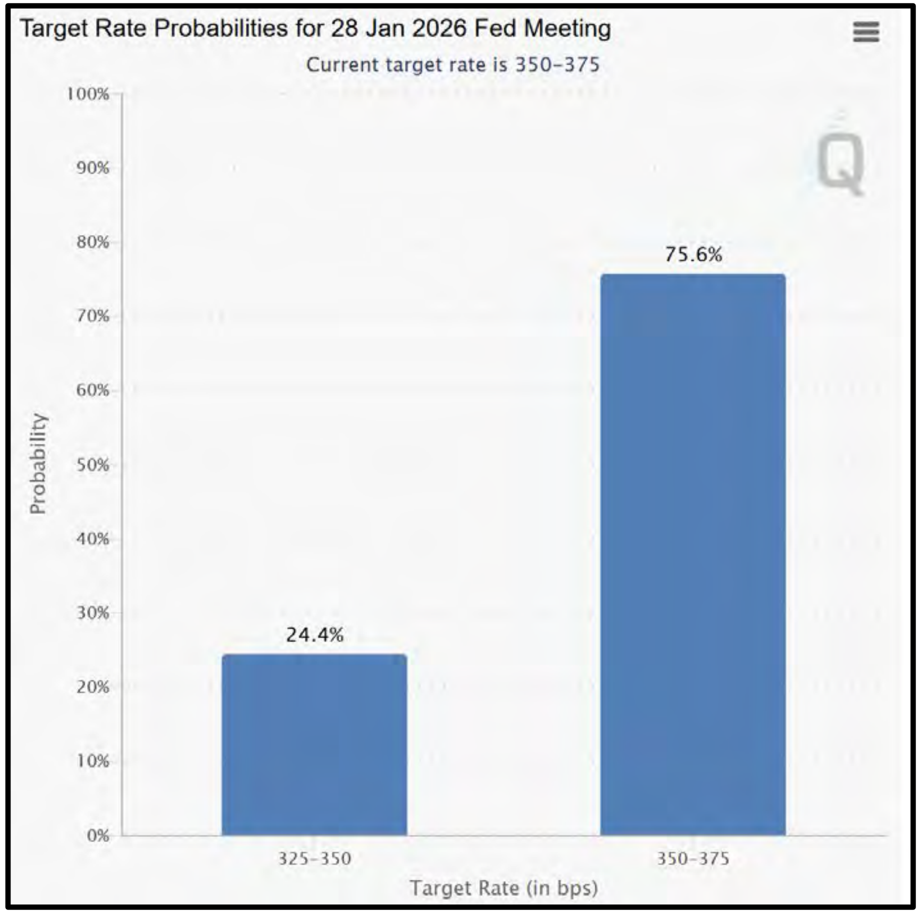
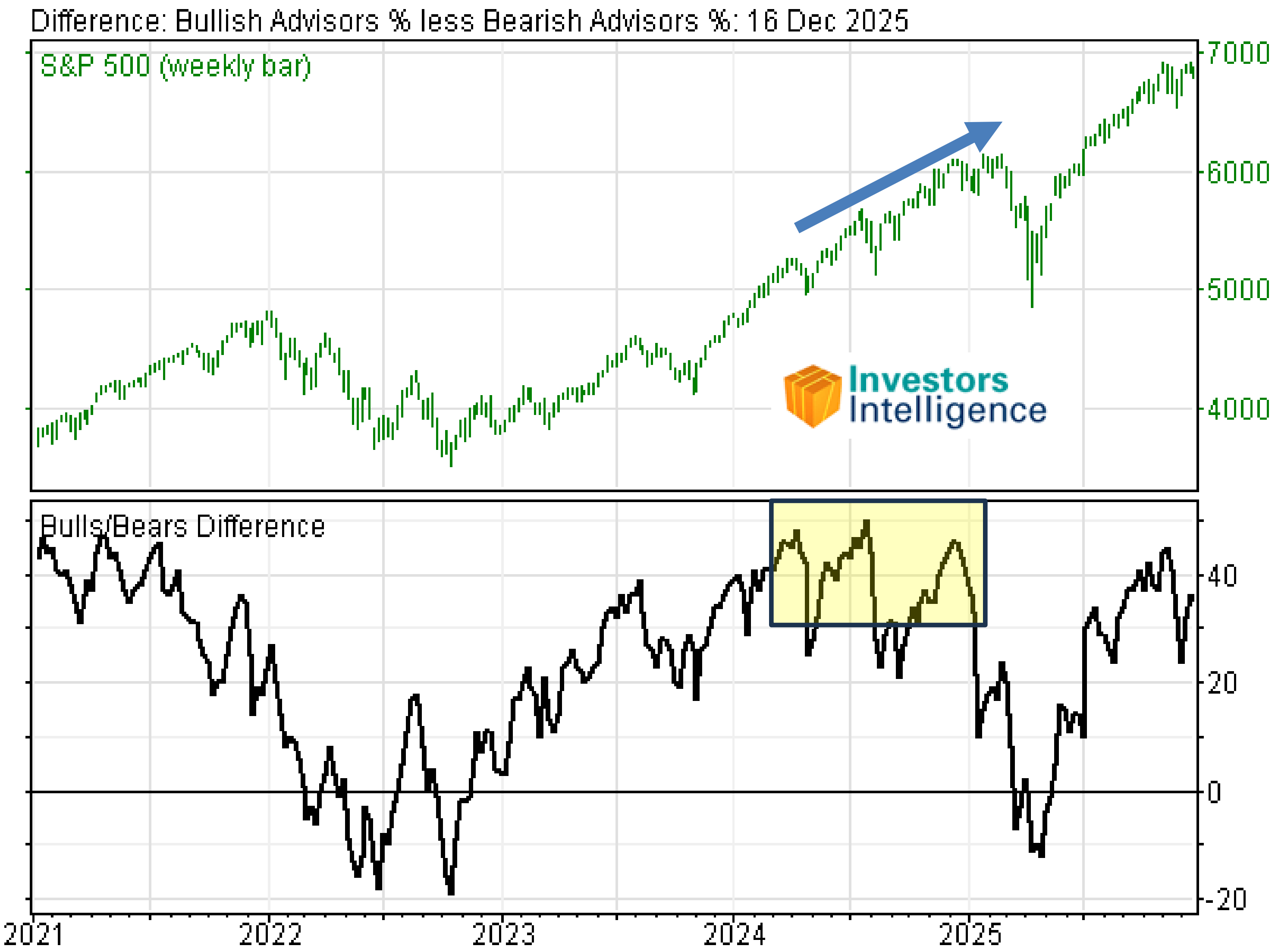
Interest Rate State of Confusion





Sentiment Rising



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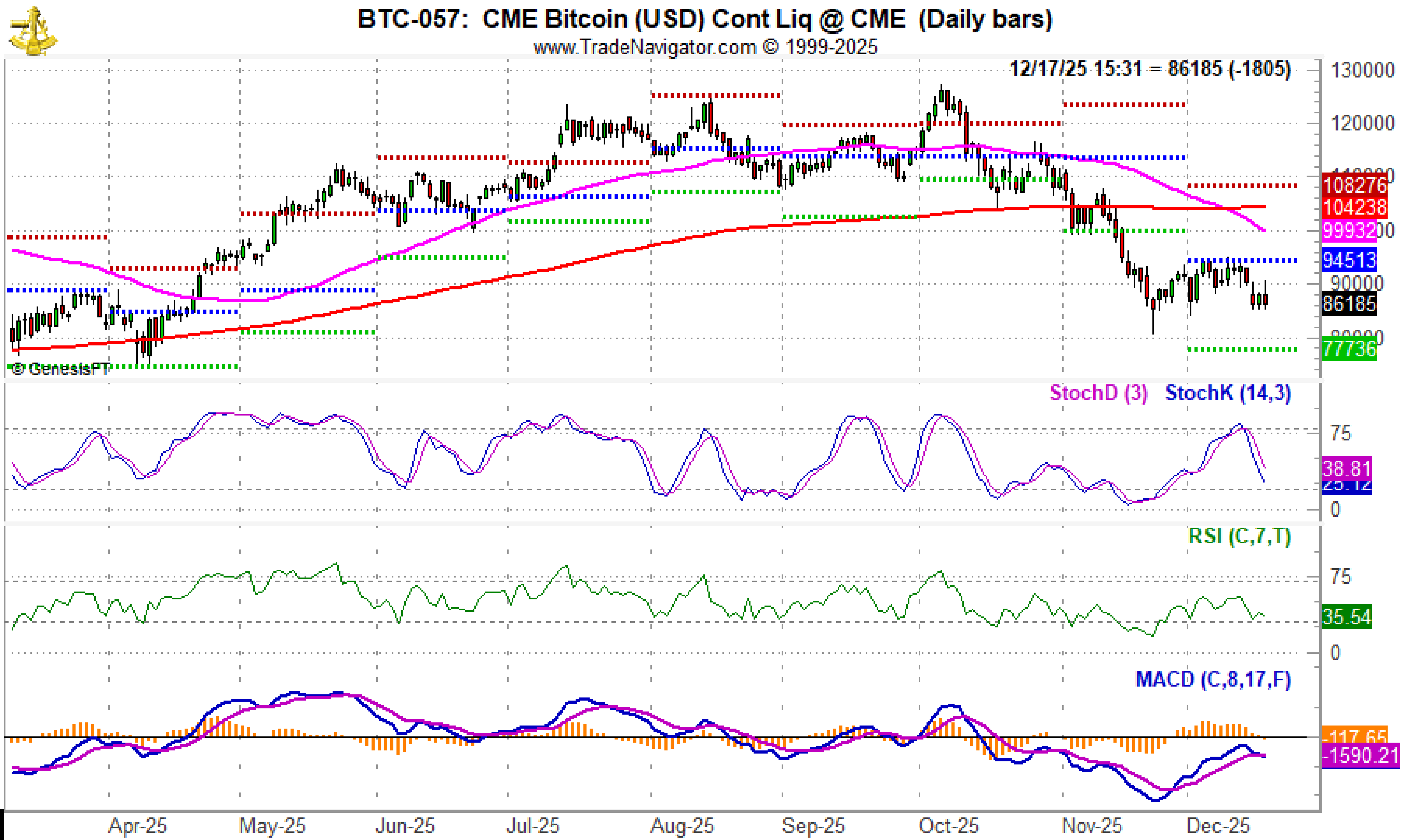
Commodity Corner: BTC Crumbles



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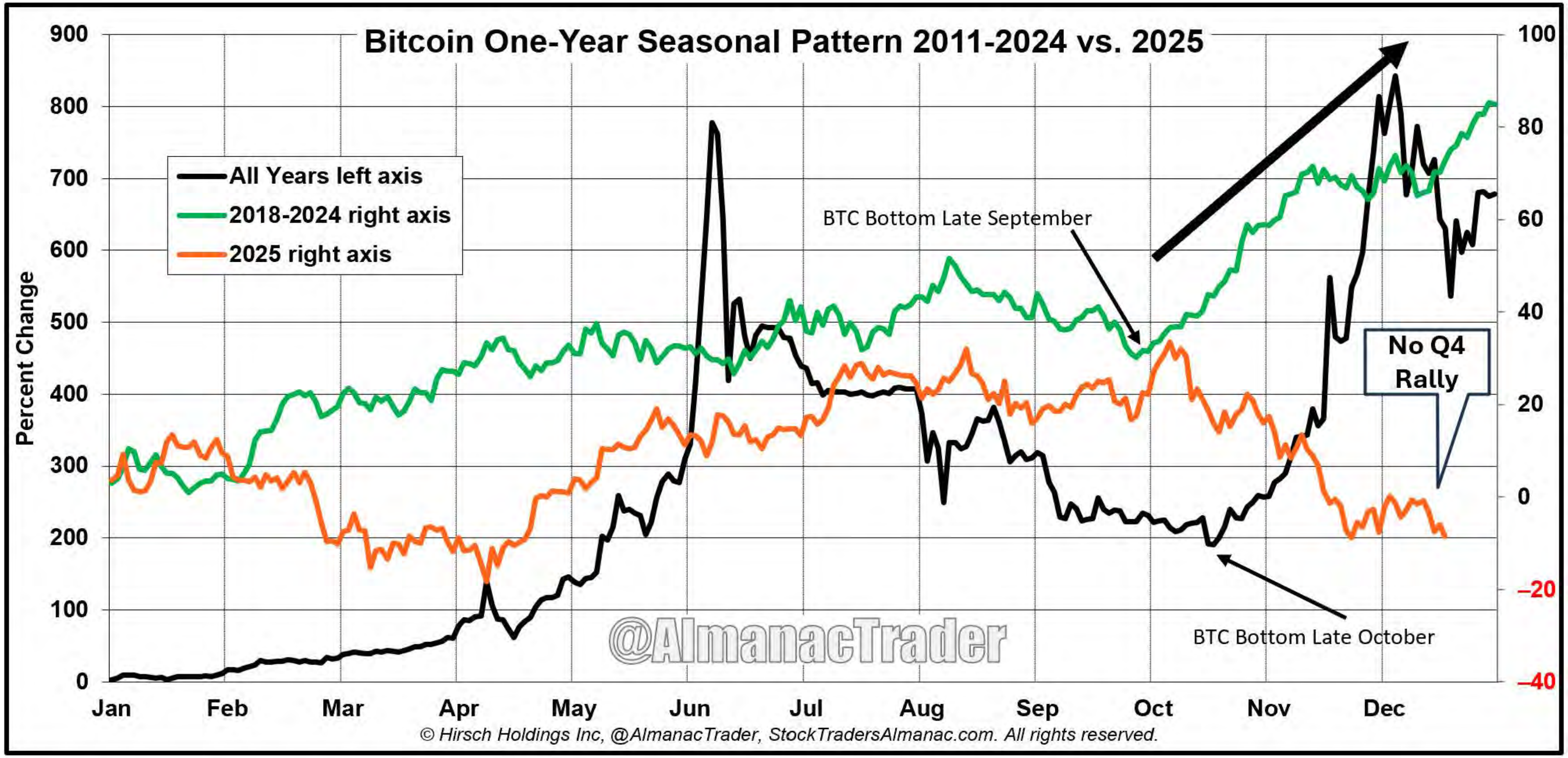
Bitcoin One-Year Seasonal Pattern Not Happening



Midterm Election Years Horrible for Bitcoin

Bitcoin's 4-Year Presidential Election Cycle				
4- Cycle Year Beginning	Post-Election Year	Midterm Year*	Pre-Election Year	Election Year
2009	—	500.00	1365.52	180.74
2013	9218.90	– 55.58	180.85	161.15
2017	2315.53	– 59.11	120.46	316.74
2021	87.39	– 51.08	165.28	167.84
*2025***	– 5.76	—	—	—
Average:	**3873.94**	**83.56**	**458.03**	**206.62**
Median:	**2315.53**	**– 53.33**	**173.07**	**174.29**
Max:	**9218.90**	**500.00**	**1365.52**	**316.74**
Min:	**87.39**	**– 59.11**	**120.46**	**161.15**
# Up:	**3**	**1**	**4**	**4**
# Down:	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
% Higher:	**100.0**	**25.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**

**2010 Partial year, Data begins July 16, 2010. ** 2025 As of 11/23/2025 6pmET*

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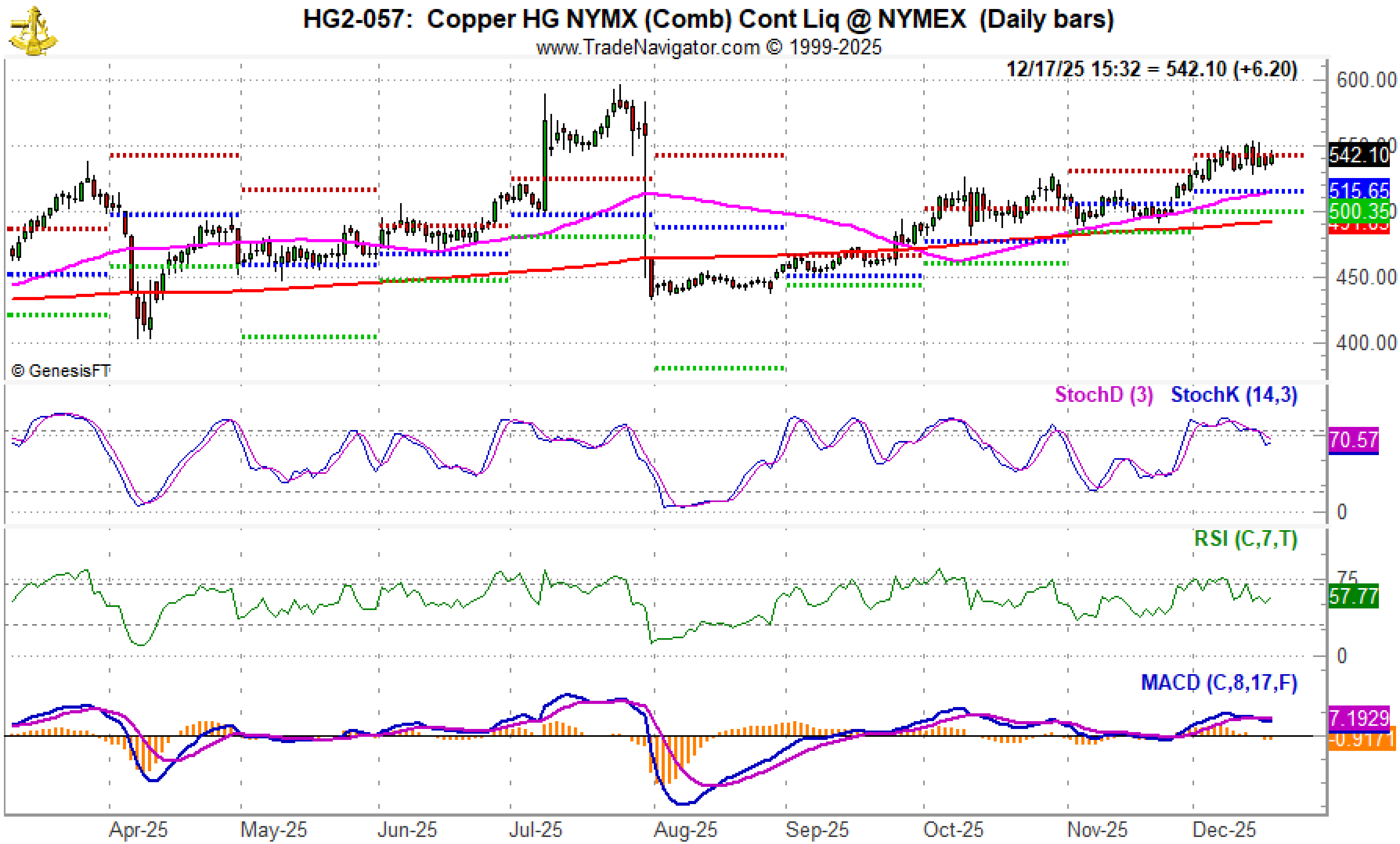
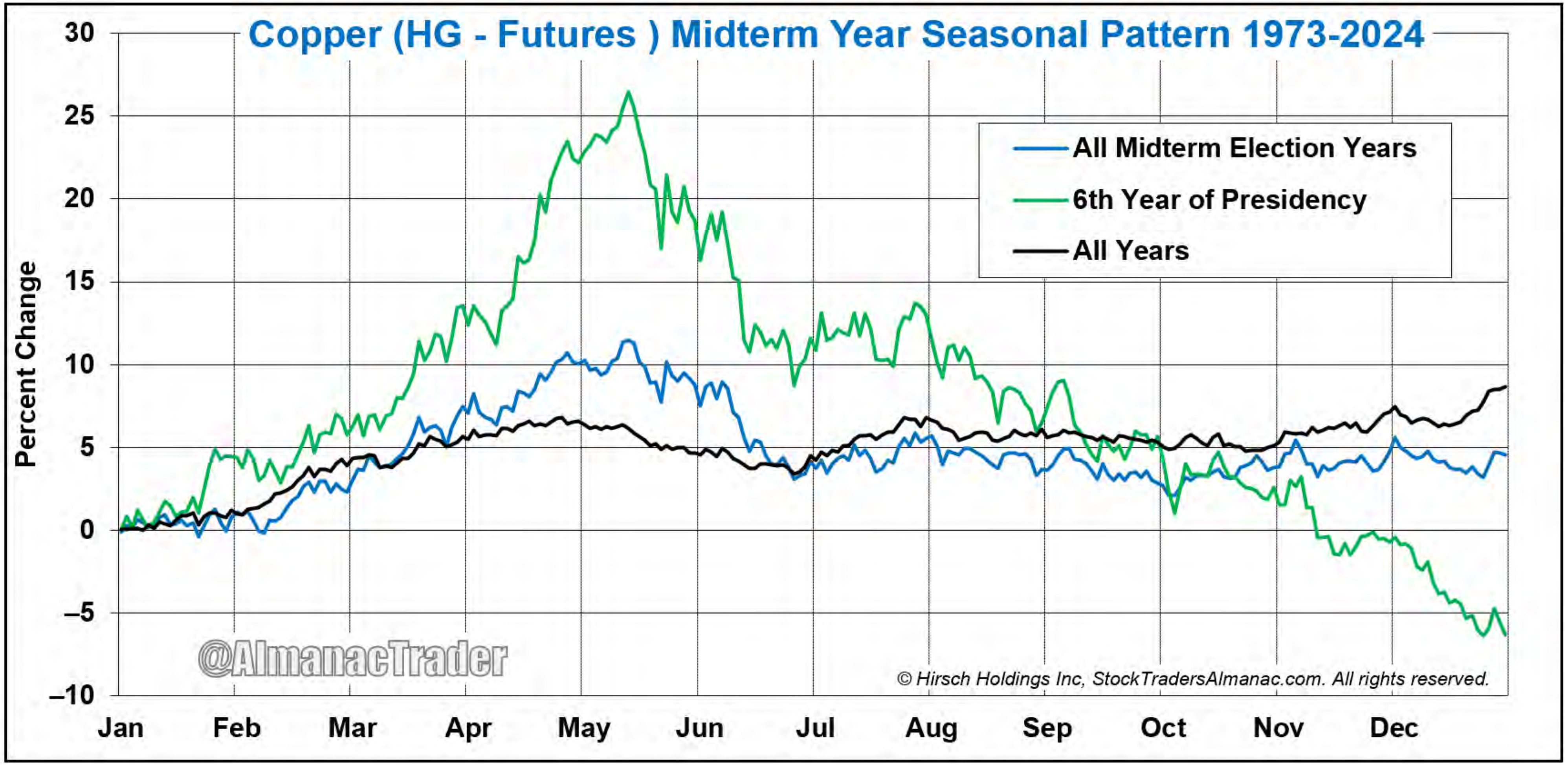
Commodity Corner: Dr. Copper Still Trending Higher



Copper Midterm Year Seasonal Pattern



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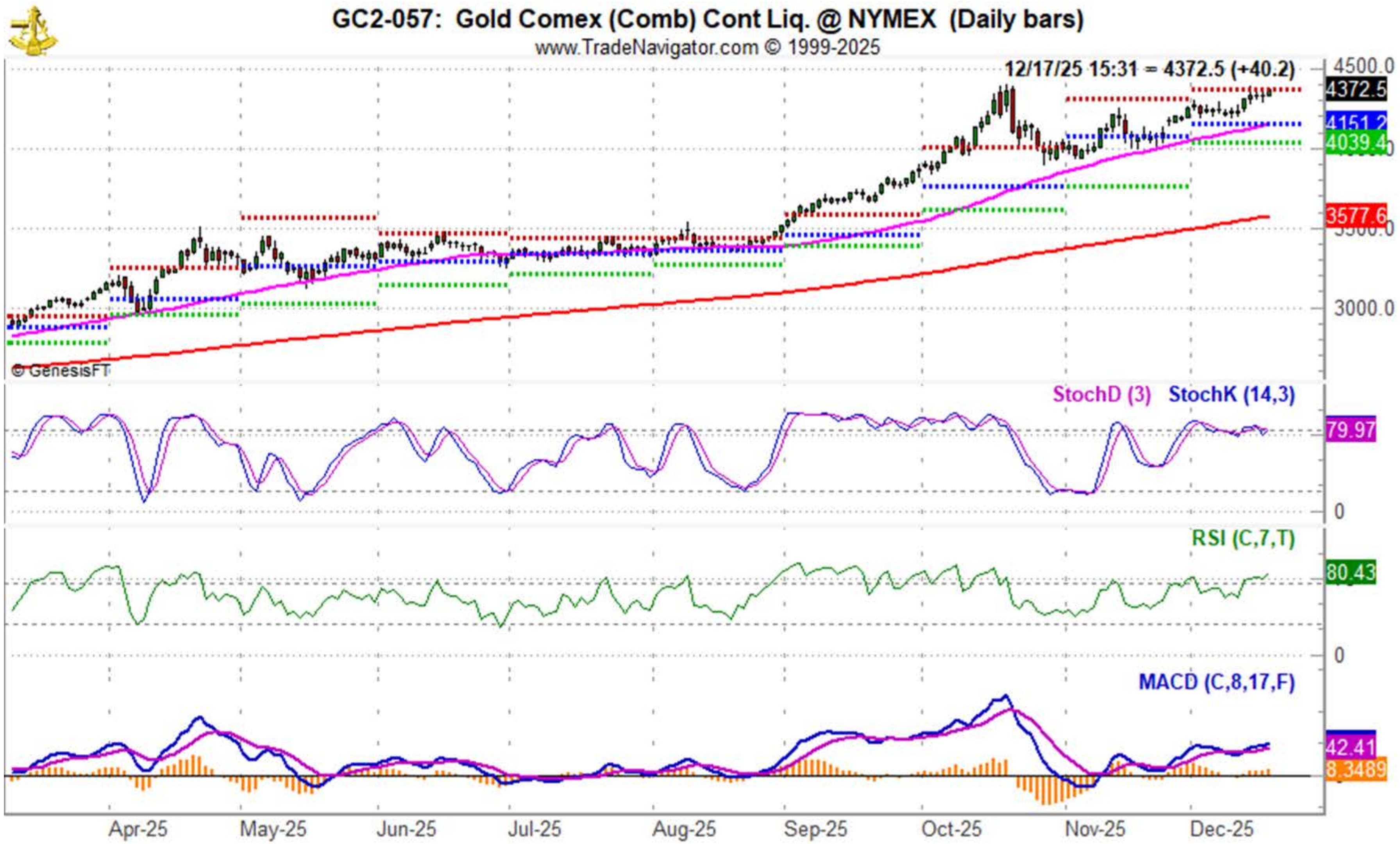
Commodity Corner: Gold at Resistance



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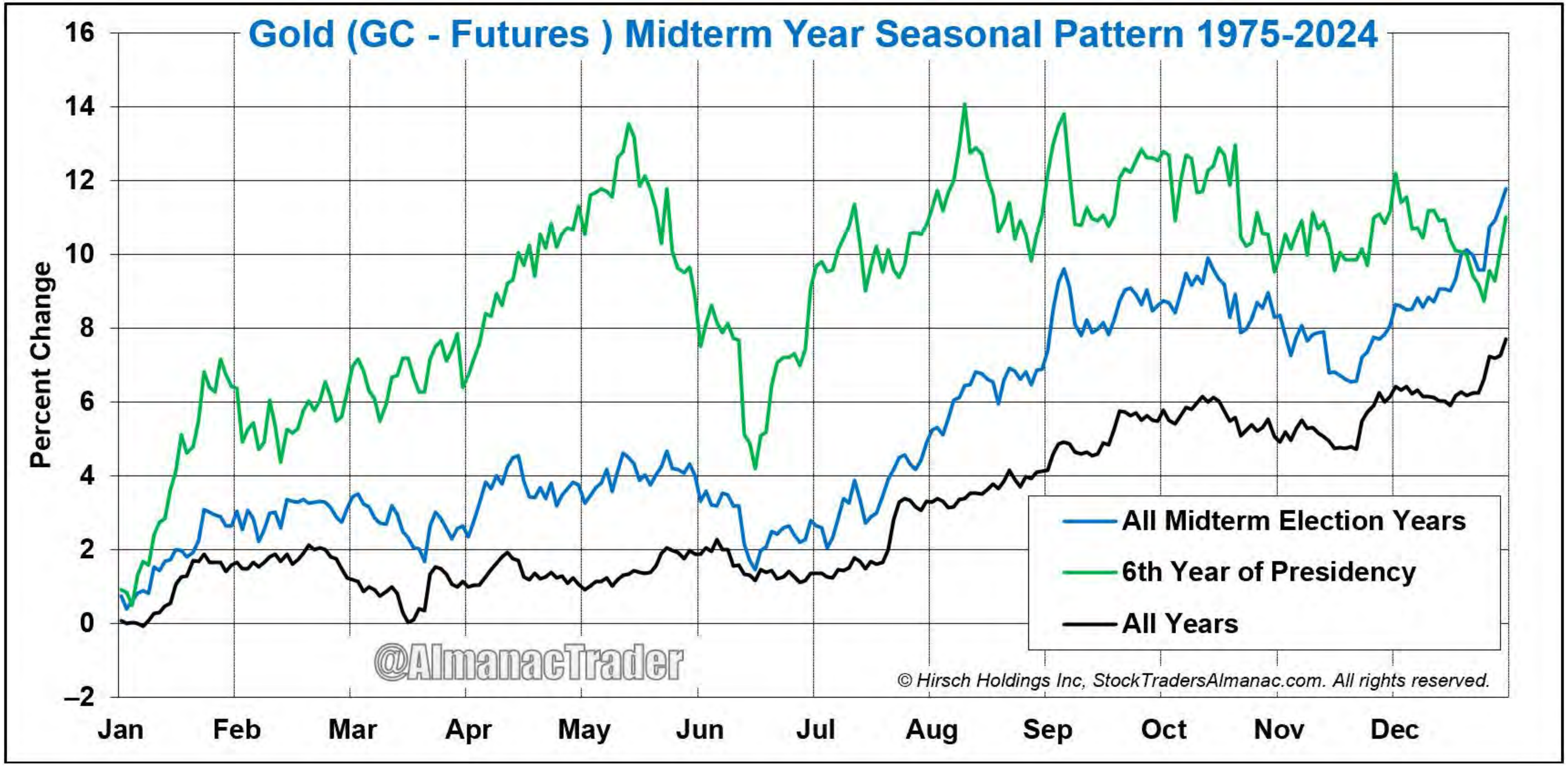
Gold Midterm Year Seasonal Pattern



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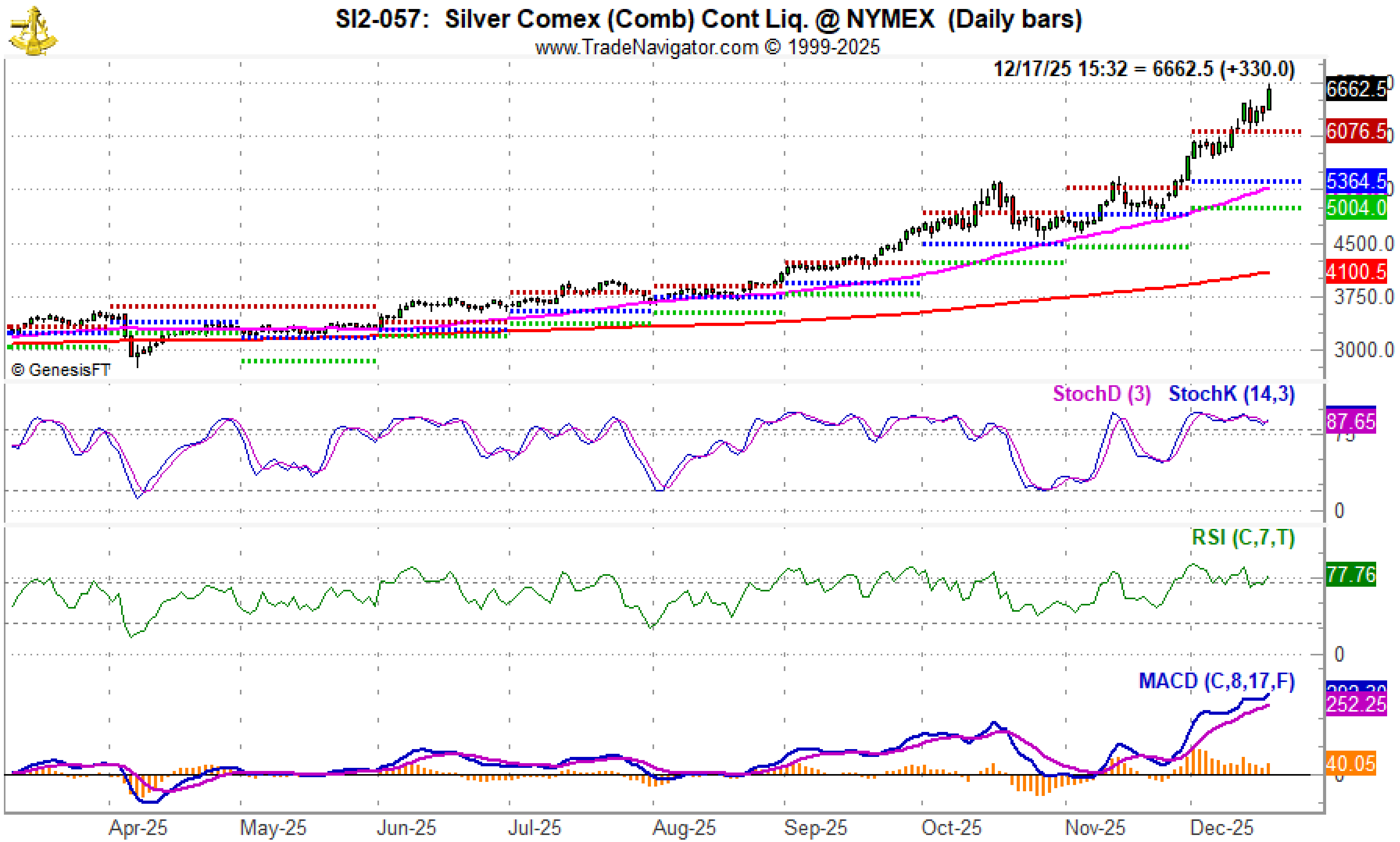
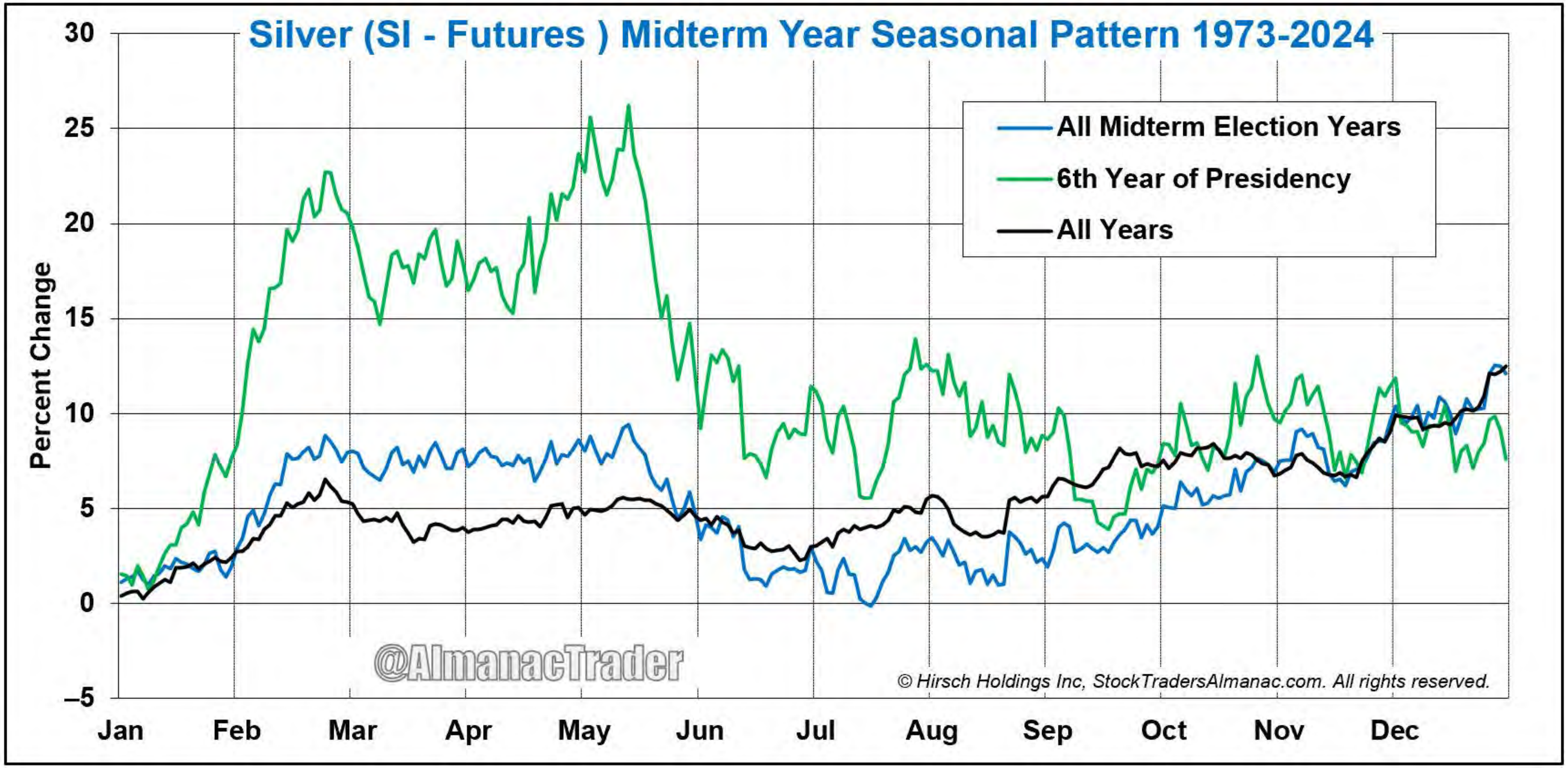
Commodity Corner: Silver Going Vertical



Silver Midterm Year Seasonal Pattern



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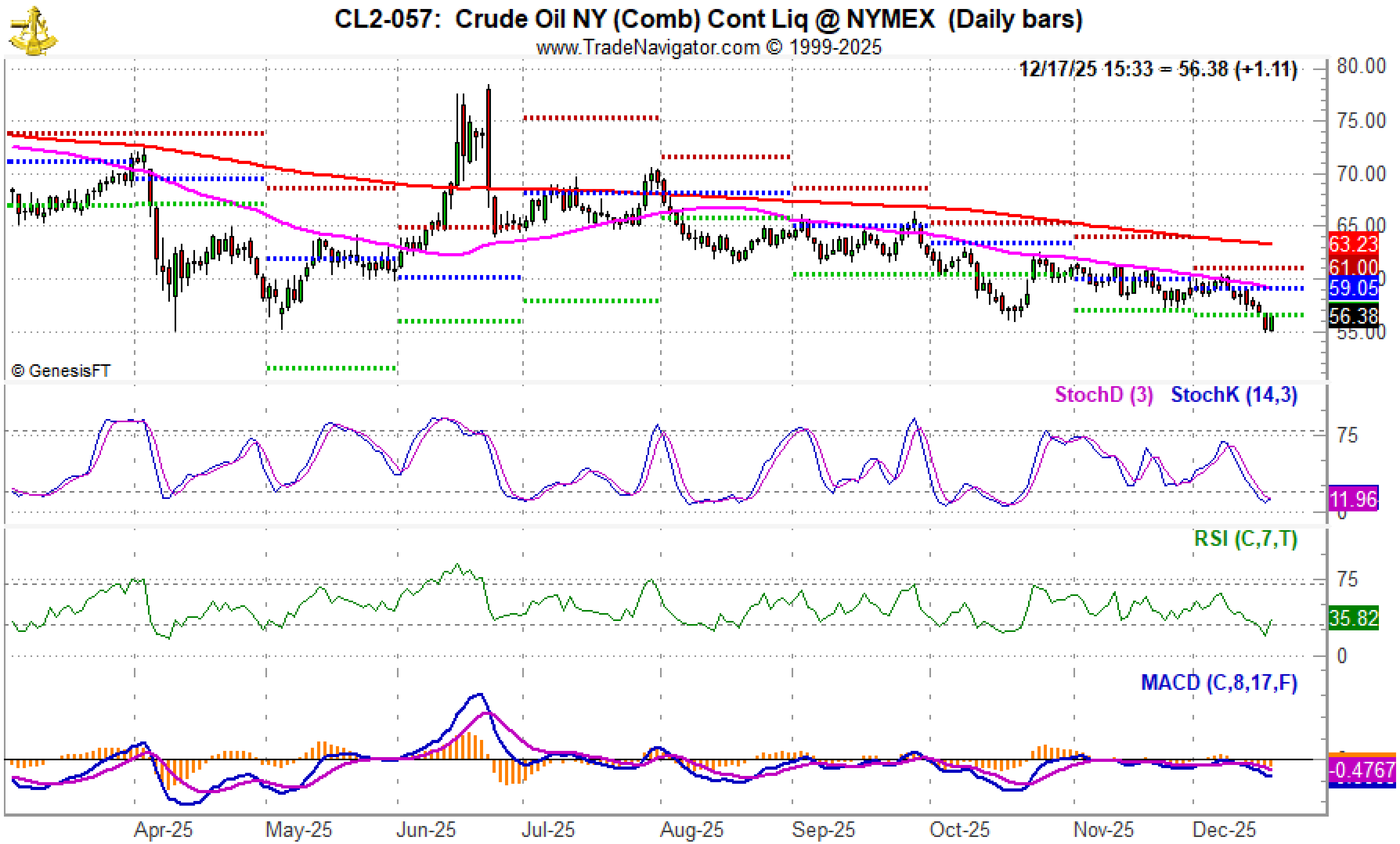
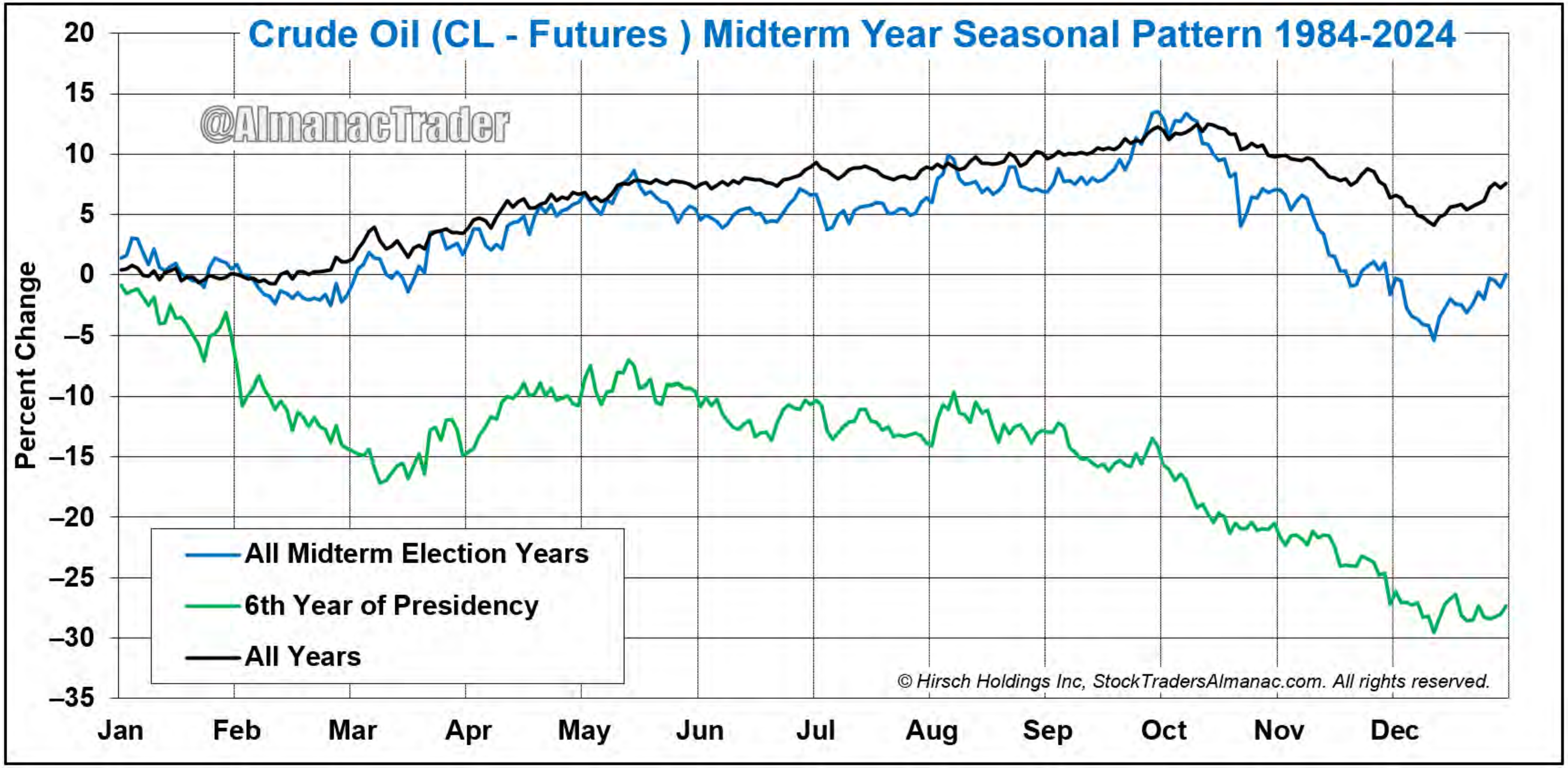
Commodity Corner: Crude Seeking Seasonal Low



Crude Oil Midterm Year Seasonal Pattern



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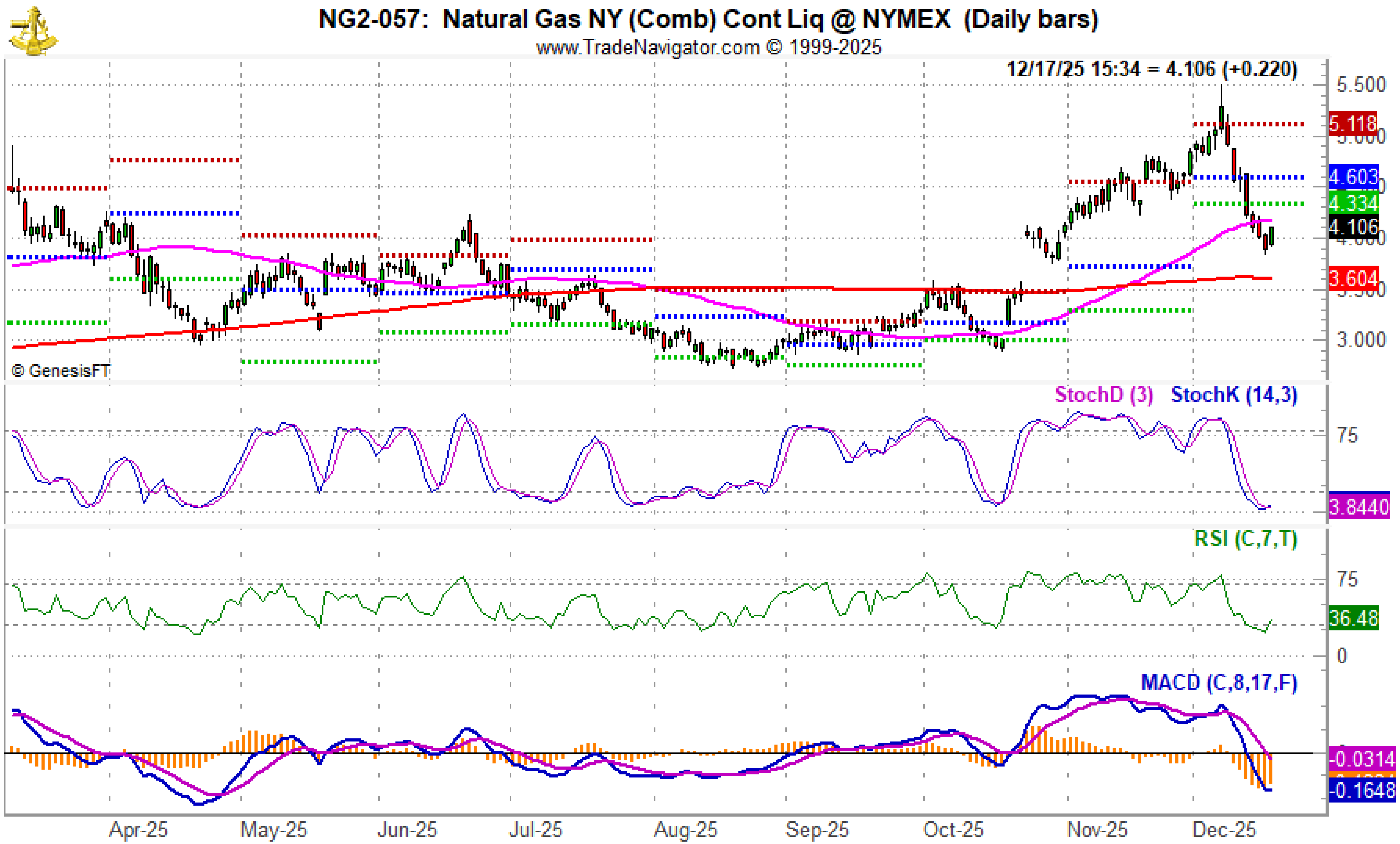
Commodity Corner: Nat Gas in Retreat



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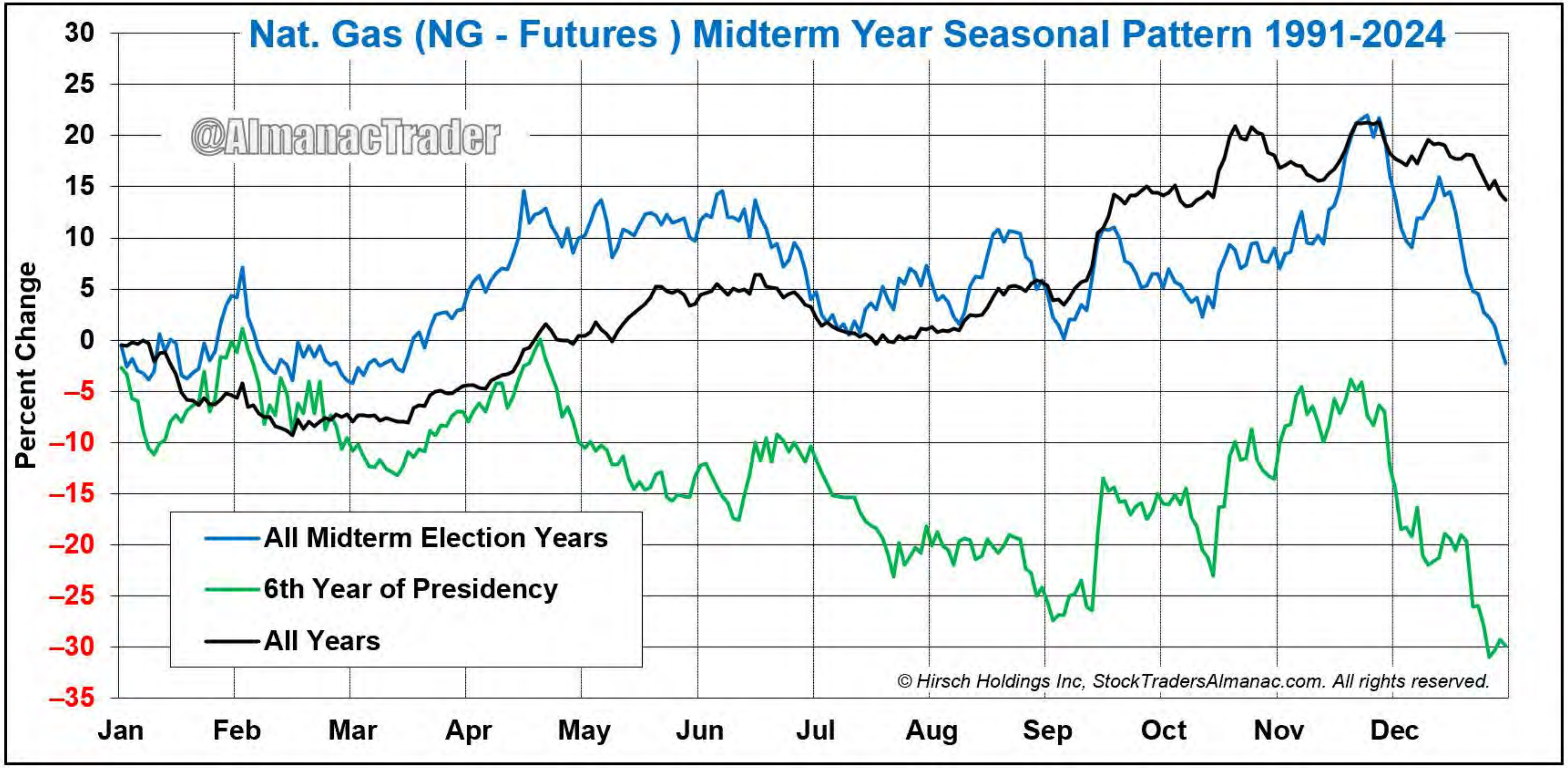
Nat Gas Midterm Year Seasonal Pattern



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2026 Forecast: 6th Year of Presidency & AI Super Boom Fuel the Bull

- **Base Case:** *70% Probability* – Some volatility, most likely in Q3 of 2026. Late 2026 rally in Q4 ultimately pushes the market to historical sixth year of presidential administrations gains for the year of around 8-12%. Inflation concerns linger but do not grow, the administration's numerous policy changes deliver mixed yet positive results, new Fed chairman has seamless transition, and the labor market remains reasonably stable while the AI-fueled spending and development "Super Boom" continues.
- **Best Case:** *10% Probability* – Trump administration's tariff, tax, immigration, and fiscal policy produce an acceleration of economic activity with limited collateral damage (volatility). Corporate profits continue to grow and estimates move steadily higher. Inflation expectations cool and it trends back towards the Fed's 2% target. Labor market firms and begins adding 100k+ net new jobs monthly. President cements his legacy, his party retains control of Congress, and the market blasts higher. Full-year gains exceed 20%.
- **Worst Case:** *20% Probability* – An old-school, ugly and volatile midterm year. Policy flops, inflation surges, labor market briskly deteriorates, geopolitical hotspots flare, corporate earnings rollover and/or AI-stock valuations get reset. Mild bear market with economy teetering on recession. Negative to flat full-year performance with broad losses across asset classes.

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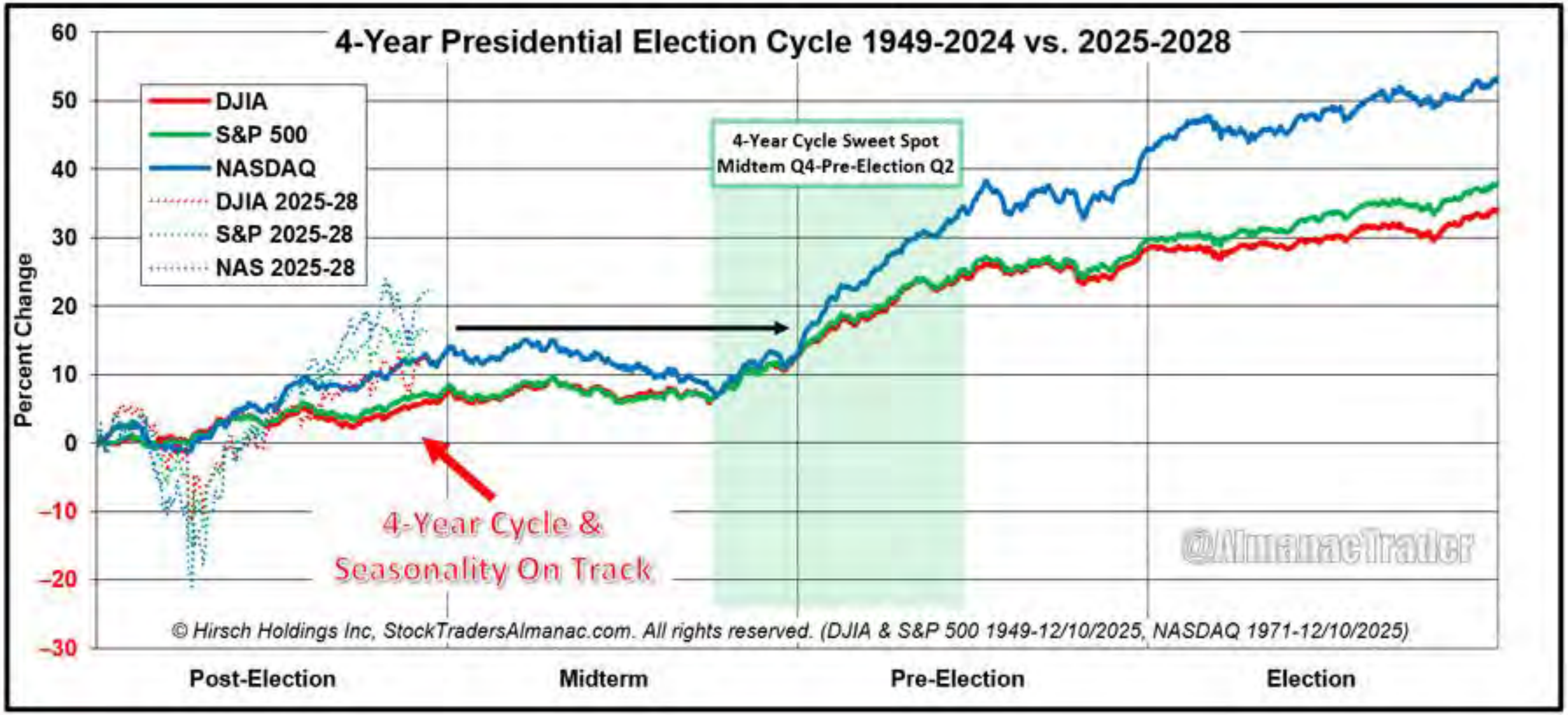
The Sweet Spot of the 4-Year Cycle: Midterm Q4 to Pre-Election Q2



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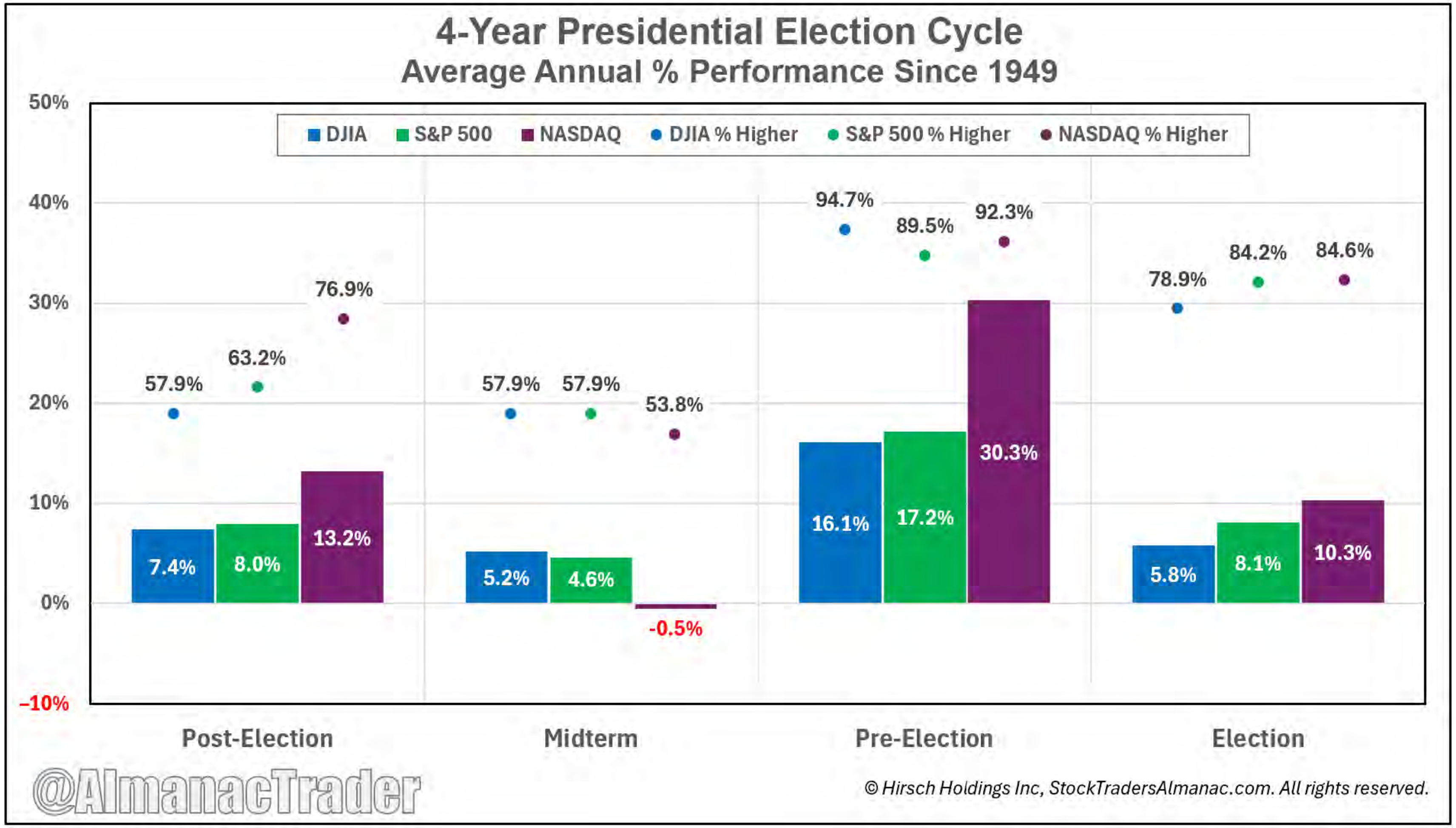
4-Year Presidential Election Cycle Average Annual % Performance



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Why A 50% Gain Is Possible From 2026 Low To 2027 High

% CHANGE IN DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS BETWEEN THE MIDTERM YEAR LOW AND THE HIGH IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR

	Midterm Year Low				Pre-Election Year High				
	Date of Low			Dow	Date of High			Dow	% Gain
1	Jul	30	1914*	52.32	Dec	27	1915	99.21	89.6%
2	Jan	15	1918**	73.38	Nov	3	1919	119.62	63.0
3	Jan	10	1922**	78.59	Mar	20	1923	105.38	34.1
4	Mar	30	1926*	135.20	Dec	31	1927	202.40	49.7
5	Dec	16	1930*	157.51	Feb	24	1931	194.36	23.4
6	Jul	26	1934*	85.51	Nov	19	1935	148.44	73.6
7	Mar	31	1938*	98.95	Sep	12	1939	155.92	57.6
8	Apr	28	1942*	92.92	Jul	14	1943	145.82	56.9
9	Oct	9	1946	163.12	Jul	24	1947	186.85	14.5
10	Jan	13	1950**	196.81	Sep	13	1951	276.37	40.4
11	Jan	11	1954**	279.87	Dec	30	1955	488.40	74.5
12	Feb	25	1958**	436.89	Dec	31	1959	679.36	55.5
13	Jun	26	1962*	535.74	Dec	18	1963	767.21	43.2
14	Oct	7	1966*	744.32	Sep	25	1967	943.08	26.7
15	May	26	1970*	631.16	Apr	28	1971	950.82	50.6
16	Dec	6	1974*	577.60	Jul	16	1975	881.81	52.7
17	Feb	28	1978*	742.12	Oct	5	1979	897.61	21.0
18	Aug	12	1982*	776.92	Nov	29	1983	1287.20	65.7
19	Jan	22	1986	1502.29	Aug	25	1987	2722.42	81.2
20	Oct	11	1990*	2365.10	Dec	31	1991	3168.84	34.0
21	Apr	4	1994	3593.35	Dec	13	1995	5216.47	45.2
22	Aug	31	1998*	7539.07	Dec	31	1999	11497.12	52.5
23	Oct	9	2002*	7286.27	Dec	31	2003	10453.92	43.5
24	Jan	20	2006	10667.39	Oct	9	2007	14164.53	32.8
25	Jul	2	2010**	9686.48	Apr	29	2011	12810.54	32.3
26	Feb	3	2014	15372.80	May	19	2015	18312.39	19.1
27	Dec	24	2018	21792.20	Dec	27	2019	28645.26	31.4
28	Sep	30	2022*	28725.51	Dec	28	2023	37710.10	31.3
								Average	**46.3%**

** Bear Market ended ** Bear previous year*

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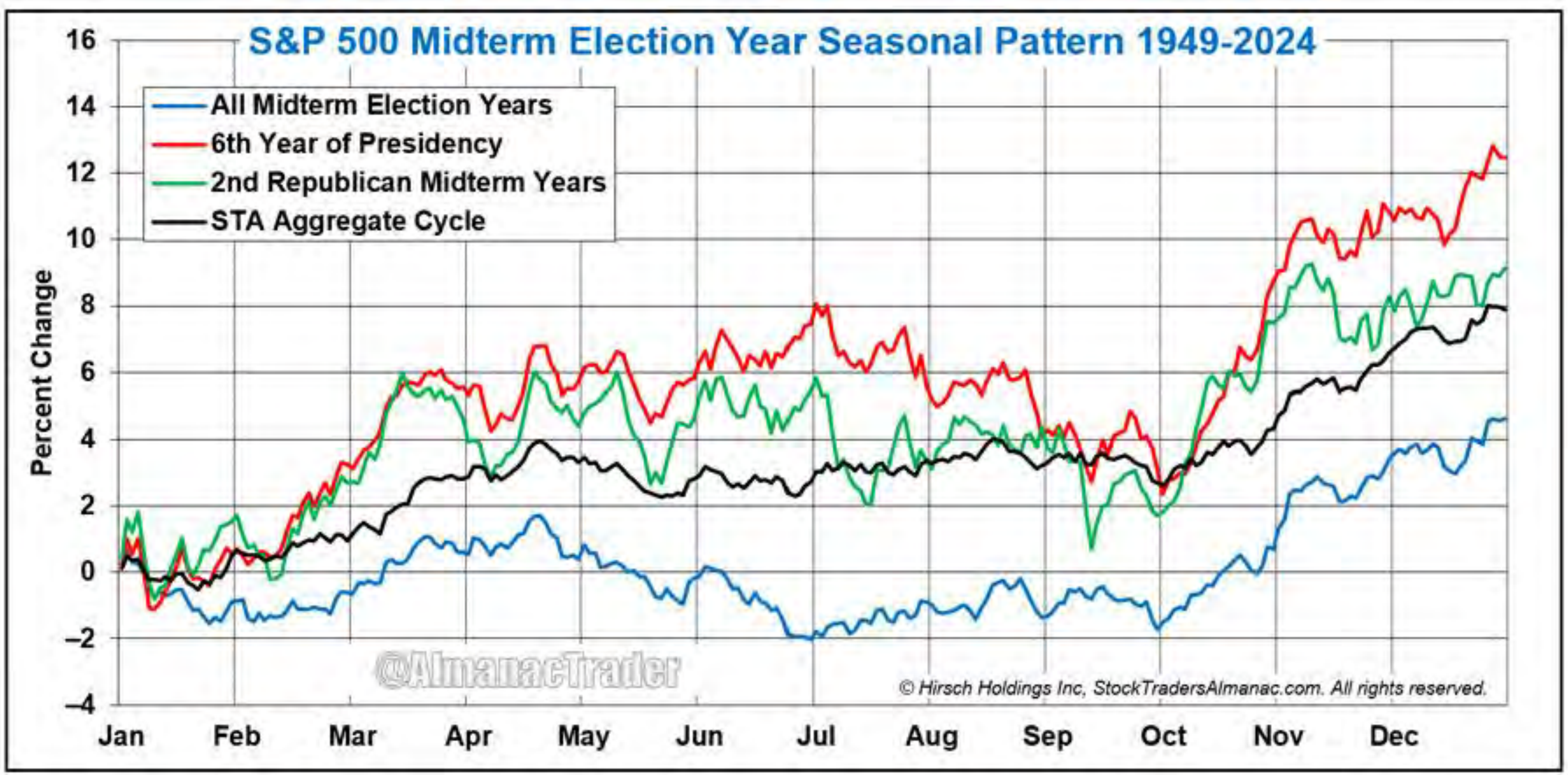
Second Midterm Year About Legacy – 2026 Outlook



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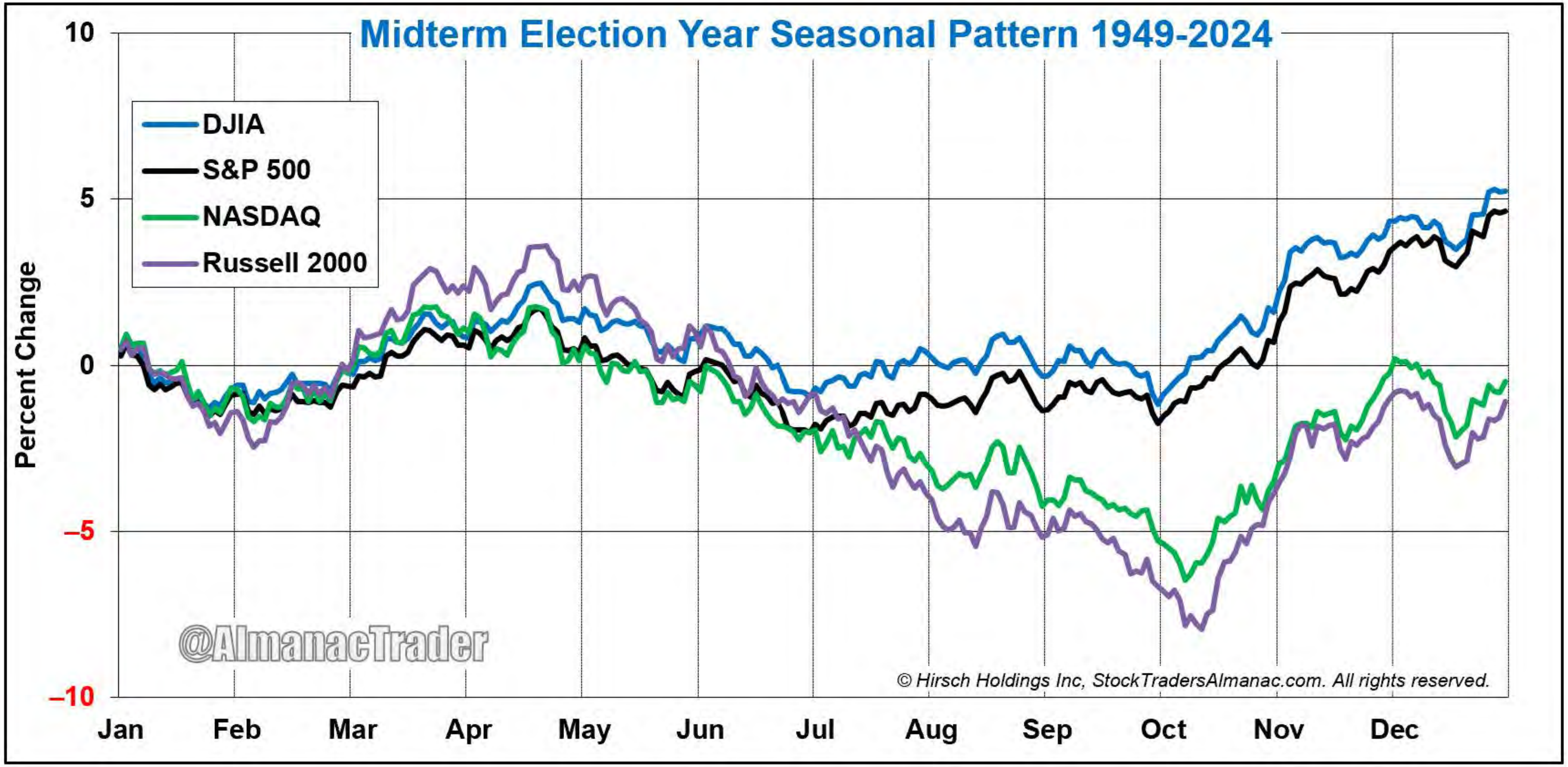
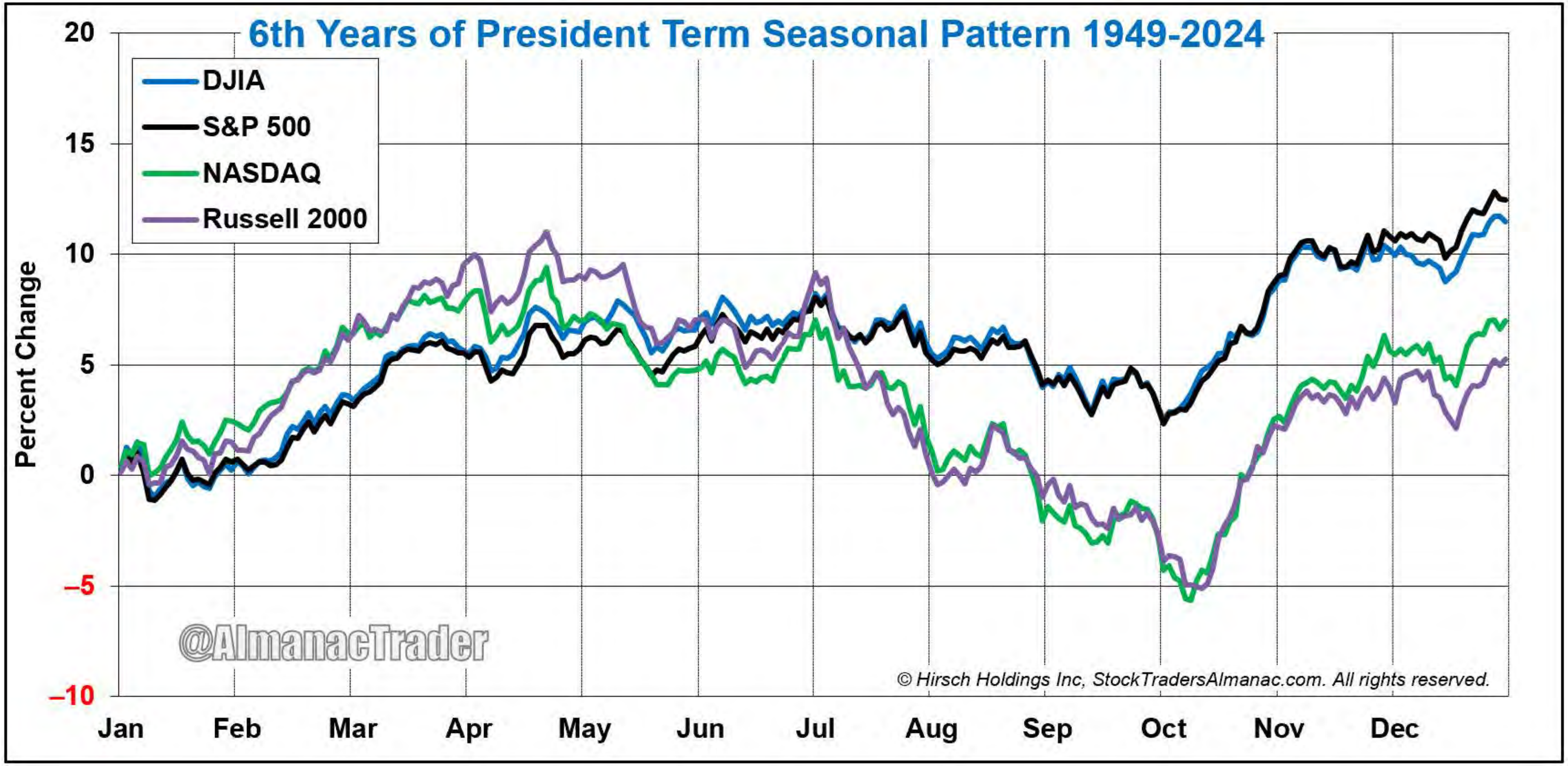
Midterm Election Year Seasonal Pattern 1949-2024



6th Years of President Term Seasonal Pattern 1949-2024



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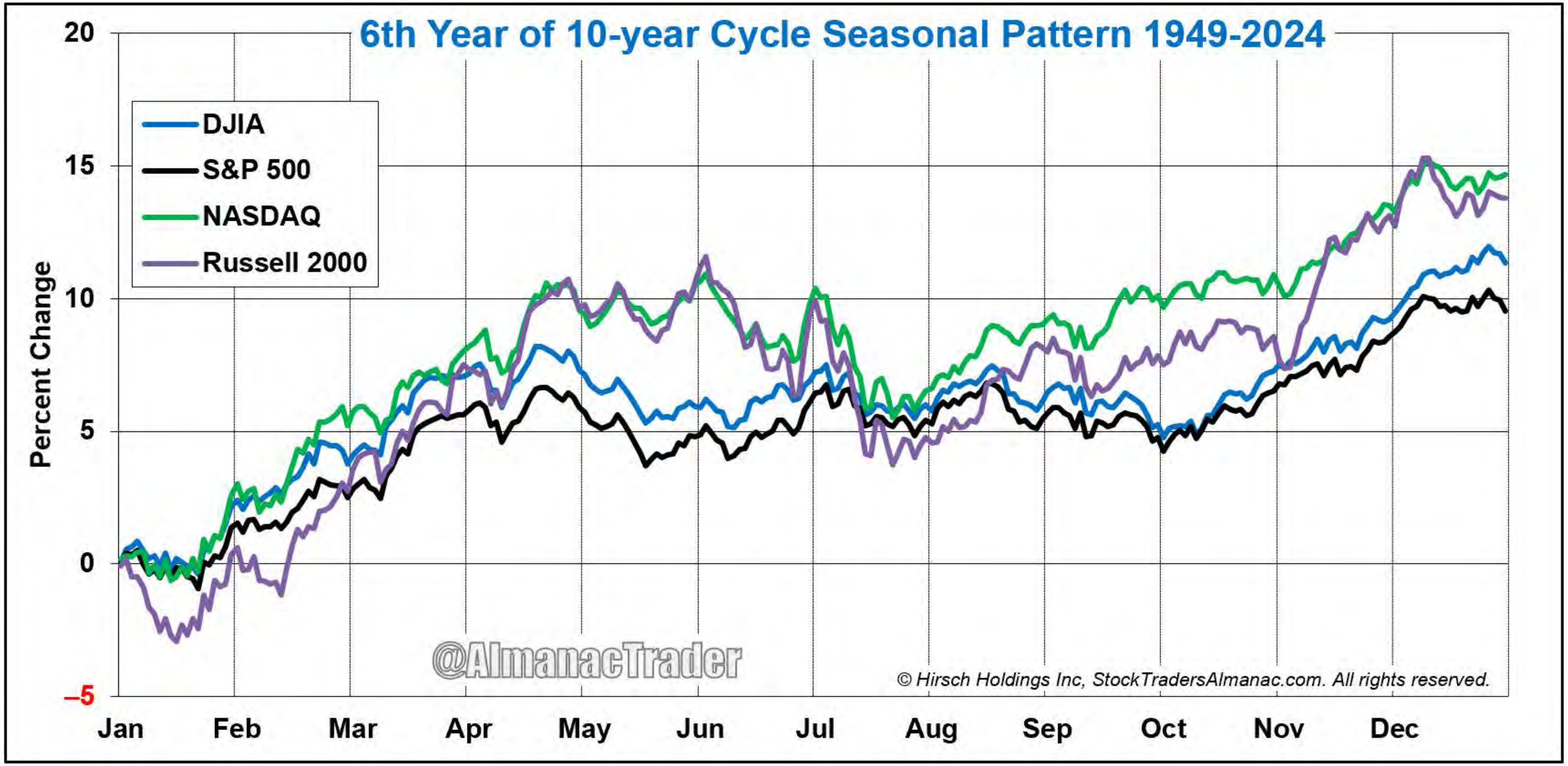
6th Year of 10-year Cycle Seasonal Pattern 1949-2024



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DJIA Decennial Cycle

THE TEN-YEAR STOCK MARKET CYCLE										
Annual % Change In Dow Jones Industrial Average										
Year Of Decade										
DECADES	**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**5th**	**6th**	**7th**	**8th**	**9th**	**10th**
1881-1890	3.0 %	– 2.9 %	– 8.5 %	– 18.8 %	20.1 %	12.4 %	– 8.4 %	4.8 %	5.5 %	– 14.1 %
1891-1900	17.6	– 6.6	– 24.6	– 0.6	2.3	– 1.7	21.3	22.5	9.2	7.0
1901-1910	– 8.7	– 0.4	– 23.6	41.7	38.2	– 1.9	– 37.7	46.6	15.0	– 17.9
1911-1920	0.4	7.6	– 10.3	– 5.4	81.7	– 4.2	– 21.7	10.5	30.5	– 32.9
1921-1930	12.7	21.7	– 3.3	26.2	30.0	0.3	28.8	48.2	– 17.2	– 33.8
1931-1940	– 52.7	– 23.1	66.7	4.1	38.5	24.8	– 32.8	28.1	– 2.9	– 12.7
1941-1950	– 15.4	7.6	13.8	12.1	26.6	– 8.1	2.2	– 2.1	12.9	17.6
1951-1960	14.4	8.4	– 3.8	44.0	20.8	2.3	– 12.8	34.0	16.4	– 9.3
1961-1970	18.7	– 10.8	17.0	14.6	10.9	– 18.9	15.2	4.3	– 15.2	4.8
1971-1980	6.1	14.6	– 16.6	– 27.6	38.3	17.9	– 17.3	– 3.1	4.2	14.9
1981-1990	– 9.2	19.6	20.3	– 3.7	27.7	22.6	2.3	11.8	27.0	– 4.3
1991-2000	20.3	4.2	13.7	2.1	33.5	26.0	22.6	16.1	25.2	– 6.2
2001-2010	– 7.1	– 16.8	25.3	3.1	– 0.6	16.3	6.4	– 33.8	18.8	11.0
2011-2020	5.5	7.3	26.5	7.5	– 2.2	13.4	25.1	– 5.6	22.3	7.2
2021-2030	18.7	– 8.8	13.7	12.9						
Tot % Change	**24.3 %**	**21.6 %**	**106.3 %**	**112.2 %**	**365.8 %**	**101.2 %**	**– 6.8 %**	**182.3 %**	**151.7 %**	**– 68.7 %**
Avg % Change	**1.6 %**	**1.4 %**	**7.1 %**	**7.5 %**	**26.1 %**	**7.2 %**	**– 0.5 %**	**13.0 %**	**10.8 %**	**– 4.9 %**
Up Years	10	8	8	10	12	9	8	10	11	6
Down Years	5	7	7	5	2	5	6	4	3	8
Freqeuncy Up	**66.7**	**53.3**	**53.3**	**66.7**	**85.7**	**64.3**	**57.1**	**71.4**	**78.6**	**42.9**

Based on annual close; Cowles indices 1881-1885; 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)

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S&P 500 Decennial Cycle

THE TEN-YEAR STOCK MARKET CYCLE

Annual % Change In S&P 500
Year Of Decade

DECADES	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1931-1940	– 47.1 %	– 15.1 %	46.6 %	– 5.9 %	41.4 %	27.9 %	– 38.6 %	25.2 %	– 5.5 %	– 15.3 %
1941-1950	– 17.9	12.4	19.4	13.8	30.7	– 11.9	0.0	– 0.7	10.3	21.8
1951-1960	16.5	11.8	– 6.6	45.0	26.4	2.6	– 14.3	38.1	8.5	– 3.0
1961-1970	23.1	– 11.8	18.9	13.0	9.1	– 13.1	20.1	7.7	– 11.4	0.1
1971-1980	10.8	15.6	– 17.4	– 29.7	31.5	19.1	– 11.5	1.1	12.3	25.8
1981-1990	– 9.7	14.8	17.3	1.4	26.3	14.6	2.0	12.4	27.3	– 6.6
1991-2000	26.3	4.5	7.1	– 1.5	34.1	20.3	31.0	26.7	19.5	– 10.1
2001-2010	– 13.0	– 23.4	26.4	9.0	3.0	13.6	3.5	– 38.5	23.5	12.8
2011-2020	– 0.003	13.4	29.6	11.4	– 0.7	9.5	19.4	– 6.2	28.9	16.3
2021-2030	26.9	– 19.4	24.2	23.3						
Tot % Change	**15.9 %**	**2.8 %**	**165.5 %**	**79.8 %**	**201.8 %**	**82.6 %**	**11.6 %**	**65.8 %**	**113.4 %**	**41.8 %**
Avg % Change	**1.6 %**	**0.3 %**	**16.6 %**	**8.0 %**	**22.4 %**	**9.2 %**	**1.3 %**	**7.3 %**	**12.6 %**	**4.6 %**
Up Years	5	6	8	7	8	7	5	6	7	5
Down Years	5	4	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	4
Freqeuncy Up	**50.0**	**60.0**	**80.0**	**70.0**	**88.9**	**77.8**	**55.6**	**66.7**	**77.8**	**55.6**

NASDAQ Decennial Cycle

THE TEN-YEAR STOCK MARKET CYCLE										
Annual % Change In NASDAQ Year Of Decade										
DECADES	**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**5th**	**6th**	**7th**	**8th**	**9th**	**10th**
1971-1980	27.4 %	17.2 %	– 31.1 %	– 35.1 %	29.8 %	26.1 %	7.3 %	12.3 %	28.1 %	33.9 %
1981-1990	– 3.2	18.7	19.9	– 11.2	31.4	7.5	– 5.4	15.4	19.3	– 17.8
1991-2000	56.8	15.5	14.7	– 3.2	39.9	22.7	21.6	39.6	85.6	– 39.3
2001-2010	– 21.1	– 31.5	50.0	8.6	1.4	9.5	9.8	– 40.5	43.9	16.9
2011-2020	– 1.8	15.9	38.3	13.4	5.7	7.5	28.2	– 3.9	35.2	43.6
2021-2030	21.4	– 33.1	43.4	28.6						
Tot % Change	**79.5 %**	**2.7 %**	**135.2 %**	**1.1 %**	**108.2 %**	**73.3 %**	**61.5 %**	**22.9 %**	**212.1 %**	**37.3 %**
Avg % Change	**13.3 %**	**0.5 %**	**22.5 %**	**0.2 %**	**21.6 %**	**14.7 %**	**12.3 %**	**4.6 %**	**42.4 %**	**7.5 %**
Up Years	3	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	5	3
Down Years	3	2	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	2
Freqeuncy Up	**50.0**	**66.7**	**83.3**	**50.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**80.0**	**60.0**	**100.0**	**60.0**

Russell 2000 Decennial Cycle

THE TEN-YEAR STOCK MARKET CYCLE

Annual % Change In NASDAQ

Year Of Decade

DECADES	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1971-1980									38.0 %	33.8 %
1981-1990	–1.5 %	20.7 %	26.3 %	–9.6 %	28.0 %	4.0 %	–10.8 %	22.4 %	14.2	–21.5
1991-2000	43.7	16.4	17.0	–3.2	26.2	14.8	20.5	–3.4	19.6	–4.2
2001-2010	1.0	–21.6	45.4	17.0	3.3	17.0	–2.7	–34.8	25.2	25.3
2011-2020	–5.5	14.6	37.0	3.5	–5.7	19.5	13.1	–12.2	23.7	18.4
2021-2030	13.7	–21.6	15.1	10.0						
Tot % Change	**51.4 %**	**8.5 %**	**140.8 %**	**17.7 %**	**51.8 %**	**55.3 %**	**20.1 %**	**–28.0 %**	**120.7 %**	**51.8 %**
Avg % Change	**10.3 %**	**1.7 %**	**28.2 %**	**3.5 %**	**13.0 %**	**13.8 %**	**5.0 %**	**–7.0 %**	**24.1 %**	**10.4 %**
Up Years	3	3	5	3	3	4	2	1	5	3
Down Years	2	2	0	2	1	0	2	3	0	2
Freqeuncy Up	**60.0**	**60.0**	**100.0**	**60.0**	**75.0**	**100.0**	**50.0**	**25.0**	**100.0**	**60.0**

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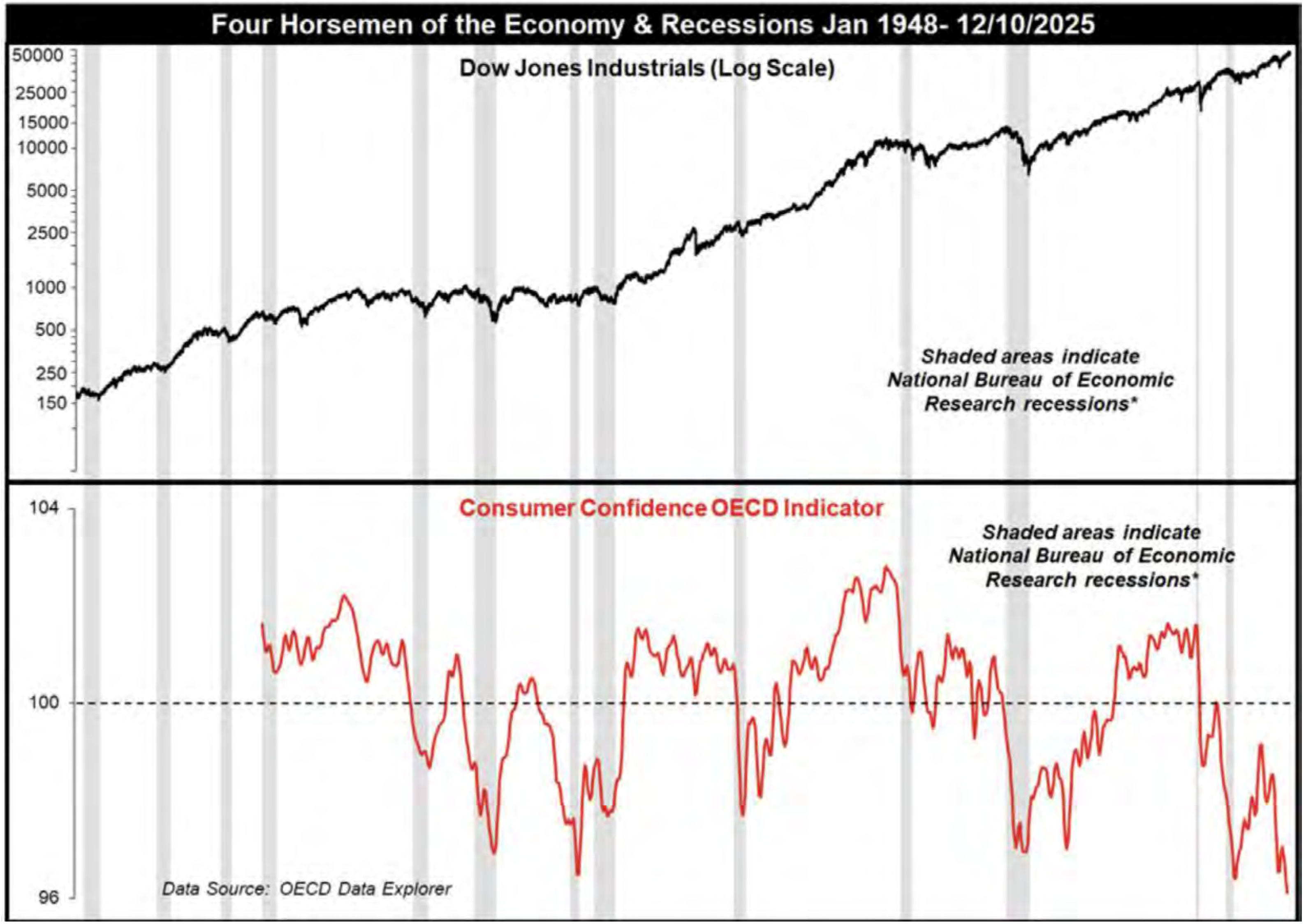
Four Horsemen of the Economy: DJIA & ConCon



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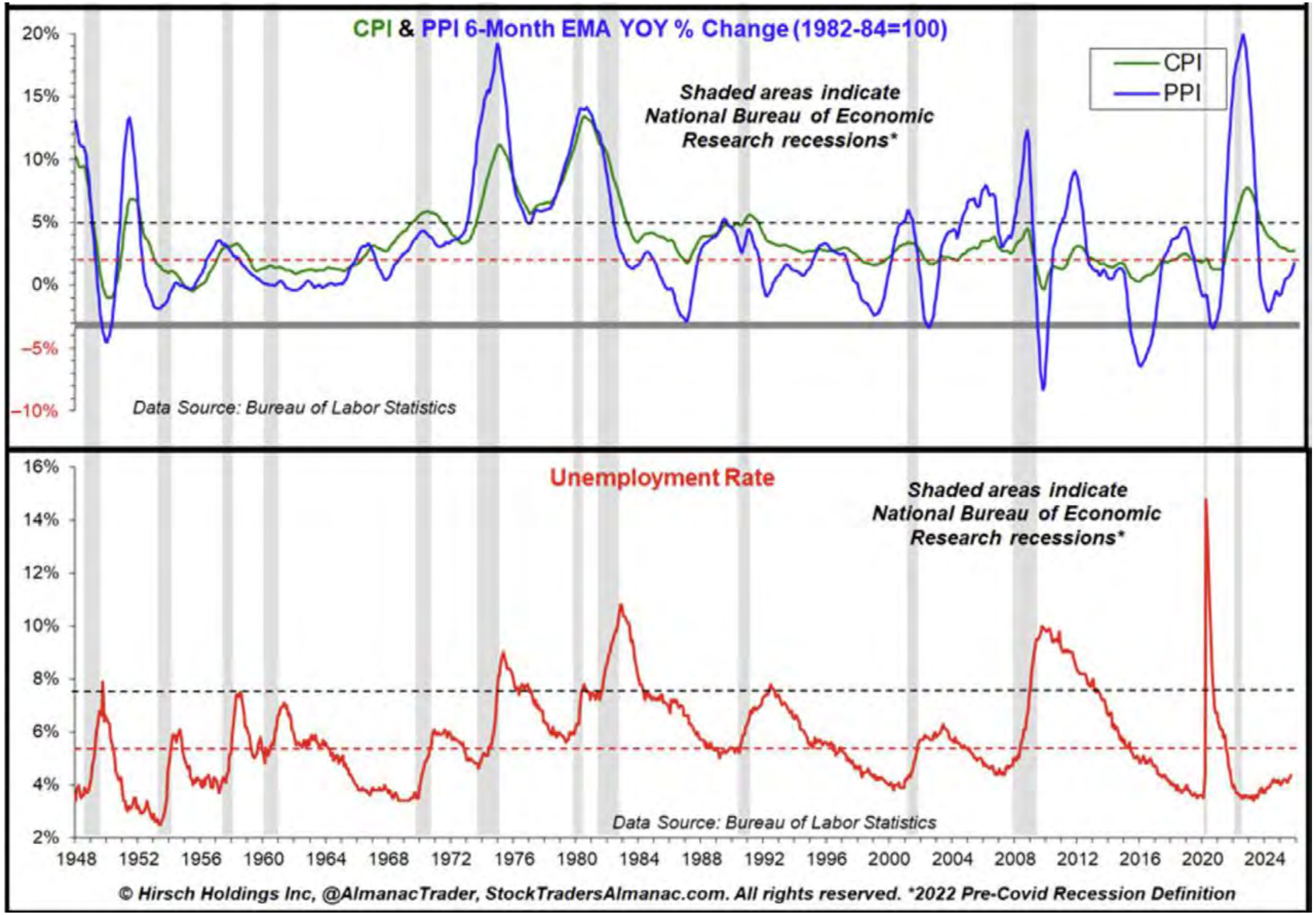

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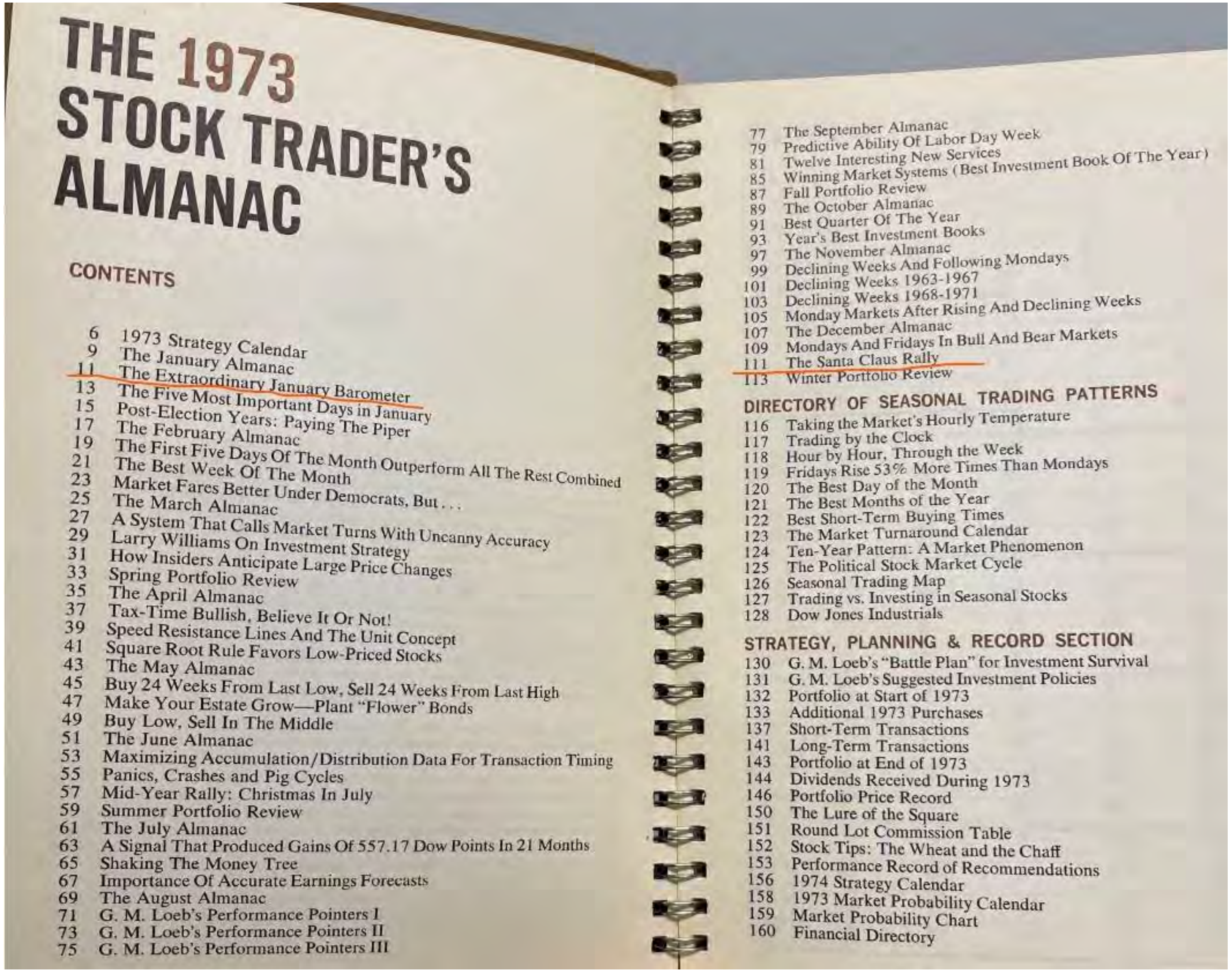
1972 Birth of Santa Claus Rally & January Barometer

- *“If Santa Claus Should Fail To Call, Bears May Come To Broad And Wall.”* – Yale Hirsch
- “As The S&P 500 Goes In January, So Goes The Year” – Yale Hirsch



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Real Santa Claus Rally: It's An Indicator!

"If Santa Claus should fail to call, bears may come to Broad and Wall."

IF SANTA CLAUS SHOULD FAIL TO CALL, BEARS MAY COME TO BROAD AND WALL

Santa Claus tends to come to Wall Street nearly every year, bringing a short, sweet, respectable rally within the last five days of the year and the first two in January. This has been good for an average 1.2% gain since 1969 (1.3% since 1950). Santa's failure to show tends to precede bear markets, or times stocks could be purchased later in the year at much lower prices. We discovered this phenomenon in 1972. See page 20 for more.

DAILY % CHANGE IN S&P 500 AT YEAR-END

	Trading Days Before Year-End						First Days in January			Rally % Change
	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	
1969	–0.4	1.1	0.8	–0.7	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.5	–0.7	3.6
1970	0.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.2	–0.1	–1.1	0.7	0.6	1.9
1971	–0.4	0.2	1.0	0.3	–0.4	0.3	–0.4	0.4	1.0	1.3
1972	–0.3	–0.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.4	–0.1	3.1
1973	–1.1	–0.7	3.1	2.1	–0.2	0.01	0.1	2.2	–0.9	6.7
1974	–1.4	1.4	0.8	–0.4	0.03	2.1	2.4	0.7	0.5	7.2
1975	0.7	0.8	0.9	–0.1	–0.4	0.5	0.8	1.8	1.0	4.3
1976	0.1	1.2	0.7	–0.4	0.5	0.5	–0.4	–1.2	–0.9	0.8
1977	0.8	0.9	N/C	0.1	0.2	0.2	–1.3	–0.3	–0.8	–0.3
1978	0.03	1.7	1.3	–0.9	–0.4	–0.2	0.6	1.1	0.8	3.3
1979	–0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	–0.1	0.1	–2.0	–0.5	1.2	–2.2
1980	–0.4	0.4	0.5	–1.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.1	2.0
1981	–0.5	0.2	–0.2	–0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	–2.2	–0.7	–1.8
1982	0.6	1.8	–1.0	0.3	–0.7	0.2	–1.6	2.2	0.4	1.2
1983	–0.2	–0.03	0.9	0.3	–0.2	0.05	–0.5	1.7	1.2	2.1
1984	–0.5	0.8	–0.2	–0.4	0.3	0.6	–1.1	–0.5	–0.5	–0.6
1985	–1.1	–0.7	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	–0.8	0.6	–0.1	1.1
1986	–1.0	0.2	0.1	–0.9	–0.5	–0.5	1.8	2.3	0.2	2.4
1987	1.3	–0.5	–2.6	–0.4	1.3	–0.3	3.6	1.1	0.1	2.2
1988	–0.2	0.3	–0.4	0.1	0.8	–0.6	–0.9	1.5	0.2	0.9
1989	0.6	0.8	–0.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.8	–0.3	–0.9	4.1
1990	0.5	–0.6	0.3	–0.8	0.1	0.5	–1.1	–1.4	–0.3	–3.0
1991	2.5	0.6	1.4	0.4	2.1	0.5	0.04	0.5	–0.3	5.7
1992	–0.3	0.2	–0.1	–0.3	0.2	–0.7	–0.1	–0.2	0.04	–1.1
1993	0.01	0.7	0.1	–0.1	–0.4	–0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	–0.1
1994	0.01	0.2	0.4	–0.3	0.1	–0.4	–0.03	0.3	–0.1	0.2
1995	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.04	–0.1	0.3	0.8	0.1	–0.6	1.8
1996	–0.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	–0.4	–1.7	–0.5	1.5	–0.1	0.1
1997	–1.5	–0.7	0.4	1.8	1.8	–0.04	0.5	0.2	–1.1	4.0
1998	2.1	–0.2	–0.1	1.3	–0.8	–0.2	–0.1	1.4	2.2	1.3
1999	1.6	–0.1	0.04	0.4	0.1	0.3	–1.0	–3.8	0.2	–4.0
2000	0.8	2.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	–1.0	–2.8	5.0	–1.1	5.7
2001	0.4	–0.02	0.4	0.7	0.3	–1.1	0.6	0.9	0.6	1.8
2002	0.2	–0.5	–0.3	–1.6	0.5	0.05	3.3	–0.05	2.2	1.2
2003	0.3	–0.2	0.2	1.2	0.01	0.2	–0.3	1.2	0.1	2.4
2004	0.1	–0.4	0.7	–0.01	0.01	0.1	–0.8	–1.2	–0.4	–1.8
2005	0.4	0.04	–1.0	0.1	–0.3	–0.5	1.6	0.4	0.002	0.4
2006	–0.4	–0.5	0.4	0.7	–0.1	–0.5	–0.1	0.1	–0.6	0.003
2007	1.7	0.8	0.1	–1.4	0.1	–0.7	–1.4	N/C	–2.5	–2.5
2008	–1.0	0.6	0.5	–0.4	2.4	1.4	3.2	–0.5	0.8	7.4
2009	0.2	0.5	0.1	–0.1	0.02	–1.0	1.6	0.3	0.05	1.4
2010	–0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	–0.2	–0.02	1.1	–0.1	0.5	1.1
2011	0.8	0.9	0.01	–1.3	1.1	–0.4	1.6	0.02	0.3	1.9
2012	–0.9	–0.2	–0.5	–0.1	–1.1	1.7	2.5	–0.2	0.5	2.0
2013	0.5	0.3	0.5	–0.03	–0.02	0.4	–0.9	–0.03	–0.3	0.2
2014	0.2	–0.01	0.3	0.1	–0.5	–1.0	–0.03	–1.8	–0.9	–3.0
2015	1.2	–0.2	–0.2	1.1	–0.7	–0.9	–1.5	0.2	–1.3	–2.3
2016	–0.2	0.1	0.2	–0.8	–0.03	–0.5	0.9	0.6	–0.1	0.4
2017	0.2	–0.05	–0.1	0.1	0.2	–0.5	0.8	0.6	0.4	1.1
2018	–2.1	–2.7	5.0	0.9	–0.1	0.9	0.1	–2.5	3.4	1.3
2019	0.1	–0.02	0.5	0.003	–0.6	0.3	0.8	–0.7	0.4	0.3
2020	0.1	0.4	0.9	–0.2	0.1	0.6	–1.5	0.7	0.6	1.0
2021	0.6	1.4	–0.1	0.1	–0.3	–0.3	0.6	–0.1	–1.9	1.4
2022	–1.4	0.6	–0.4	–1.2	1.7	–0.3	–0.4	0.8	–1.2	0.8
2023	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.04	–0.3	–0.6	–0.8	–0.3	–0.9
2024	0.7	1.1	–0.04	–1.1	–1.1	–0.4	–0.2	1.3	0.6	–0.5
Avg	**0.09**	**0.27**	**0.33**	**0.02**	**0.14**	**0.001**	**0.18**	**0.29**	**0.03**	**1.2**

The couplet above was certainly on the mark in 1999, as the period suffered a horrendous 4.0% loss. On January 14, 2000, the Dow started its 33-month 37.8% slide to the October 2002 midterm election-year bottom. NASDAQ cracked eight weeks later falling 37.3% in 10 weeks, eventually dropping 77.9% by October 2002. Energy prices and Middle East terror woes may have grounded Santa in 2004. In 2007 the fourth-worst reading since 1950 was recorded as a full-blown financial crisis led to the second-worst bear market in history. In 2016, the period was hit again as global growth concerns escalated and the market digested the first interest rate hike in nearly a decade. Inflation, interest rate, and new administration concerns weighed down Santa in 2024 and 2025.

When Santa Claus Rally Fails To Call

New Year	SCR	Year	
1994	– 0.1%	– 1.5%	Flat
2000	– 4.0%	– 10.1%	Bear
2005	– 1.8%	3.0%	Flat
2008	– 2.5%	– 38.5%	Bear
2015	– 3.0%	– 0.7%	Flat
2016	– 2.3%	9.5%	Mini Bear 2/11
2024	– 0.9%	23.3%	No Bear. AI Super Boom
2025	– 0.5%	—	Near Bear April Tariff Tumble

Based on S&P 500

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January Barometer - Devised by Yale Hirsch in 1972

- "As The S&P 500 Goes In January, So Goes The Year"
- 12 Major Errors Since 1950 = 84% Accuracy Ratio
- Including 8 Flat Years Yields 73.3% Accuracy Ration
- 1933 "Lame Duck" Amendment — Why JB Works

Monthly S&P Barometers Accuracy Ratio
Since 1938

	Calendar Year	11-month	12-month
January	73.8%	66.7%	69.9%
February	64.3%	61.4%	61.4%
March	69.0%	56.6%	51.8%
April	69.0%	62.7%	62.7%
May	61.9%	53.0%	55.4%
June	67.9%	61.4%	57.8%
July	61.9%	56.6%	57.8%
August	61.9%	51.8%	53.0%
September	64.3%	50.6%	50.6%
October	56.0%	45.8%	49.4%
November	63.1%	60.2%	60.2%
December	70.2%	61.4%	57.8%

Monthly Dow Barometers Accuracy Ratio
Since 1938

	Calendar Year	11-month	12-month
January	77.4%	66.7%	63.9%
February	63.1%	59.0%	59.0%
March	64.3%	53.0%	53.0%
April	64.3%	54.2%	53.0%
May	57.1%	54.2%	55.4%
June	61.9%	56.6%	56.6%
July	58.3%	55.4%	56.6%
August	63.1%	50.6%	56.6%
September	58.3%	44.6%	47.0%
October	53.6%	45.8%	51.8%
November	60.7%	60.2%	60.2%
December	72.6%	55.4%	55.4%

Monthly NASDAQ Barometers Accuracy Ratio
Since 1971

	Calendar Year	11-month	12-month
January	68.6%	68.6%	66.0%
February	60.8%	58.0%	54.0%
March	68.6%	58.0%	52.0%
April	72.5%	58.0%	60.0%
May	66.7%	58.0%	62.0%
June	58.8%	58.0%	60.0%
July	62.7%	58.0%	58.0%
August	58.8%	52.0%	52.0%
September	74.5%	56.0%	54.0%
October	56.9%	44.0%	52.0%
November	76.5%	68.0%	68.0%
December	62.7%	62.7%	60.8%

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Bulls Win When Market Hits The January Trifecta

- Santa Claus Rally
- First Five Days
- January Barometer
- All three up S&P 500 up 90.6% of time, 29 of 32 years, average gain 17.7%.
- If Any Are Down Year's Results Reduced

S&P 500 JANUARY INDICATOR TRIFECTA — THREE POSITIVE

Year	SC Rally	FFD	JB	Feb	Feb-Dec	Full Year
1950	1.3%	2.0%	1.7%	1.0%	19.7%	21.8
1951	3.1	2.3	6.1	0.6	9.7	16.5
1952	1.4	0.6	1.6	– 3.6	10.1	11.8
1954	1.7	0.5	5.1	0.3	38.0	45.0
1958	3.5	2.5	4.3	– 2.1	32.4	38.1
1959	3.6	0.3	0.4	– 0.02	8.1	8.5
1961	1.7	1.2	6.3	2.7	15.8	23.1
1963	1.7	2.6	4.9	– 2.9	13.3	18.9
1964	2.3	1.3	2.7	1.0	10.0	13.0
1965	0.6	0.7	3.3	– 0.1	5.6	9.1
1966	0.1	0.8	0.5	– 1.8	– 13.5	– 13.1
1971	1.9	0.04	4.0	0.9	6.5	10.8
1972	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.5	13.6	15.6
1975	7.2	2.2	12.3	6.0	17.2	31.5
1976	4.3	4.9	11.8	– 1.1	6.5	19.1
1979	3.3	2.8	4.0	– 3.7	8.0	12.3
1983	1.2	3.2	3.3	1.9	13.5	17.3
1987	2.4	6.2	13.2	3.7	– 9.9	2.0
1989	0.9	1.2	7.1	– 2.9	18.8	27.3
1995	0.2	0.3	2.4	3.6	30.9	34.1
1996	1.8	0.4	3.3	0.7	16.5	20.3
1997	0.1	1.0	6.1	0.6	23.4	31.0
1999	1.3	3.7	4.1	– 3.2	14.8	19.5
2004	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.2	7.1	9.0
2006	0.4	3.4	2.5	0.05	10.8	13.6
2011	1.1	1.1	2.3	3.2	– 2.2	– 0.003
2012	1.9	1.8	4.2	4.1	8.7	13.4
2013	2.0	2.2	4.8	1.1	23.4	29.6
2017	0.4	1.3	1.8	3.7	17.3	19.4
2018	1.1	2.8	5.6	– 3.9	– 11.2	– 6.2
2019	1.3	2.7	7.9	3.0	19.5	28.9
2023	0.8	1.4	6.2	– 2.6	20.1	24.2
			Average	**0.4%**	**12.6%**	**17.7%**
			# Up	**20**	**28**	**29**
			#Down	**12**	**4**	**3**

Recap & Outlook – Hitting the Trifecta & AI Super Boom

Headwinds	Tailwinds	Outlook
• Trump 2.0 Tariffs, Uncertainty • Geopolitics – Mideast, Russia & China • Inflation Rising? • Labor Softening? • Shutdown Delays/ACA • Weak Bull Season • Down Crypto/BTC	• AI Super Boom • 6th Year Presidency Strength • Fed Easing?/New Fed • Economy Steady • Mideast Calm • Govt Spending • Trump 2.0 Dereg & Tax Cuts	• Santa Claus Rally • S&P 7100 • More 2026 Rate Cuts • Economy Steady • Jobs Market Stable • 8-12% Gain 2026 • AI Super Boom Continues Into 2026 & Beyond

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