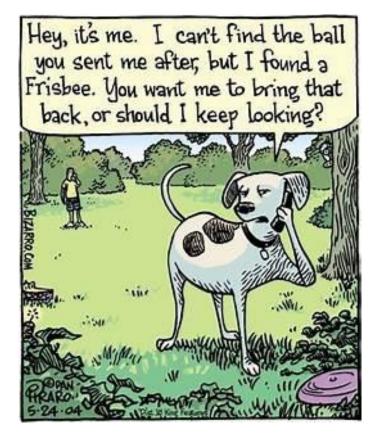
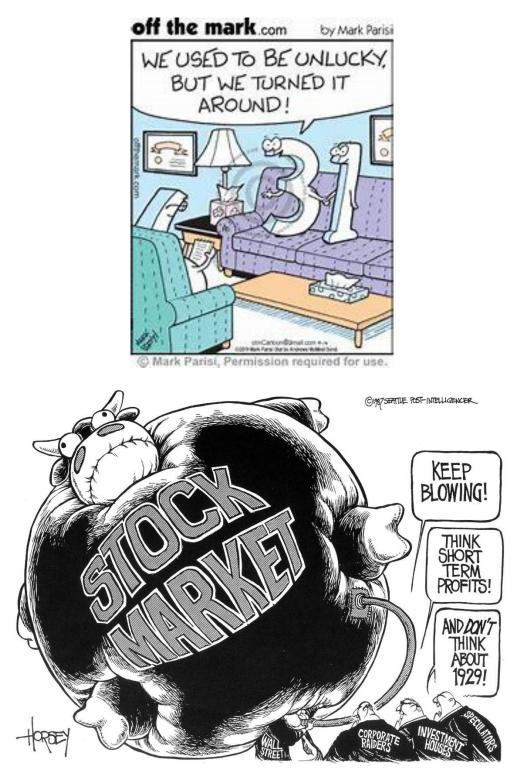
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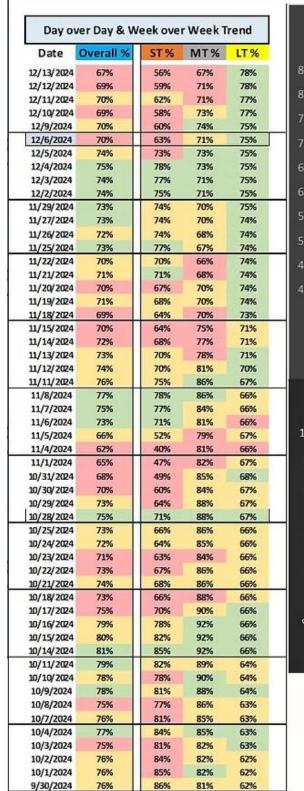


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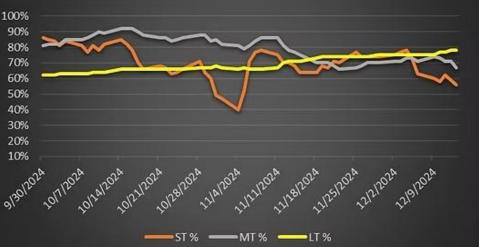
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Week over Week Trend



Economic Calendar for Last Week:

Time	Cur.	Imp.	Event	Actual Forecast		Actual Forec		Previous
		We	dnesday, December 11,	, 2024				
08:30	USD	***	Core CPI (MoM) (Nov)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%		
08:30	USD	***	CPI (YoY) (Nov)	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%		
08:30	📕 USD	***	CPI (MoM) (Nov)	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%		
10:30	📕 USD	***	Crude Oil Inventories	-1.425M	-1.000M	-5.073M		
13:00	📕 USD	***	10-Year Note Auction	4.235%		4.347%		
		T	hursday, December 12,	2024				
08:30	USD 🔤	***	Initial Jobless Claims	242K	221K	225K		
08:30	📕 USD	***	PPI (MoM) (Nov)	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%		
13:00	📕 USD	***	30-Year Bond Auction	4.535%		4.608%		

Economic Calendar for Next Week:

Time	Cur.	Imp.	Event	Actual Forecast	Previous
			Monday, December 16,	2024	
09:45	🔳 USD	***	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI (Dec) p		49.7
09:45	USD	***	S&P Global Services PMI (Dec) p		56.1
			Tuesday, December 17,	2024	
08:30	USD	***	Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Nov)		0.1%
08:30	USD	***	Retail Sales (MoM) (Nov)	0.5%	0.4%
		W	ednesday, December 18	3, 2024	
10:30	📕 USD	***	Crude Oil Inventories		-1.425M
14:00	USD	***	FOMC Economic Projections		
14:00	USD	***	FOMC Statement		
14:00	🔳 USD	***	Fed Interest Rate Decision	4.50%	4.75%
14:30	🔳 USD	***	FOMC Press Conference		
		T	hursday, December 19,	2024	
08:30	🔳 USD	***	GDP (QoQ) (Q3)	2.8%	2.8%
08:30	USD	***	Initial Jobless Claims		242K
08:30	USD	***	Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index (Dec)		-5.5
10:00	🔳 USD	***	Existing Home Sales (Nov)	3.97M	3.96M
			Friday, December 20, 2		
08:30	👅 USD	***	Core PCE Price Index (MoM) (Nov)		0.3%
08:30	📕 USD	***	Core PCE Price Index (YoY) (Nov)		2.8%

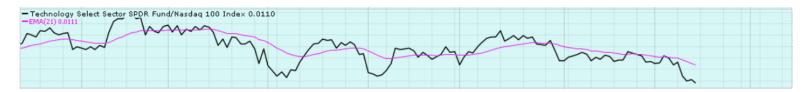
The market continued higher powered by the resurgence of Big Cap technology.

Here is the Nasdaq 100 (NDX) chart.



Now look at the relative chart of the Technology Sector vs the NDX, it is decidedly underperforming, which means that the NDX is outperforming the Technology Sector. Since more than 50% of the Technology Sector is made up of just 3 names (AAPL, MSFT, & NVDA), that means that the rest of the index is significantly underperforming.

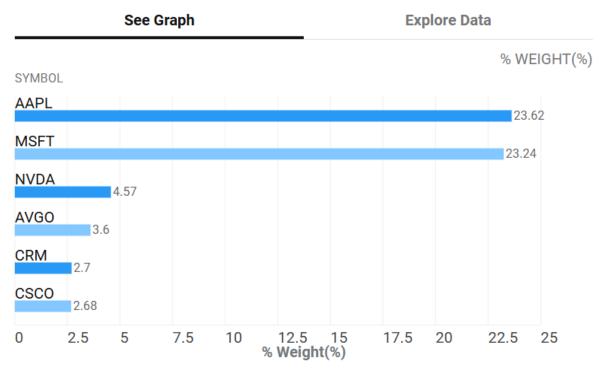
Here is Technology (XLK) vs NDX.



The NDX just made a new high (see above), but it looks like it did so based on just a few stocks.

XLK Holdings List - Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund - Stock ...

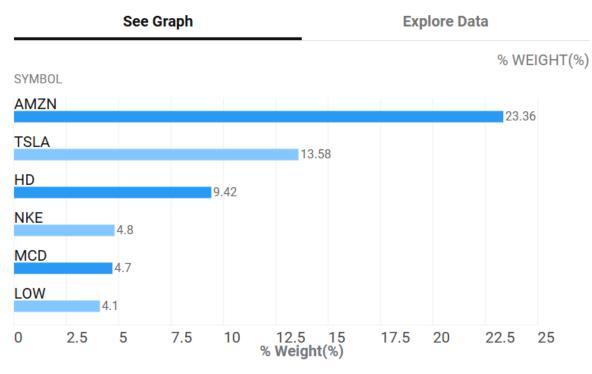
3 days ago \cdot A list of holdings for XLK (Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund) with details about each stock and its percentage weighting in the ETF.



The only Sectors that are performing well are the 3 aggressive sectors of Technology (XLK), Communication Services (XLC) (ie Internet) and Discretionary (XLY) (37% of this one is Tesla and Amazon)

XLY Holdings List - Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR ...

4 days ago \cdot A list of holdings for XLY (Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund) with details about each stock and its percentage weighting in the ETF.



And here is what makes up XLC

XLC	Holdings	List As of Dec 11, 2024	Find	Download 🗸
No.	Symbol	Name	% Weight	Shares
1	META	Meta Platforms, Inc.	19.96%	6,784,639
2	GOOGL	Alphabet Inc.	11.26%	12,389,620
3	GOOG	Alphabet Inc.	9.29%	10,156,754
4	NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	7.08%	1,624,784

Here is the Sector performance for the last month:

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ß	symbol \$	NAME \$	LAST 🗘	CHG ≑	% CHG ↓₹	+/- \$	DATE 🗘
Ξ	XLY	XLY - Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund	235.49	+17.11	+7.83%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLC	XLC - Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund	100.94	+3.74	+3.85%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	\$NDX	\$NDX - Nasdaq 100 Index	21,780.25	+744.09	+3.54%	-	12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLK	XLK - Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund	239.05	+3.72	+1.58%	-	12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLP	XLP - Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund	82.04	+1.17	+1.45%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	\$SPX	\$SPX - S&P 500 Large Cap Index	6,051.09	+65.71	+1.10%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLF	XLF - Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	49.54	-0.23	-0.46%	1	12-13, 16:00
Ξ	IWM	IWM - iShares Russell 2000 ETF	233.07	-2.04	-0.87%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLU	XLU - Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund	77.64	-0.71	-0.91%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLRE	XLRE - Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund	42.83	-0.49	-1.13%		12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLI	XLI - Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund	137. <mark>4</mark> 3	-4.83	-3.40%	-	12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLB	XLB - Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund	89.23	-3.45	-3.72%	-	12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLV	XLV - Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund	140.99	-5.84	-3.98%	-	12-13, 16:00
Ξ	XLE	XLE - Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	89.22	-5.29	-5.60%		12-13, 16:00

However, the leader in semis, NVDA, has been going the opposite direction. It is getting dangerously close to breaking below key support areas, which would likely send it to the 200-Day MA at \$120:



Here are the largest semis by performance over the last month. Notice the bottom 3!

symbol \$	NAME \$	SECTOR 🗢	INDUSTRY 🔶	LAST \$	CHG \$	% CHG↓₹	+/- \$	MARKET CAP 🗘	SCTR \$	U \$	DATE 🗘
MRVL	MRVL - Marvell Technology Inc	Technology	Semiconductors	120.77	+30.70	+34.08%		104.466 B	98.3	lrg	12-13, 16:00
AVGO	AVGO - Broadcom Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	224.80	+51.22	+29.51%		1.050 T	96.5	Irg	12-13, 16:00
ARM	ARM - Arm Holdings Plc	Technology	Semiconductors	151.91	+16.82	+12.45%		159.657 B	59.4	Irg	12-13, 16:00
TSM	TSM - Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg	Technology	Semiconductors	200.99	+14.92	+8.02%		1.042 T	74.3	Irg	12-13, 16:00
ASML	ASML - ASML Holding NV	Technology	Semiconductors	718.58	+45.17	+6.71%		282.402 B	5.3	Irg	12-13, 16:00
LRCX	LRCX - Lam Research Corp.	Technology	Semiconductors	76.26	+2.64	+3.58%	•	98.070 B	7.4	Irg	12-13, 16:00
MU	MU - Micron Technology, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	102.50	+2.58	+2.58%		114.185 B	9.4	Irg	12-13, 16:00
ADI	ADI - Analog Devices, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	216.61	+4.67	+2.20%	I	107.439 B	27.0	Irg	12-13, 16:00
KLAC	KLAC - KLA Corp.	Technology	Semiconductors	653.76	+10.99	+1.71%	1	86.950 B	9.3	Irg	12-13, 16:00
QCOM	QCOM - QUALCOMM Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	158.53	-1.06	-0.66%	T	176.127 B	6.5	Irg	12-13, 16:00
NXPI	NXPI - NXP Semiconductor N.V.	Technology	Semiconductors	216.84	-5.11	-2.30%	I	55.077 B	7.8	Irg	12-13, 16:00
TXN	TXN - Texas Instruments, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	191.59	-14.13	-6.87%		174.730 B	23.0	Irg	12-13, 16:00
AMAT	AMAT - Applied Materials, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	169.35	-13.01	-7.13%		139.544 B	3.2	Irg	12-13, 16:00
NVDA	NVDA - NVIDIA Corp.	Technology	Semiconductors	134.25	-12.01	-8.21%		3.288 T	44.1	Irg	12-13, 16:00
AMD	AMD - Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	126.91	-12.39	-8.89%		205.848 B	3.7	lrg	12-13, 16:00
INTC	INTC - Intel Corp.	Technology	Semiconductors	20.34	-4.58	-18.38%		87.726 B	0.4	lrg	12-13, 16:00

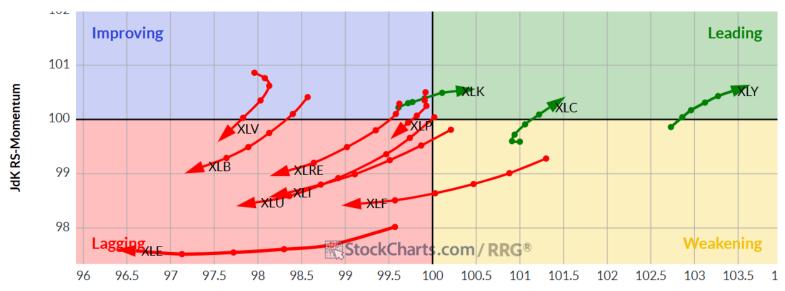
Weekly Performance Reports: Notice the ones in dark green, and how much red there is.



Sector performance for the week:

PERIOD Columns O Send Daily Report O Send Weekly Report Q Search Table One Week % CHG↓₹ 2 SYMBOL \$ NAME DATE LAST 4 CHG 🌐 XLY XLY - Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund 235.49 Ξ +2.69+1.16% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ \$NDX \$NDX - Nasdag 100 Index 21.780.25 +158.00+0.73% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ XLC XLC - Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund 100.94 +0.01+0.01% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ XLP XLP - Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund 82.04 -0.34-0.41% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ \$SPX \$SPX - S&P 500 Large Cap Index 6,051.09 -39.18 -0.64% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ XLK **XLK - Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund** 239.05 -0.74% -1.79 12-13, 16:00 = XLF XLF - Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund 49.54 -0.86 -1.71% 12-13, 16:00 XLE **XLE - Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund** 89.22 -1.80 -1.98% Ξ 12-13, 16:00 XLRE Ξ XLRE - Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund 42.83 -0.94 -2.15% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ XLI XLI - Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund 137.43 -3.13-2.23% 12-13, 16:00 Ξ XLV XLV - Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund 140.99 -3.29 -2.28% 12-13, 16:00 IWM - iShares Russell 2000 ETF Ξ IWM 233.07 -5.86 -2.45% 12-13, 16:00 = XLU XLU - Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund 77.64 -2.05-2.57% 12-13, 16:00 XLB **XLB - Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund** Ξ 89.23 -2.68 -2.92% 12-13, 16:00

If nothing else hammers home where the leadership is from, this Relative Rotation Graph should make it very clear. Reminds me of running for the exits in a crowded theater!



JdK RS-Ratio

CHART	VISIBLE	TAIL ↓₹	SYMBOL	¢	NAME	¢	SECTOR	¢	INDUSTRY	¢	PRICE	¢	% CHG	¢
¢ŧ0			XLY		Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$235.49	,	-	+1.16%
¢ŧ₽		-	XLC		Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$100.94	ŀ	1	+0.01%
¢ŧ₽		•	XLK		Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$239.05	5	-	-0.74%
¢ŧ9		_	XLE		Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$89.22			-1.98%
¢ŧ9		-	XLB		Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$89.23			-2.92%
¢ŧ0		-	XLU		Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$77.64			-2.57%
¢ŧ¢		-	XLV		Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$140.99)		-2.28%
¢ŧ¢		-	XLI		Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$137.43	}		-2.23%
¢ŧ9		-	XLRE		Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$42.83			-2.15%
¢ŧ0		-	XLF		Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$49.54			-1.71%
¢ŧċ		1	XLP		Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund						\$82.04		•	-0.41%

Top 10 Best & Worst Large Caps for the week:

symbol \$	NAME \$	SECTOR \$	INDUSTRY \$	LAST ≑	CHG \$	% CHG ↓	+/- \$	SCTR \$	U \$
AVGO	AVGO - Broadcom Inc.	Technology	Semiconductors	224.80	+45.27	+25.22%		96.5	Irg
WBA	WBA - Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	Staples	Drug Retailers	10.39	+1.83	+21.38%		13.4	Irg
WBD	WBD - Warner Bros. Discovery Inc.	Comm. Services	Entertainment	12.07	+1.41	+13.23%		97.3	Irg
TSLA	TSLA - Tesla Inc.	Discretionary	Automobiles	436.23	+47.01	+12.08%	_	99.3	Irg
BA	BA - Boeing Co.	Industrial	Aerospace	169.65	+15.72	+10.21%	-	45.6	Irg
GOOGL	GOOGL - Alphabet Inc.	Comm. Services	Internet	189.82	+15.31	+8.77%		66.4	Irg
ARM	ARM - Arm Holdings Plc	Technology	Semiconductors	15 1.91	+11.02	+7.82%	=	59.4	Irg
APA	APA - APA Corporation	Energy	Exploration & Production	22.86	+1.44	+6.72%	-	12.2	mid
MRVL	MRVL - Marvell Technology Inc	Technology	Semiconductors	120.77	+7.26	+6.40%	=	98.3	Irg
CHRW	CHRW - C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.	Industrial	Trucking	111.38	+5.95	+5.64%	=	81.1	Irg
SYMBOL \$	NAME \$	SECTOR 🗢	INDUSTRY \$	last 🌻	CHG ≑	% CHG 17	+/- \$	SCTR \$	U \$
SYMBOL \$	NAME $\$ MDB - MongoDB, Inc.	SECTOR \Rightarrow Technology	INDUSTRY \$	LAST \$	снс \$ -76.21	% CHG 1₹ -22.19%	+/- \$	SCTR \$	U ¢ Irg
							+/- \$		
MDB	MDB - MongoDB, Inc.	Technology	Software	267.19	-76.21	-22.19%	+/- \$	24.7 99.9	lrg
MDB APP	MDB - MongoDB, Inc. APP - Applovin Corp.	Technology Technology	Software Software	267.19 324.47	-76.21 -77.03	-22.19% -19.19%	+/- \$	24.7 99.9	Irg Irg Irg
MDB APP SMCI	MDB - MongoDB, Inc. APP - Applovin Corp. SMCI - Super Micro Computer, Inc	Technology Technology Technology	Software Software Computer Hardware	267.19 324.47 36.45	-76.21 -77.03 -7.48	-22.19% -19.19% -17.03%	+/- \$	24.7 99.9 4.1	Irg Irg Irg
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MDB APP SMCI ADBE OMC	MDB - MongoDB, Inc. APP - Applovin Corp. SMCI - Super Micro Computer, Inc ADBE - Adobe Systems, Inc. OMC - Omnicom Group, Inc.	Technology Technology Technology Technology Comm. Services	Software Software Computer Hardware Software Media Agencies	267.19 324.47 36.45 465.69 90.32	-76.21 -77.03 -7.48 -87.27 -13.10	-22.19% -19.19% -17.03% -15.78% -12.67%	+/- \$	24.7 99.9 4.1 5.1 14.5	Irg Irg Irg Irg Irg
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Daily View



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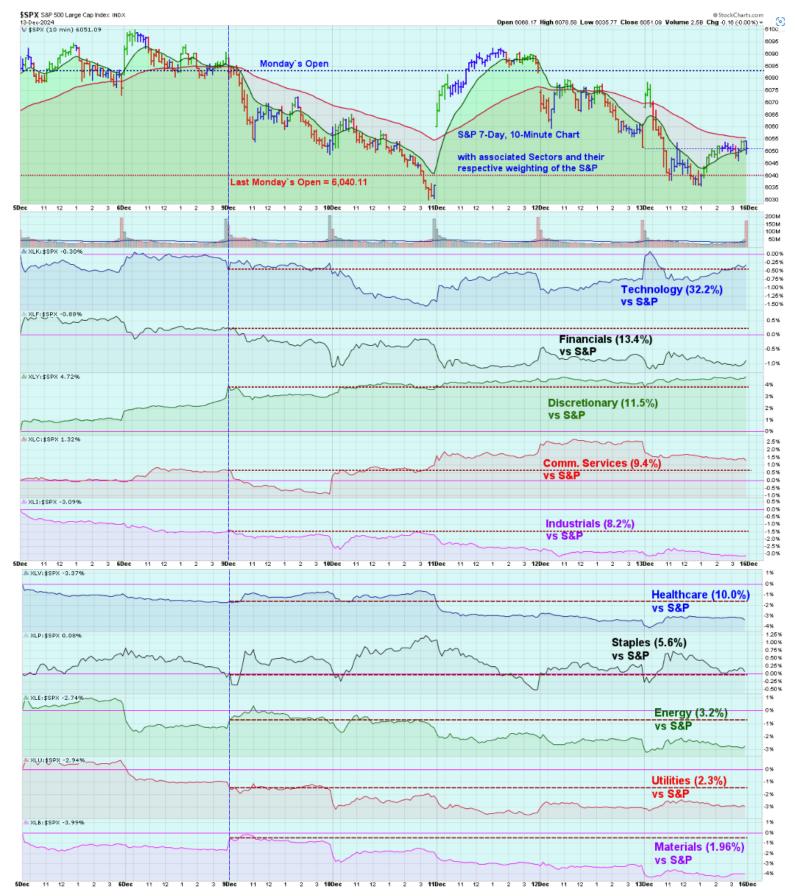
Top 10 Best & Worst Mid/Small Caps for the week:

SYMBOL \$	NAME \$	SECTOR \$	INDUSTRY \$	last \$	CHG ≑	% CHG ↓ ₹	+/- \$	sctr \$	U \$
LQDT	LQDT - Liquidity Services Inc.	Discretionary	Broadline Retailers	35.54	+10.80	+43.65%		96.6	sml
PDCO	PDCO - Patterson Dental Co.	Health Care	Medical Supplies	31.08	+8.16	+35.60%		92.7	sml
CIEN	CIEN - CIENA Corp.	Technology	Telecom Equipment	89.72	+16.14	+21.94%		97.9	mid
RH	RH - RH	Discretionary	Home Improvement Retailers	446.04	+69.94	+18.60%	-	97.7	mid
UNFI	UNFI - United Natural Foods, Inc.	Staples	Food Retailers	28.49	+4.42	+18.36%	-	96.4	sml
TWI	TWI - Titan Intl, Inc.	Discretionary	Tires	8.17	+1.22	+17.55%		63.7	sml
CRK	CRK - Comstock Resources, Inc.	Energy	Exploration & Production	16.80	+2.28	+15.70%	-	95.2	mid
PUMP	PUMP - ProPetro Holding Corp.	Energy	Oil Equipment & Services	9.12	+1.21	+15.30%		71.2	sml
ALK	ALK - Alaska Air Group, Inc.	Industrial	Airlines	62.57	+8.23	+15.15%	-	94.1	mid
GIII	GIII - G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.	Discretionary	Clothing & Accessories	36.10	+4.68	+14.89%		85.5	sml
symbol \$	NAME \$	SECTOR \$	INDUSTRY 🗢	LAST \$	CHG ≑	% CHG 1₹	+/- \$	sctr \$	U \$
PLAY	PLAY - Dave & Buster's Entertainment Inc.	Discretionary	Restaurants & Bars	27.48	-9.37	-25.43%	-	12.7	sml
PLAY TTGT	PLAY - Dave & Buster's Entertainment Inc. TTGT - TechTarget Inc.	Discretionary Comm. Services	Restaurants & Bars Publishing	27.48 21.33	-9.37 -4.21	-25.43% -16.48%		12.7 16.3	sml sml
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TTGT	TTGT - TechTarget Inc.	Comm. Services	Publishing	21.33	-4.21	-16.48%		16.3	sml
TTGT MARA	TTGT - TechTarget Inc. MARA - Marathon Digital Holdings Inc	Comm. Services	Publishing Business Support Services	21.33 22.73	-4.21 -3.70	-16.48%		16.3 66.2	sml mid
ttgt Mara Voya	TTGT - TechTarget Inc. MARA - Marathon Digital Holdings Inc VOYA - Voya Financial, Inc.	Comm. Services Industrial Financial	Publishing Business Support Services Life Insurance	21.33 22.73 69.83	-4.21 -3.70 -11.28	-16.48% -14.00% -13.91%	-	16.3 66.2 11.2	sml mid Irg
TTGT MARA VOYA CLF	TTGT - TechTarget Inc. MARA - Marathon Digital Holdings Inc VOYA - Voya Financial, Inc. CLF - Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	Comm. Services Industrial Financial Materials	Publishing Business Support Services Life Insurance Steel	21.33 22.73 69.83 10.21	-4.21 -3.70 -11.28 -1.63	-16.48% -14.00% -13.91% -13.77%	•	16.3 66.2 11.2 1.8	sml mid Irg mid
TTGT MARA VOYA CLF RGNX	TTGT - TechTarget Inc. MARA - Marathon Digital Holdings Inc VOYA - Voya Financial, Inc. CLF - Cleveland-Cliffs Inc RGNX - REGENXBIO Inc.	Comm. Services Industrial Financial Materials Health Care	Publishing Business Support Services Life Insurance Steel Biotechnology	21.33 22.73 69.83 10.21 8.28	-4.21 -3.70 -11.28 -1.63 -1.30	-16.48% -14.00% -13.91% -13.77% -13.57%	•	16.3 66.2 11.2 1.8 15.8	sml mid Irg mid sml
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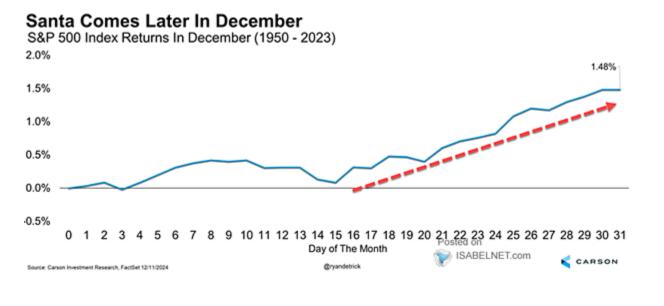


10-Minute Charts for the week:



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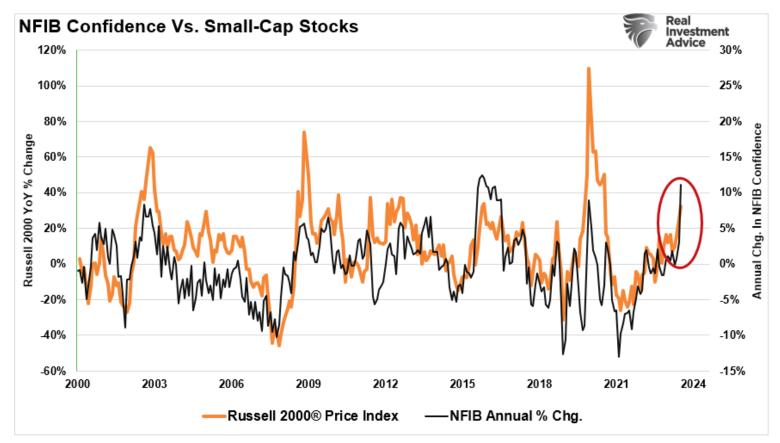


Technically speaking, the market did register a short-term MACD sell signal last week, which could exert further downward pressure on stocks into next week. With relative strength not oversold, there is some risk of the market declining toward the 20-DMA by the time the Fed announces its next rate cut on Wednesday. However, barring any unexpected events, the market should be able to rally into year-end with a target of 6100 to 6150.

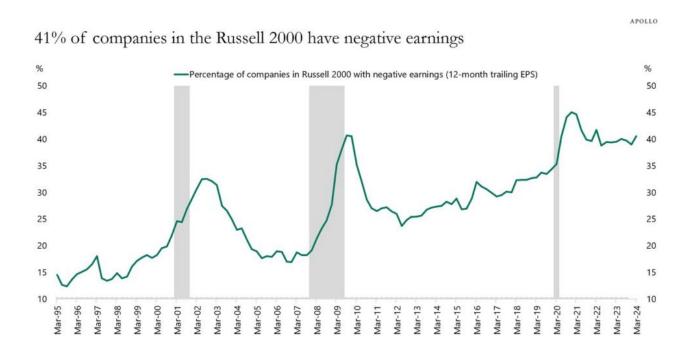


Small Cap Stocks – Look At Me Now

As I noted at the outset, there was previously a rather significant gap between small and mid-capitalization stocks, as represented by the iShares Russell 2000 Index (IWM) and the annual change in the NFIB index. Given the historical correlation, one would eventually catch up with the other. In this case, the market expected a Trump win, with IWM running well ahead of NFIB sentiment. Since the election, that gap has now closed, with sentiment surging higher.



While small and mid-capitalization stocks have surged higher in recent weeks, many risks still plague those companies going forward. As noted previously, roughly 41% of these unprofitable companies are heavily indebted, with a maturity wall approaching over the next two years. If interest rates remain elevated, such could weigh on both refinancing capability and profitability, leading to a pickup in default rates. The problem with surging expectations for economic growth, employment, and wages is that such will sustain inflation and higher interest rates.



Here is the current chart for the Russell 2000 (IWM):



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