

THE TRADER REVIEW

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Dear Readers,



Monday is President's Day.

So, I hope you have some well deserved time off.

But you'll probably be checking the futures market all day like me anyway.

Seasonality

I've never been a big seasonality guy where people think oil stocks go up in the summer since people use more gas, etc.

But one thing you can look at and I read is "The Stock Traders' Almanac" a book that comes out elsewhere and on Amazon is where the market goes during Presidential cycles, over let's say triple withing week in a certain month, or even on Friday before President's Day. Right now the market has been up 10 of the last 14 President's Days. The author is well known on Wall St and the facts and trends in the book are amazing. I used it once to stay long NASDAQ one year and NADSAQ was up and the Dow and Russell were down. However, February is the worst month of the year in the 4 year Presidential Cycle. Why? Because the "honey moon is over" and now the market worries about what it doesn't know... what's next? So at this time I am cautiously bullish in the short term (the next few weeks) and bullish in the long term



Market Cap

Always check your market cap and right now we're reaching an acceptable enormous market cap in some stocks.

See here as of today:

No.	Symbol	Company Name	Market Cap ▾	Stock Price	% Change	Revenue
1	AAPL	Apple Inc.	3,558.28B	236.87	1.83%	395.76B
2	NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	3,211.62B	131.14	-1.25%	113.27B
3	MSFT	Microsoft Corporation	3,040.80B	409.04	-0.58%	261.80B
4	AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	2,426.14B	228.93	-1.65%	637.96B
5	GOOGL	Alphabet Inc.	2,238.21B	183.61	-0.92%	350.02B
6	META	Meta Platforms, Inc.	1,837.87B	725.38	0.78%	164.50B
7	AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	1,107.86B	236.35	0.56%	51.57B
8	TSLA	Tesla, Inc.	1,082.39B	336.51	2.44%	97.69B
9	BRK.B	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	1,019.46B	471.73	-0.19%	369.89B
10	TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufact...	867.21B	206.38	-1.13%	88.29B
11	WMT	Walmart Inc.	832.34B	103.61	1.11%	673.82B
12	LLY	Eli Lilly and Company	786.05B	872.97	0.92%	45.04B
13	JPM	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	770.60B	275.45	0.17%	166.88B
14	V	Visa Inc.	686.66B	351.49	0.22%	36.80B
15	MA	Mastercard Incorporated	516.08B	564.60	-0.02%	28.17B
16	UNH	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	485.36B	527.40	-1.22%	400.28B
17	ORCL	Oracle Corporation	481.69B	172.22	-2.80%	54.93B

There are 9 stocks worth over \$1T.

That means you add up all the shares x the price and you'd have to write a check for that amount (plus about 30% usually) to own the company and have it approved by shareholders.

I recall there was an area of about \$500B - \$600B that a stock could simply not go through. For 10 years. in the mid 2000's Cisco, and Microsoft come to mind. They simply could not do it because the "market psyche" would not allow it.

But now \$1T is no big deal. I actually wrote to readers when NVDA was at \$1T that, "you know, they just might let it test the value of AAPL and MSFT at \$3T"

Right now however, I am looking for the next \$1T stocks.

Walmart comes to mind. Boring, but one big steady uptrend especially with people who want be thrifty due to inflation (also apparently their vegetables are really good since their logistics get them to the consumer from the farm the fastest. Who knew?)

Also, consider Visa and Mastercard. They are not that far away from \$1T so those are stocks to look at as well. This is similar to the \$90 to \$100 play where strong stocks that reach \$90 often reach \$100.

I think Walmart, MC, and V all reach a \$1T market cap.

Still Bullish. But cautiously adding new positions.

Also, last Merch there could be a sell off followed by "Sell in May and Go Away". But we're looing forward and making adjustments since there will be some type of selling at some point.

Meet The Expert



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Neil writes commentary on the market, economy, finance, and trends in the marketplace in order to get you in the picks and sectors that can move right now.

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Neil uses his knowledge and experience to see "through" what the Fed is saying while using historical trend analysis to get you into trades like technology since 2022 since he knew rising interest rates favor tech stocks since tech companies have billions in cash.

Long term readers were also warned of the crashes in 2009 and 2020, profiting in a big way on the downside while buying at the bottom. Or, at least staying out.

Recent successes were 55% in 2022 when the S&P500 was down -18% due in large part to being in the right sectors. Oil, Natural Gas, and Potash. In fact, energy was the only sector up the entire year proving that sector allocation is the most important thing in trading as we were heavily weighted in energy since the first trading day of the year. A \$100,000 account in the S&P500 would have been only \$82,000 at the end of 2022, while an account trading our picks would have been at \$155,000, an 89% difference. We are still well ahead of the market since 2020.



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