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Peace is Good
for Stocks

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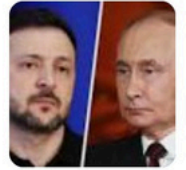
Dear Readers,

 NBC News

Putin suggests he's open to Ukraine ceasefire talks with Zelenskyy

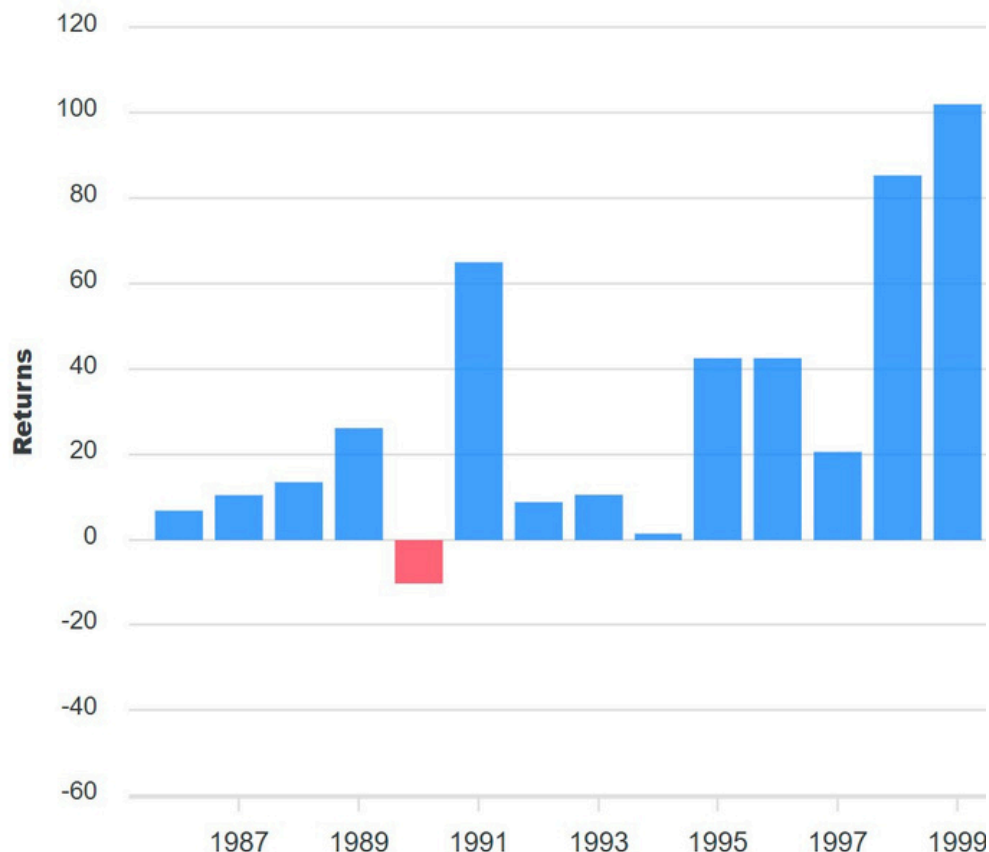
Russian President Vladimir Putin signaled he was open to ceasefire talks with Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy as U.S. pressure ramps up to...

20 hours ago



Peace makes stocks go up. Lots of news that peace talks could be back on if you type in "Ukraine Peace Talks". When stocks rally all of a sudden I know there's a catalyst of some type. So let's hope that there will be some progress here. Apparently Ukraine has "hard line" requests that aren't working and stalling peace. I mean c'mon Russia will not give back Crimea.

All you have to do is look at 1995 - 2000 and here's how the NASDAQ went those years when there was a lot of peace in the world and the US wasn't in a major war. Of course, in 2000 there was the crash but this was a Peace/Tech rally just like we can have now.



High-profile Ukraine peace talks collapse after Rubio and Witkoff pull out

 NBC News | 17 minutes ago

High-level **talks** aimed at bringing a pause to fighting in **Ukraine** disintegrated Wednesday after Secretary of State Marco Rubio and special envoy Steve Witkoff pulled out of the meeting, dealing a blow to Kyiv's hopes for a short-term **peace** agreement.



Let's hope that this headline above doesn't disrupt the way forward for Peace. Reason being, they might change their mind as futures didn't change after this news came out they were still way up.

All it takes for the market to rally is some news that there will be talks when there have been no talks. Real prosperity comes in Peace Time don't ever believe the "war economy" lies that they teach even in some Universities.

Peace = Stocks Up = low inflation.

We also had some weakening of the dollar recently.

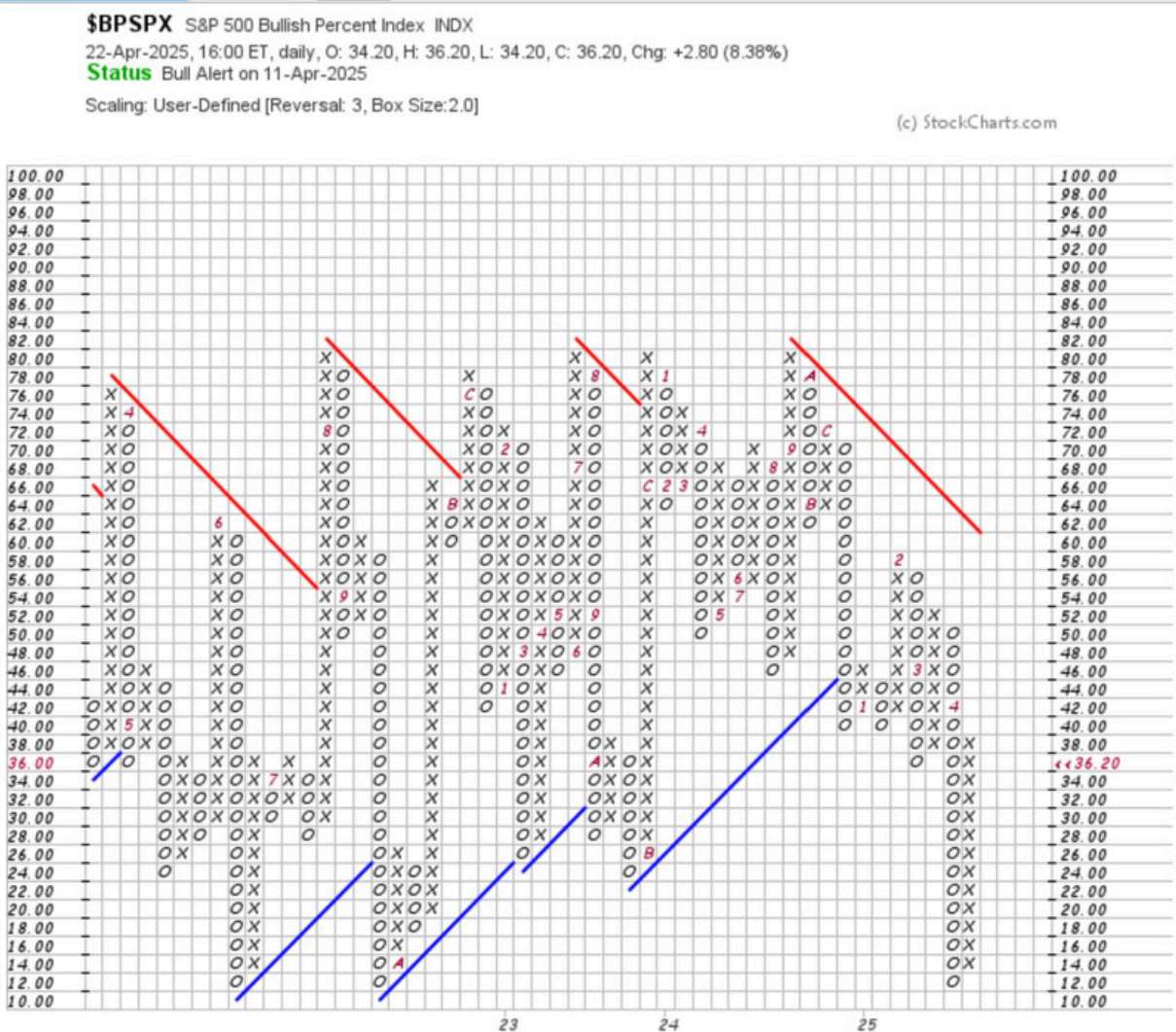
This would favor commodity stocks like FCX.

Keep your eye on homebuilders, energy as well but as long as Peace talks aren't totally derailed I'd expect stocks to keep moving up.

That also gets me to one of my favorite indicators (ok it's my favorite) called the Bullish Percent concept.

Bullish Percent

I always check the Bullish Percent and if you look at the bottom right only 12% of stocks in the S&P500 were on near term buy signals at the recent bottom. That's very low and as it moved up the technicals just kept getting better. So although a shaky rebound, this kept us in our picks that we bought at the bottom as it stayed in a column of X's.



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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