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- Charts
- What Else is Happening?
- Hot Right Now
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 - Can prepare slides for questions submitted ahead of time: Mention “workshop”

S&P 500



S&P 500
One Year

NASDAQ



Nasdaq
One Year

Russell 2000



Russell 2000
One Year

S&P 500 vs. S&P 500 EW

S&P 500 vs. S&P 500 Equal Weight
One Year



Growth vs. Value

VTV vs. VUG one year



JETS vs. AAPL



TSLA vs. BTC



Nasdaq vs. Bitcoin



What Else is Going On?

- Federal Reserve/Inflation big drivers of stocks
 - CPI and other inflation data may be more important than jobs data
 - Fed wrapping up QE early
 - Rate hike possible in March
 - Four hikes this year would put rates at about 1%
 - Bond sales are more about signalling than actually changing conditions
 - Signals Fed is serious about fighting inflation
 - No interest rate that fixes housing/used car shortages
 - Higher rates may also keep oil prices higher for longer
 - Capital investment by businesses leads to increased capacity
 - Preferred way to ease inflation
 - Other way is recession
- Covid
 - Still out there
 - Causing a lot of sick time
 - Seems to be hitting peak faster than previous waves

I'm not an economist, but I've been doing this a long time. But here's the way to look at it. If car prices are too high right now, there are two solutions: You increase the supply of cars by making more of them, or you reduce demand for cars by making Americans poorer. That's the choice.

Hot Right Now

- Real Estate
 - Residential REITs
 - Industrial REITs
 - Retail REITs
- Energy
 - Thermal Coal
 - Oil & Gas E&P
 - Oil & Gas Midstream
- Financial services
 - Financial Data & Stock Exchanges
 - Regional Banks
 - Diversified Insurance
- Utilities
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Water
- Industrials
 - Infrastructure Operations
 - Rental & Leasing Services
 - Industrial Distribution

Questions?

I started investing in stocks almost two years ago not knowing what an average investor has in the number of stocks they hold. I have done well averaging a 26% return. I currently hold 300 individual stocks and seem to be pretty well diverse. Question is should I not have so many stocks? What would be normal? I was up to 322 stocks but are trying to get down to maybe 200. I m I just creating my own mutual fund, should I just invest an established one that's out there? I have \$800,000 invested now and I m retired at 64. Thank you. --John

- This seems like a lot
 - Transaction costs are low
 - Presumably pretty diversified
 - Could sell some and buy an ETF, but that has tax consequences
- No 'Correct' Number
 - Key is to keep track of what's going on
 - Periodic rebalancing
 - Not letting something just bleed out because you didn't notice

Questions?

Insider Sells and Buys at the turn of the year. I feel that December is a lot of buys and sells by insiders (probably mostly for tax reasons, but) Most happen after hours. Is there any way to capture this activity because I feel like it moves things on the following day. Example for buys is Cleveland Cliffs and yes it did bounce on early Jan. INTU moved down and EA moved down. Basically a retail investor has minimal views for after hours. –Marceen

- Insider transactions are not reported in real time
 - SEC rules say Form 4 has to be filed within two days
- End of year transaction are likely to be tax-related
- Better way to use this data is to look for patterns
 - Multiple sales
 - Large reductions in total holdings
- Trying to trade immediately after a buy or sell isn't likely a useful short-term strategy

Questions?

Your site provides ocean of data/information. My challenge is to narrow it down to only TMT (tech, media, telecom) SECTOR only. Any hints/help you can guide me with so that I will not be drowned in your vast site, it will be great help.

Second, your vast option stuff. My focus is on covered calls and cash backed Puts again only in the Tech Sector.

Third. EARNINGS are life blood of TECH stocks. How and where I can find/use your sites in regard to EARNINGS. I know you email us every Sunday of EA events.

– Bob

- Both screeners let you sort by sector/industry
- Option screener let's you sort by strategy as well
 - Options trades can be sorted by before/after earnings
- Earnings data is on stock pages
 - Date given is next report
- Working on some new stuff in this regard that will hopefully be available later in the year

Questions?

Do prefer to use Limit orders as opposed to market orders when buying stocks you don't need today?

Explain your opinion on the use of stop limit orders and or just stop orders.

– Thomas

- Can certainly use limit orders for stocks.
 - Set somewhere like just above a support level and wait
 - Risk is stock keeps rising and you never buy it
- Should always use limit orders for options, particularly on open.

- Stop and Stop Limit orders depend on your strategy
 - For long-term investors, don't see much point
 - Makes more sense for swing and other short-term traders
 - Risk of being stopped out by some small amount on a dip
- Stop is triggered when a price level is breached
- Stop limit combines this with a limit, so stock won't be sold below a certain level