



Market Observations - as of March 28, 2024

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Last week we saw a gap up Monday with a small rally the first hour that failed to reach or retest the prior week's highs and then sold off lower the rest of the day. Tuesday saw a small gap down without any follow through lower that paused for about an hour before the rally began that continued higher the rest of the day. Wednesday saw a quiet open with little change that continued quiet until the last two hours when the Fed Announcement came out and then Jay Powell had his press conference a half hour later that fueled a strong rally the last 2 hours on Wednesday with the S&P delivering new all time highs and the Nasdaq composite delivering a new record high close. Thursday saw a gap up to new all time highs in both the S&P and Nasdaq. The Nasdaq sold off most of the day to just about fill its large gap by the close while the S&P was flat the first half of the day before selling lower the last half and only filled about half of its opening gap. Friday saw some mild selling continue the first hour then the Nasdaq rallied and recovered about half of the prior day's decline with a failed new high and selling the last hour. The S&P saw some selling the first hour on Friday but then paused for an hour before a small rally failed and sold off the last hour.

Last week ended with new all time highs and new record high Closes for the S&P-500, Dow Industrials, the Nasdaq Composite and the Nasdaq-100, and these new records were all seen late on Wednesday and early on Thursday 'After' the Fed announcement and Press Conference.

This week we saw lower closes on both Monday and Tuesday after very quiet trading most of the day. Wednesday saw a divergence between the S&P and Nasdaq, with the Nasdaq gapping up just to fill the opening gap quickly and deliver new lows for the week before a brief rally the last 31 min. of the day. The S&P also saw a gap up on Wednesday but only filled about half of its opening gap before resting most of the day before delivering a strong rally the last 31 min. of the day to new highs for the week. Thursday saw only a small rally with the Nasdaq failing to deliver higher highs while the S&P rallied in the last 32 min. to new highs for the week, and new all time highs, exceeding the prior week's highs. Friday the markets were closed for the Good Friday Holiday.

The S&P delivered new all time highs again this week while the Nasdaq showed some weakness with only a consolidation pattern this week of lower highs and higher lows. We will see this divergence between these indexes (and sectors) in the charts and table below.

Oil continued higher this week along with Bitcoin. Gold prices rallied each day this week to deliver new all time highs on Thursday, closing the day near those new highs.

The US Dollar Index also ended the week higher while the 10 year Yields ended the week lower.

With the Holiday on Friday, volume was light most days this 4-day week.

With the last trading day of March we will look at some longer term (monthly) charts to keep our long-term perspective in mind. We will also add a few Year-To-Date percent change charts to compare Indexes, Sectors on key Stocks.

Let's look at the charts to see what they are telling us.



SPY monthly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We see 5 months of advances from the 20 month SMA support last Oct. and Nov. We see new all time highs again this month too.



S&P 500 weekly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - After the first week this year, we see a strong rally continue. The first 2 weeks of March saw a pause then the rally resumed last week and this week with new all time highs each week.



S&P 500 daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw a strong move last week after the Fed announcement that slowly faded last Friday and this week on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday saw the rally resume and continued higher Thursday for new all time highs, ending the week up +0.39%.



S&P 500 15 min. chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Most of last week's gains were seen the 2 hours after the Fed announcement and then the gap up open on Thursday. Last Friday saw a drift lower that continued Monday and Tuesday of this week. Wednesday looked as if would drift lower until the strong rally the last 31 min. of the day that broke above the Resistance Trend Line (Light Grey line) to new highs for the week. Thursday moved a little higher at the open then paused most of the day before a rally the last hour delivered new all time highs, exceeding the prior week's highs. Thursday's close was also a new record high close.



DJIA monthly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We see 5 months of advances to new all time highs again this month. The 20 month SMA was support last Oct. and Nov.



DJIA weekly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - After a 3 week small pull back we see the rally resumed last week with new all time highs and this week with a new record high close.



DJIA daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - After the new all time highs last Thursday we saw a decline last Friday that continued lower Monday and Tuesday of this week. Wednesday saw the rally resume and continue higher Thursday with a new all time high close, ending the week up +0.84%.



Nasdaq monthly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We see 5 months of rally in a row, with new all time highs delivered this month when the Nov. 2021 highs were exceeded (Blue dash line).



Nasdaq weekly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - After two weeks of a small decline we saw a strong rally last week to new all time highs followed by a small 'Inside' week this week.



Nasdaq daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw the rally resume last week on Wed. and Thursday that was followed by a slow decline last Friday that continued lower on Monday this week. Tuesday saw a failed rally and lower close. Wednesday saw a lower high, lower low but with a higher close. Thursday saw a quiet 'Inside' day to end the week down -0.30%.



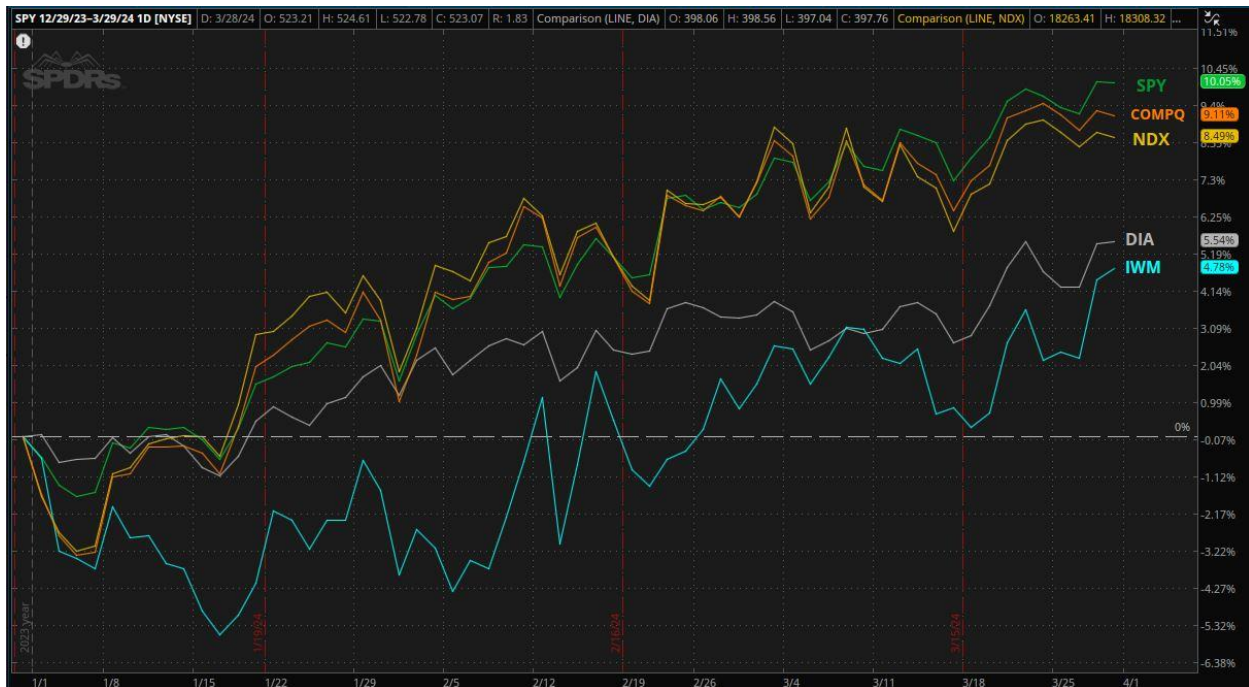
Russell 2000 monthly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - January this year saw a small decline before the rally resumed Feb. and March.



Russell 2000 weekly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The first week of March saw a higher high before pulling back the 2nd week. Last week saw the rally resume that continued higher this week for new 52 week highs, coming about 3 points shy of retesting the March 2022 highs (Grey dash line).



Russell 2000 daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Last week saw a rally on Wed. and Thursday before pulling back last Friday. This week we see an 'Inside' day on Monday then lower lows and lower close Tuesday. Wednesday saw a rally resume to new high for the week that continued a little higher Thursday, coming about 3 points shy of retesting the March 2022 prior highs, ending this week up +2.54%.



USA Indexes Percent Change Year to Date as of Mar 28, 2024 - Here we can compare the Percent Change Year-to-date for the major indexes, the S&P-500 (SPY), the Nasdaq Composite (COMPQ), the Nasdaq-100 (NDX), the Dow Industrials (DIA) and the Russell 2000 (IWM) by using their Index ETFs. The Nasdaq had been leading this year until about the 2nd week of March when the S&P moved ahead a little.

FYI, I found a minor bug in Think-or-Swim charting when you select the date range of 'YTD' (Year To Date) it references the percent change values from the close on the first trading day of the Current Year rather than on the close of the last trading day of the prior Year (which is more common to do). To correct this minor error in these percentage computations I selected a 'Custom' date range for these charts and use Dec. 29 2023 as the starting reference date. This seems to have corrected this minor error. As a reference, I also added a "0%" horizontal reference line (Grey dash line) at the value of the Close on Dec. 29, 2023.

Next we will look at a few key 'Market Internals'.



McClellan Summation Index weekly chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Last week ended with the value of 853.66 on this Index. This week we see a small advance to 882.22.



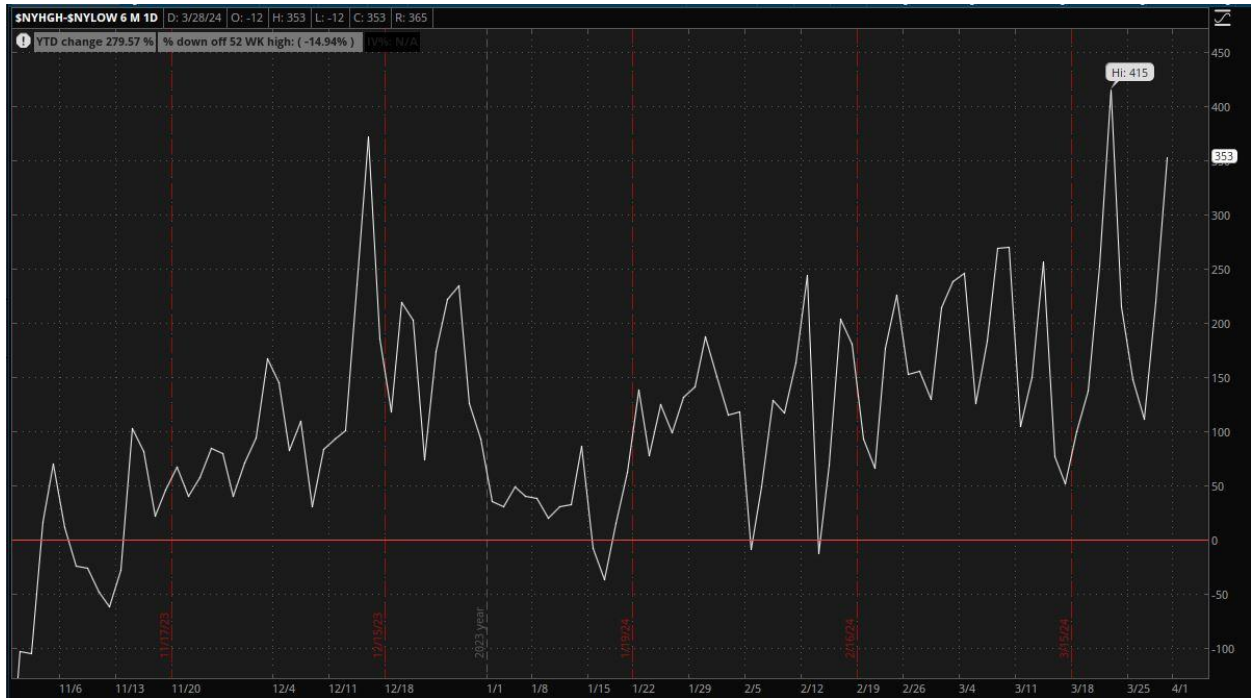
McClellan Summation daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw a small decline the first 2 days this week then an advance the last two days to end this week at 882.22.



NYSE Percent above 200 day SMA as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw a small pull back late last week to 70.53%. This week we see some chop for two days then an increase two days to end this week at 74.91%.



NYSE Percent above 50 day SMA as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw a small dip late last week to 70.06%. This week we saw a small dip 2 days then a strong rally 2 days to end this week at 75.77%.



NYSE New Highs - New Lows chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The NYSE New Highs minus New Lows Index peaked last Thursday at 415 then pulled back to 215 last Friday. We saw a small decline the first 2 days this week then an increase Wednesday to 219 and Thursday to 353.

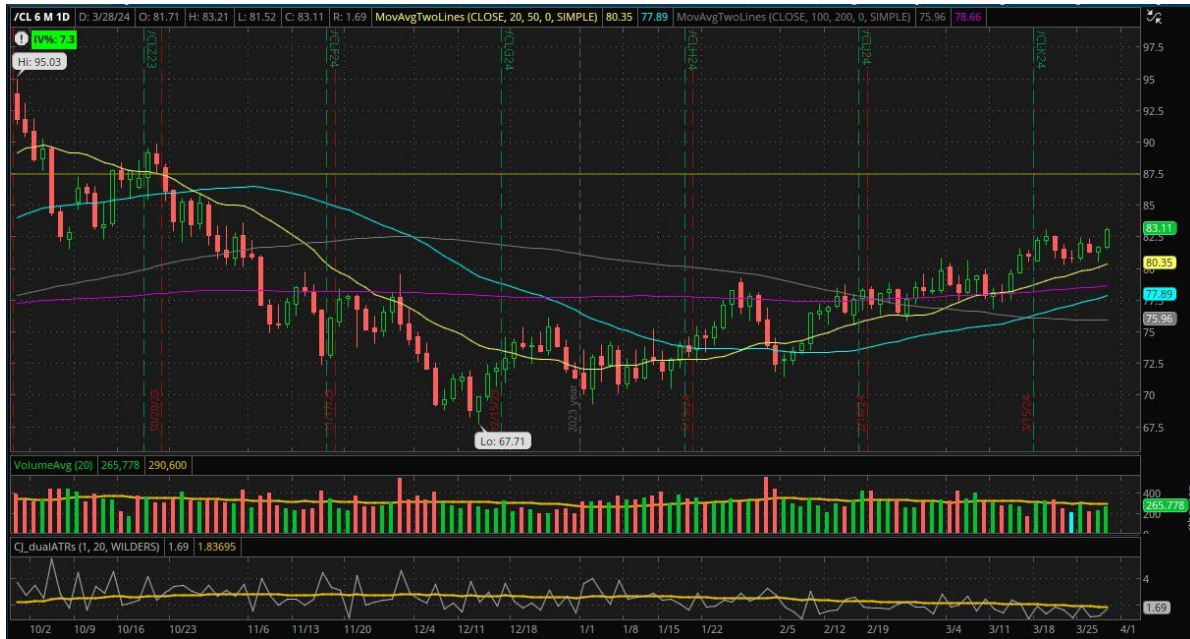


VIX daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The VIX popped up a little Monday then drifted lower Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday saw an 'Inside' day near 13 all day.



VVIX daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Volatility of the VIX opened a little higher Monday then declined to the 76 level for the rest of this week.

Next we will look at a few key Commodities, Currency and Treasuries.



Oil daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Oil prices rallied Monday up to the \$82 are then remained there most of Tuesday. Wednesday saw a small dip to the \$81 to \$81.50 area then rallied Thursday from \$82.50 to \$83.21 and closed at \$83.11.



Gold daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Gold prices rallied higher each day this week with the largest gains seen on Thursday when Gold delivered new all time highs and closed near those new highs. Gold tested Resistance near \$2100 in 2022 and 2023 then briefly broke higher in early Dec. 2023 before pulling back and then testing \$2100 again at the end of 2023. On March 4th this year we saw a strong break above \$2100 that continued higher for a week then paused the past 2 weeks. This week we saw a strong rally to new record breaking highs. Trends tend to continue more often than reverse.



US Dollar Index daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Gold did NOT increase this week due to a weaker US Dollar. The US Dollar saw a small pull back on Monday then rallied the rest of this week to exceed last week's highs.



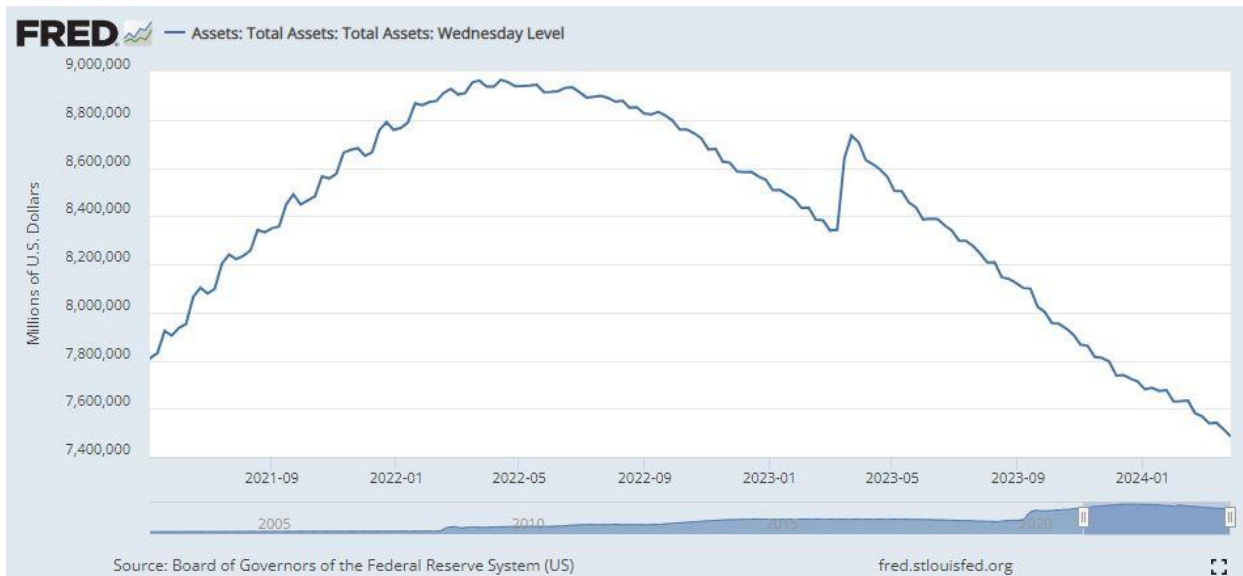
US 10 year Treasury daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The US 10 year Treasury remained just below its 20 day and 50 day SMAs this week as those two SMAs converged on price on Thursday.



US 10 year Yield daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw a small increase in the 10 year Yield on Monday then a decline Tuesday and Wednesday below its 20 day and 200 day SMAs. Thursday again straddled these same two SMAs.

Date	1 Mo	2 Mo	3 Mo	4 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr	10 Yr	20 Yr	30 Yr
03/01/2024	5.54	5.49	5.42	5.41	5.27	4.94	4.54	4.32	4.17	4.20	4.19	4.46	4.33
03/04/2024	5.51	5.49	5.48	5.42	5.37	4.98	4.61	4.39	4.21	4.23	4.22	4.48	4.36
03/05/2024	5.50	5.47	5.47	5.40	5.35	4.94	4.54	4.32	4.13	4.15	4.13	4.39	4.27
03/06/2024	5.50	5.47	5.47	5.40	5.35	4.95	4.55	4.32	4.12	4.12	4.11	4.36	4.24
03/07/2024	5.51	5.48	5.47	5.40	5.34	4.93	4.50	4.28	4.07	4.09	4.09	4.35	4.25
03/08/2024	5.51	5.48	5.46	5.40	5.34	4.92	4.48	4.25	4.06	4.08	4.09	4.36	4.26
03/11/2024	5.50	5.47	5.48	5.41	5.35	4.95	4.51	4.26	4.08	4.09	4.10	4.36	4.26
03/12/2024	5.52	5.48	5.48	5.41	5.37	5.00	4.58	4.33	4.15	4.16	4.16	4.42	4.31
03/13/2024	5.52	5.47	5.48	5.41	5.37	5.01	4.61	4.37	4.19	4.20	4.19	4.45	4.35
03/14/2024	5.52	5.48	5.48	5.42	5.38	5.04	4.68	4.46	4.29	4.30	4.29	4.54	4.44
03/15/2024	5.52	5.48	5.48	5.41	5.38	5.05	4.72	4.51	4.33	4.33	4.31	4.55	4.43
03/18/2024	5.52	5.48	5.48	5.41	5.39	5.06	4.73	4.52	4.36	4.35	4.34	4.57	4.46
03/19/2024	5.52	5.48	5.48	5.41	5.39	5.06	4.68	4.47	4.31	4.31	4.30	4.54	4.44
03/20/2024	5.50	5.47	5.47	5.41	5.36	5.01	4.59	4.41	4.25	4.28	4.27	4.53	4.45
03/21/2024	5.51	5.48	5.48	5.40	5.36	5.01	4.62	4.42	4.26	4.28	4.27	4.53	4.44
03/22/2024	5.51	5.47	5.46	5.40	5.34	4.98	4.59	4.36	4.20	4.22	4.22	4.47	4.39
03/25/2024	5.51	5.48	5.46	5.41	5.36	5.00	4.54	4.39	4.23	4.25	4.25	4.51	4.42
03/26/2024	5.50	5.47	5.46	5.41	5.36	5.00	4.56	4.38	4.22	4.23	4.24	4.49	4.40
03/27/2024	5.50	5.47	5.45	5.41	5.36	4.99	4.54	4.36	4.18	4.18	4.20	4.45	4.36
03/28/2024	5.49	5.48	5.46	5.42	5.38	5.03	4.59	4.40	4.21	4.20	4.20	4.45	4.34

US Yield Rates daily table as of Mar 28, 2024 - Both short term and longer term Yields only saw small changes this week, slightly lower by 1 or 2 basis points if anything.



FOMC Balance Sheet weekly chart as of Mar 27, 2024 - The Fed decreased its Balance Sheet this week by \$29.609 Billion to a new Total Assets of \$7.484739 Trillion. The total change to the Balance Sheet for March was a decline of \$83.068 Billion which is a similar amount we have seen in each of the prior three months.

Next we will look at a few key Sectors.



Dow Transportation Index daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Transports saw a strong bounce off of its 200 day SMA last week then closed last Friday near its lows that day. The slow decline continued lower on Monday and Tuesday this week before we saw a small rally Wednesday that continued higher Thursday, exceeding the prior week's highs and ending this week up +1.25%.



XLE daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Energy sector continued higher Monday, pulled back Tuesday then resumed its rally Wednesday and Thursday to nearly retest the prior highs from Nov. 2022, ending this week up +2.18%. This sector moved with the Oil prices each day this week.



XLF daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Financial sector saw a pull back last Friday and continued a little lower on Monday of this week. Tuesday saw a higher high, higher low and higher close that continued higher Wednesday and Thursday, ending the week with a new all time high, up +1.6% for the week.



QQQ daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Nasdaq-100 ETF rallied last week (after the Fed notice) on Wednesday and Thursday to deliver new all time highs before pulling back a bit on last Friday. The decline continued Monday then was followed Tuesday with a failed rally and lower lows on Wednesday. Thursday saw an Inside day as the QQQ remained below its Trend Line Resistance (Blue line) and above its 20 day SMA, ending this week down -0.53%.



SOXX daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Semiconductor sector saw a failed rally last Thursday that closed lower last Friday. This sector was mostly horizontal this week as it straddled its 20 day SMA Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday saw a small gain with a higher high, higher low and higher close to end the week up +0.21%.



XLC daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Communication Services sector saw a brief rally last Wednesday and Thursday, then saw an 'Inside' day on last Friday. This week we saw a slightly lower day Monday and a mostly horizontal week that closed Thursday only 12 cents above its Monday close, ending the week down -0.20%.

To compare these sectors so far this year, we have a percent change chart below.



SPY vs. Sectors Year To Date Percent Change daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Here we can see the strongest sectors so far this year are the SOXX and XHB. The second strongest group is XLE, XLC, and XLF. Next we see the XLI and the SPY reference. Below the SPY are XLB, XLV, XLK and below the XLP. The weakest sectors include: XLU, XLY and XME. Note how the XME has made a strong showing along with the XHB over the past 3 weeks. This chart gives us a 3-month perspective of relative strength.

INDEXes	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
SECTORs	2/16/2024	2/23/2024	3/1/2024	3/8/2024	3/15/2024	3/22/2024	3/28/2024
\$SPX	-0.42%	1.66%	0.95%	-0.26%	-0.13%	2.29%	0.39%
\$INDU	-0.11%	1.30%	-0.11%	-0.93%	-0.02%	1.97%	0.84%
\$COMPQ	-1.34%	1.40%	1.74%	-1.17%	-0.70%	2.85%	-0.30%
\$NDX	-1.54%	1.42%	2.04%	-1.55%	-1.17%	2.98%	-0.46%
\$RUT	1.13%	-0.79%	2.96%	0.30%	-2.08%	1.60%	2.54%
QQQ	-1.48%	1.44%	2.02%	-1.48%	-1.16%	3.01%	-0.53%
\$STRAN	-3.62%	1.87%	-0.56%	-0.72%	-1.40%	3.31%	1.25%
XLE	2.71%	0.46%	1.37%	1.18%	3.84%	1.73%	2.18%
XLF	1.41%	1.69%	-0.02%	0.82%	0.42%	1.93%	1.69%
XLK	-2.54%	1.34%	2.66%	-1.62%	-0.83%	2.25%	-0.78%
SOXX	-0.68%	1.82%	6.81%	0.67%	-4.11%	3.16%	0.21%
XLV	1.12%	1.54%	-1.03%	0.06%	-0.73%	0.42%	1.57%
XLY	-0.49%	1.27%	2.06%	-2.55%	-1.25%	2.85%	0.64%
XRT	1.20%	1.44%	3.20%	-1.82%	-0.01%	2.35%	2.28%
XLI	0.92%	1.86%	1.08%	0.64%	-0.21%	2.91%	0.60%
XLU	1.59%	1.19%	-0.39%	3.29%	-0.45%	1.46%	2.80%
XME	0.84%	-0.95%	2.23%	2.09%	-3.50%	2.70%	4.04%
XLP	0.23%	2.05%	-0.43%	0.94%	0.49%	0.88%	0.95%
XLB	2.44%	1.95%	1.30%	1.58%	1.62%	0.99%	1.66%
XLC	-0.28%	0.98%	0.38%	-0.54%	-0.38%	3.47%	-0.20%
XHB	-0.35%	2.99%	2.86%	0.35%	0.41%	4.97%	1.22%

Weekly Percent Change US Indexes and Sectors table as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw the Nasdaq as the stronger index last week but this week it became the weakest. The Russell 2000 was the strongest Index this week.

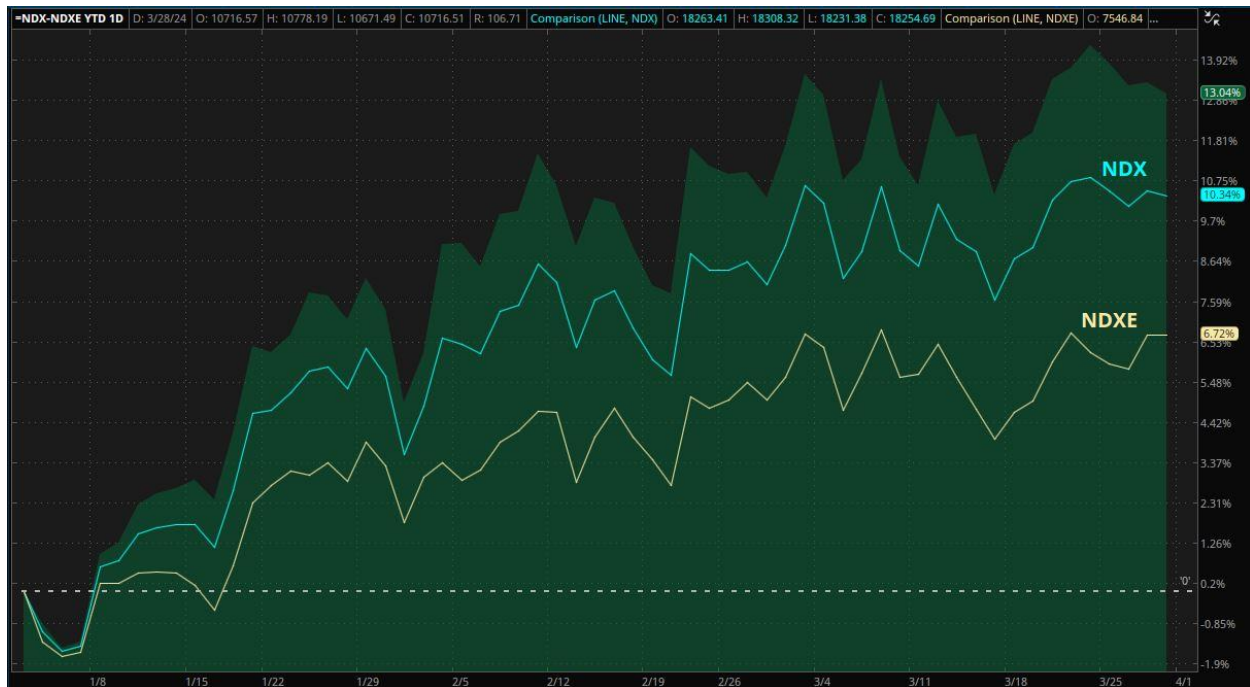
The strongest sectors this week included: XME, XLU, XRT and XLE with each delivering over +2% gains this week.

The weakest sectors this week included: XLK, QQQ, XLC and SOXX. These sectors sound like most of the big tech sectors struggled this week.

INDEXes SECTORS	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	End of Day 03/18/24	End of Day 03/19/24	End of Day 03/20/24	End of Day 03/21/24	End of Day 03/22/24	End of Day 03/25/24	End of Day 03/26/24	End of Day 03/27/24	End of Day 03/28/24	Holiday 03/29/24
\$SPX	0.63%	0.56%	0.89%	0.32%	-0.14%	-0.31%	-0.28%	0.86%	0.11%	n/a
\$INDU	0.20%	0.83%	1.03%	0.68%	-0.77%	-0.41%	-0.08%	1.22%	0.12%	n/a
\$COMPQ	0.82%	0.39%	1.25%	0.20%	0.16%	-0.27%	-0.42%	0.51%	-0.12%	n/a
\$RUT	-0.72%	0.54%	1.92%	1.14%	-1.27%	0.10%	-0.19%	2.13%	0.48%	n/a
QQQ	0.82%	0.25%	1.19%	0.47%	0.08%	-0.36%	-0.32%	0.34%	-0.19%	n/a
\$STRAN	-0.52%	0.79%	1.80%	1.14%	0.06%	-0.64%	-0.37%	1.12%	1.14%	n/a

Daily Percent Change US Indexes table as of Mar 28, 2024 - On Monday we saw the Russell as the strongest and the QQQ was the weakest on Wed. and Thursday this week. Note that the S&P-500 did better than the QQQ every day this week (hint).

One way we have used in the past to expose the impact that the biggest stocks within the Nasdaq-100 index have on the markets is to compare the NDX to the Equal Weighted Nasdaq-100 (NDXE).

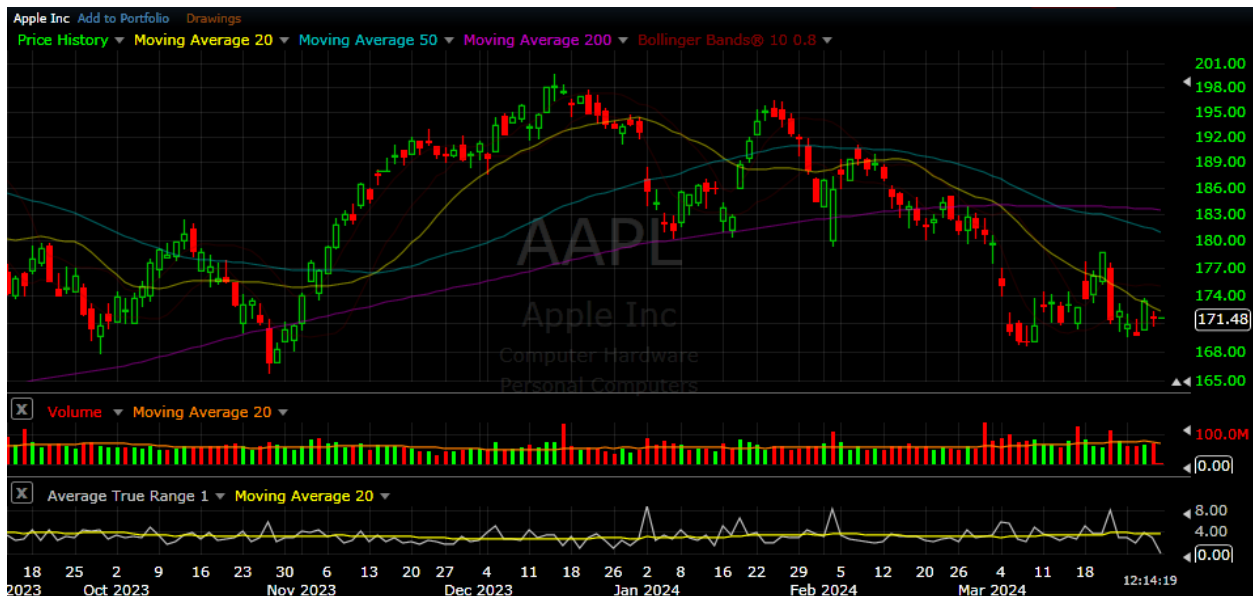


NDX vs. NDXE daily chart Year to Date Percent change as of Mar 28, 2024 - The Green area in the back ground is the 'Difference' between these two indexes, but is not to scale. We can see a decline in the difference this past week as the Green area slopes downward over the past 4 days.

Next we will look at a few key Stocks. We will look at the same stocks we looked at last week with only one exception this week with AA.



MSFT daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Microsoft delivered a new all time high last Thursday then has delivered lower lows and a lower close every day since. MSFT ended this week down -1.87%.



AAPL daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Apple has been in a decline most of this year. Last week we saw a failed rally on Wednesday that was followed by lower lows the next day. This week we saw a lower close on both Monday and Tuesday then a failed rally on Wednesday up to its 20 day SMA. Thursday saw a lower close and 'Inside' day to end the week down -0.46%.



NVDA daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Nvidia saw a rally last week that peaked early this week on Monday morning before beginning a series of lower lows and lower highs on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday was a pause then a tiny bounce late in the day. Thursday saw a very narrow range day to end the week down -4.17%.



AMZN daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Amazon remained mostly horizontal this week with a tiny rally to a new 52 week high on Thursday, ending the week up +0.84%.



GOOGL daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Alphabet was mostly horizontal this week with a brief high Tuesday that was followed by a decline Wednesday and a tiny bounce 'Inside' day on Thursday, ending the week up only 0.11%.



META daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Meta delivered a new all time high on March 8th then gapped down the next session to just below its 20 day SMA where it remained for a week. Last week we saw a small rally Wednesday and Thursday that failed to retest the all time highs and has declined every day since. Last Friday saw a lower close followed by lower lows and lower closes every day this week, crossing below its 20 day SMA on Tuesday and ending the week down -4.71%.



TSLA daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Tesla has also been in a decline most all of this year. We saw new 2024 lows on March 14th that was followed by a small bounce that failed to reach its 20 day SMA last week. This week we saw another bounce attempt on Monday and Tuesday the crossed above its 20 day SMA but could not close above this SMA. Wednesday saw a lower high, lower low but a higher close just above the 20 day SMA. That only lasted one day as Thursday saw a lower high, lower low and lower close back below the 20 day SMA, ending the week up +2.90%. This week we see a higher high and higher low than the prior week. Will that rally continue next week or not? Time will tell.

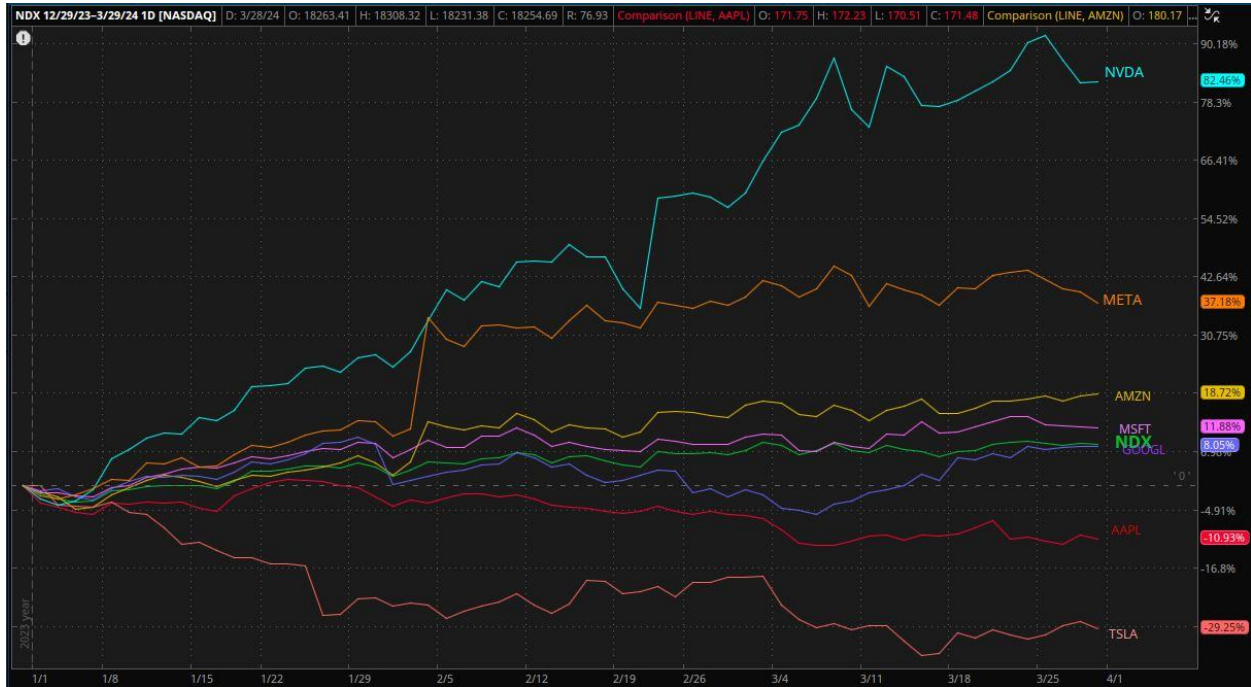
Let's compare the above 7 stocks in the table below to help see the relative strength last week and this week.

Stock	% Change Last week	% Change This week
QQQ	3.01%	-0.53%
MSFT	2.96%	-1.87%
AAPL	-0.20%	-0.46%
NVDA	7.35%	-4.17%
AMZN	2.55%	0.84%
GOOGL	6.79%	0.11%
META	5.26%	-4.71%
TSLA	4.44%	2.90%

In the table above the **green highlighted** values are where the gains were greater than were the QQQ's gains for that week (or less negative).

Only 3 stocks on this table delivered a gain this week. The strongest this week was TSLA. The weakest this week were META and NVDA.

To continue to compare these seven stocks with a 3-month perspective, let's look at the chart below that shows the percent gain Year-To-Date for each.



NDX vs. the Magnificent Seven Stocks percent change Year-To-Date daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - From this view we see that NVDA remains the leader this year even after a decline this week. Meta is second strongest with AMZN in 3rd. MSFT and GOOGL are not doing much different than the NDX so far this year while AAPL and TSLA show their weakness.



JPM daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - JP Morgan saw a small 2-day pull back last Friday and this Monday then resumed its rally this week with a higher close on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday also saw a new all time high at \$200.72 before ending the week up +1.87%. This chart shows a steady rally since Nov. 2023 that has remained mostly above all 3 of its key daily SMAs.



MS daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Morgan Stanley saw a big break out rally last Wednesday and Thursday then pulled back last Friday. The decline continued Monday of this week then paused on Tuesday. Wednesday saw a strong rally that continued higher Thursday to deliver new 2024 highs, ending this week up +2.40%.



COST daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Costco has been mostly over the past 3 weeks since reporting Earnings. This week was again mostly flat, ending this week down -0.30% as price remains between the 50 day and 20 day SMAs.



AMD daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - AMD saw a big rally 3 weeks ago then gave it all back the past 2 weeks. This week we see a very flat chart that remains just below its 50 day SMA all this week, ending this week up +0.47%.



MU daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Micron saw a very strong positive reaction to Earnings last week. This week we saw a second surge rally on Monday with new all time highs early on Tuesday before drifting a little lower the rest of the day. Wednesday and Thursday saw a very small drift lower to end this week up +7.07%.



NFLX daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Netflix saw a slow rally continue higher last week. This week we saw a pause on Monday then a rally to a new 2-year high on Tuesday before rolling over Wednesday and dropping down to its 20 day SMA. Thursday continued lower below its 20 day SMA to end this week down -3.29%.



CAT daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - Caterpillar has seen a steady rally since last November that has been mostly above all 3 of its key daily SMAs. We saw new all time highs last Thursday and Friday. This week we saw a lower close Monday and pause Tuesday before the rally resumed Wednesday to nearly retest the prior week's highs. Thursday saw the rally continue higher and delivered new all time highs, ending the week up +2.32%.



AA daily chart as of Mar 28, 2024 - We saw Alcoa remaining just above its 200 day SMA (Purple) for nearly 2 weeks, with a test last week on Tuesday and a kiss good-bye last Wednesday before closing higher. Last Thursday and Friday remained near last Wednesday's close. This week we saw a small rally Monday, a small pull back on Tuesday then a strong rally on Wednesday to new March highs. The rally continued higher Thursday to end this week up +7.61%.

We not only saw Gold rally this week, but we also saw other metals rally. This certainly was reflected in the XME and XLB sectors this week. Steel (SLTD) has also seen a very strong year this year.

By watching for the strongest stocks within the strongest sectors, we can focus on time on finding high odds opportunities quickly. The chart of the STOCK must identify my actual opportunity, but by looking at a small list of high odds stocks I can use my time more efficiently to quickly find a valid opportunity to trade.

Trading is very much a probability challenge, and being successful comes from only taking a measured Risk on the best opportunities. Being consistent comes from the Discipline to stick to your plan.

I hope you find my sharing of my observations a value as you build your own skills.

Trade Smart,
CJ