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STOCKS ARE BETTER THAN BONDS

Sound familiar. You've heard it here for the last few years. We've said we like growth stocks as the best choice for making money.

If you bought a treasury bond on July 1, 2020, you would have lost 50% of your investment! Last year was US bond investors' worst year since 1871, with a total return of minus 15.7%, even worse than 2009. For 2023, the year-to-date return has been almost minus 10%, annualized, that's minus 17.3% - even worse than 2022. This is a bond investor's two worst years in a century and a half! It was the biggest bond market rout in 150 years. That was the 1870s!

Short-term Treasury yields jumped to their highest level in 17 years as stronger-than-expected US retail sales data breathed new life into a global bond rout. The two-year Treasury yield, which moves with interest rate expectations, rose 0.09 percentage points to 5.20 percent, its highest level since 2006. The selloff came after the latest signs of US consumers' resilience fanned investors' fears that the Federal Reserve could lift borrowing costs further in its fight against inflation. The 10-year Treasury yield, a benchmark for financial assets worldwide, climbed as much as 0.15 percentage points to 4.85 percent, near a recent 16-year high struck as worries over "higher for longer" interest rates rocked global debt markets. The renewed selloff ends a period of respite for bonds over the past week as the outbreak of war between Israel and Hamas spurred demand for safe assets such as Treasuries. The US retail sales data was super strong. Tuesday's commerce department figures showed that US retail sales rose 0.7 percent in September, more than analysts had forecast, extending a recent series of robust economic data. Swaps markets are now pricing a roughly 50 percent chance of a further Fed rate rise by the end of the year. "The data between the last [Fed] meeting and now has been a blowout payrolls number, strong core CPI, and strong retail sales."

Remember do not invest in anything that does not have assets to back it up.

INFLATION

The mid-October reports of the PPI and CPI indicated that inflation is holding steady. Will the U.S. Federal Reserve decide to stop raising interest rates? If inflation is not seen as a problem in 2024, they will likely begin to cut interest rates.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

At the webinar, we look at the charts and graphs of the Magnificent Seven: **Apple (AAPL), Amazon (AMZN), Alphabet (GOOGL), Microsoft (MSFT), Nvidia (NVDA), Meta Platforms (META), and Tesla (TSLA)**. All are on NASDAQ.

One of the seven, Microsoft (MSFT) blazed the trail for tech when Windows and Internet Explorer emerged as critical tools of the web revolution 30 years ago. The tech behemoth is now leading in the latest technology trend, Artificial Intelligence (AI).

ECONOMIES, NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO

The United States of America, China, Japan, Germany, and India are the largest economies in the world in 2023, as per their GDP data. The world's biggest economy keeps chugging along. The US Gross Domestic Product is 4.9%. Bloomberg says it will take until the mid-2040s for China's gross domestic product to exceed that of the US. A day after US data showed retail sales exceeded all forecasts and industrial production strengthened, China posted GDP numbers that suggest the worst is over as consumers fuel a rebound.

Chinese investors offloaded \$21.2 billion of US bonds and stocks in August, the most in four years, fueling speculation the authorities may have beefed up their war chest to defend the yuan.

NASDAQ OR THE DOW?

Do you watch the stock market every morning to see if the markets are going up or down? Which market do you think is more important, the Dow or the Nasdaq? The Nasdaq is a more important indication of the condition of the 'stock market'. The Dow is made up of 30 blue chip stocks but the Nasdaq is made up of 2,500 stocks worth 24.37 billion dollars.

WEBINAR PACKAGE

The webinar package includes a video from the webinar **Pick the Winning Stocks for 2024**. We covered Buying and Selling Strategies, the favored sectors for 2024, and the best stocks in those sectors. We looked at the Magnificent Seven stocks, the Magic formula for stocks that go over \$1000 a share, and the dates in 2024 that will fit the Sun/Jupiter/Pluto pattern. We also discussed the US presidential election candidates' charts for the November 5, 2024, election and on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2025.

GLOBAL TRADE

According to Bloomberg, global trade is flashing the worst of the downturn may be behind us. Consumer demand appears to be firming up. Shipping volumes improved in key ports like Los Angeles. China's factories returned to expansion after Beijing added stimulus measures. Manufacturers probably won't overstock this holiday as in the past. Supply chains drive global trade.

WINNING

Our new book for 2024 is available and is part of the Webinar package **Pick The Winning Stocks for 2024**. The package includes a 3-hour video of the webinar, a pdf copy of the new book, **How To Choose Stocks To Outperform The Market 2024** and a 3-month subscription to the **Astro Economics Stock Market Newsletter**.

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OCTOBER WINNERS

STOCK	Last month (9/29/23)		Today's (10/30/23)
	PRICE	PRICE	Gain %
Stride	45	55	22%
Microsoft	314	338	8%
CrowdStrike	163	175	7%

October was not a good month. Notice two of the above winners were our last month's Recommended Stocks. The economy is still strong and there are good earnings reports. The 4th quarter of the year is usually the best quarter of the year.

OVERALL TOP WINNERS

STOCK	When Recommended		Today's (10/30/23)
	PRICE	PRICE	Gain %
Nvidia	8	414	5075%
Alphabet	4	125	3025%
Apple	7	170	2329%
Booking Holdings	151	2,798	1753%
Ulta Salon	53	380	617%
MSCI	75	483	544%
Adobe	84	530	531%
Veeva Systems	32	191	497%
Microsoft	58	338	483%
Paycom Software	43	240	458%
Fleetcor Tech	44	223	407%
Medpace Holdings	53	242	357%
Atlassian	47	179	281%
Super Micro Comp	105	238	250%
ServiceNow	178	571	221%
Lululemon	138	393	185%
KLA Corp.	189	462	144%

All data for Inc. and First Trade from Michael Munkasey starflash12@ymail.com

Initiating Coverage on a Pullback: Amazon.com (AMZN), Cadence Design Systems (CDNS), Palantir Technologies (PLTR), and Synopsys (SNPS).

Removing Coverage: Texas Roadhouse (TXRH) and Kinsale Capital (KNSL).

AMAZON.COM AMZN/NAQ \$132

52wk Hi/Lo 145/81 Group: Retail-Internet
Amazon.com provides online retail services which enable merchandise and content to be sold via Amazon.com. **Incorporation data: 5/28/1996, 9:00 AM, DE. First Trade data: (Chart 1) 5/15/1997, 9:30 AM, New York, NY.** Relative Strength 94, EPS Rating 83, and Sales 11%.

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS CDNS/NAQ \$234

52wk Hi/Lo 255/138 Group: Computer Sftwr
Cadence Design Systems, Inc develops electronic design automation software/related hardware for electronics companies in circuit design. **Incorporation data: 4/08/1987, 10:00 AM, DE. First Trade data: (Chart 2) 10/31/2005, 9:35 AM, New York, NY.** Relative Strength 94, EPS Rating 97, ROE 43% and Sales 14%.

PALANTIR TECH PLTR/NYSE \$14

52wk Hi/Lo 20/5 Group: Computer Sftwr
Palantir Technologies, Inc. develops software for institutions to protect individual privacy and prevent the misuse of information. **Incorporation data: 5/06/2003, 8:43 PM, DE. First Trade data: (Chart 3) 9/30/2020, 1:39 PM, New York, NY.** Relative Strength 97, EPS Rating 82, Sales 18%, and Timeliness A.

SYNOPSYS SNPS/NAQ \$461

52wk Hi/Lo 502/269 Group: Computer Sftwr
Synopsys, Inc. provides semiconductor design/verification platforms and integrated circuit manufacturing software products. **Incorporation data: 5/07/1987, 10:00 AM, DE. First Trade data: (Chart 4) 2/26/1992, 9:30 AM, New York, NY.** Relative Strength 95, Timeliness A, ROE 26%, and EPS 95.

BUYING AND SELLING STRATEGIES

Once you purchase a stock, place a stop order of 5% below the stock's purchase price. Multiply the price you paid by five and subtract that number from the purchase price (\$42 X .05 equals \$2.1. Your stop order on that stock would be \$40). Following this rule, you protect your profits and reduce losses.

KEY FOR RECOMMENDED STOCK LIST

Key:	(+) Upgrade this issue			
	(-) Downgrade this issue	S	Sell	
SB	Strong Buy	H	Hold	AP
	Accumulate on Pullback			
WB	Weak Buy	RC	Remove Coverage	
B	Buy TP	Take Profits		

L = Large Cap M = Medium Cap S = Small Cap

RECOMMENDED STOCKS BY SECTORS

STATUS STOCK DATE PRICE 10/30/2023 % CHANGE % CHANGE

RETAIL, CONSUMER STAPLES, CONSUMER DURABLES (when recommended) (today) (since added) (since last month)

B	L	Booking Holdings	BKNG	9/09	151	2798	1753%	-9%
H	M	Ulta Salon	ULTA	5/11	53	380	617%	-5%
+B	M	Copart, Inc.	CPRT	12/17	42	43	2%	-2%
+B	L	Lululemon Athletica	LULU	9/18	138	393	185%	3%
H	S	Atkore Intl. Group	ATKR	6/21	77	126	64%	-18%
B	M	Flex Ltd.	FLEX	11/22	19	26	37%	0%
H	M	Lincoln Electric	LECO	12/22	143	175	22%	-5%
H	L	Boeing Co.	BA	1/23	190	184	-3%	3%
B	S	Sterling Infrastructure	STRL	2/23	93	72	112%	-4%
B	S	e.l.f. Beauty	ELF	4/23	80	103	29%	-8%
RC	S	Texas Roadhouse	TXRH	4/23	107	99	-7%	4%
+B	S	Sovos Brands	SOVO	5/23	16	22	38%	-4%
+B	L	Netflix	NFLX	6/23	378	411	9%	9%
-H	L	Tesla	TSLA	7/23	261	198	-24%	-20%
B	S	Sprouts Farmers Market	SFM	9/23	40	43	8%	0%
B	S	Stride	LRN	10/23	45	55	22%	22%

BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL

+B	S	M/I Homes	MHO	5/23	67	81	21%	-6%
+B	S	PulteGroup	PHM	5/23	67	72	7%	-4%

FINANCIAL, INVESTING, BANKING

H	M	Flectcor Tech	FLT	10/12	44	223	407%	-14%
H	L	MSCI Inc.	MSCI	5/16	75	483	544%	-7%
RC	S	Kinsale Capital	KNSL	7/23	374	333	-11%	-21%
-H	L	Futu Holdings	FUTU	8/23	58	58	0%	0%
-H	S	Interactive Brokers	IBKR	8/23	86	80	-7%	-9%

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, SEMICONDUCTORS

H	L	Alphabet	GOOGL	11/04	84	125	3025%	-6%
B	L	Apple Inc.	AAPL	1/10	7	170	2329%	-1%
+B	L	Adobe Systems Inc.	ADBE	2/16	84	530	531%	5%
B	L	Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	4/16	35	414	5075%	-4%
-H	L	Veeva Systems	VEEV	6/16	32	191	497%	-6%
H	M	Paycom Software	PAYC	11/16	43	240	458%	-8%
B	L	Microsoft	MSFT	12/16	58	338	483%	8%
-H	L	Atlassian Corp.	TEAM	11/17	47	179	281%	-10%
H	L	Salesforce.com Inc.	CRM	3/18	116	200	72%	-2%
+B	L	Servicenow Inc.	NOW	1/19	178	571	221%	3%
H	L	KLA Corp.	KLAC	7/20	189	462	144%	0%
H	L	ON Semiconductor	ON	4/22	64	66	3%	-31%
H	M	Super Micro Computer	SMCI	11/22	68	238	250%	-12%
H	S	Rambus	RMBS	3/23	44	50	14%	-11%
H	L	C3.AL, Inc.	AI	6/23	39	25	-36%	0%
+B	L	Meta Platforms	META	6/23	262	304	16%	0%
+B	L	Palo Alto Networks	PANW	6/23	211	240	14%	2%
H	S	Axcelis Tech	ACLS	7/23	183	127	-31%	-22%
H	L	MongoDB	MDB	8/23	411	339	-18%	-1%
H	S	ACM Research	ACMR	10/23	17	13	-24%	-24%
B	L	CrowdStrike	CRWD	10/23	163	175	7%	7%

ENERGY, MANUFACTURING

-H	S	NEXTracker	NXT	3/23	29	34	17%	-15%
H	S	Clean Harbors	CLH	4/23	138	152	10%	-10%
-H	S	Carpenter Tech	CRS	9/23	61	63	3%	-9%
-H	S	Celestica	CLS	9/23	22	22	0%	-8%
B	S	Archrock	AROC	10/23	13	13	0%	0%

HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, PHARMACEUTICALS, LIFE SCIENCES

-H	S	Medpace Holdings	MEDP	12/18	53	242	357%	-1%
B	L	Vertex Pharma	VRTX	2/22	243	358	47%	1%

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AMZN First Trade
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New York, NY
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Geometric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node

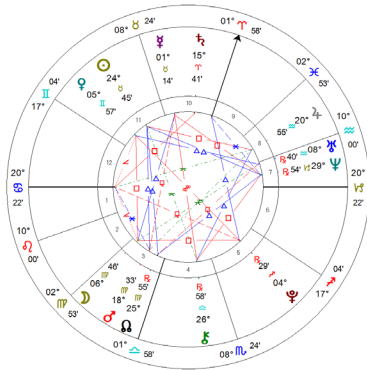


Chart 3- PLTR First Trade

PLTR First Trade
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Placidus
Mean Node

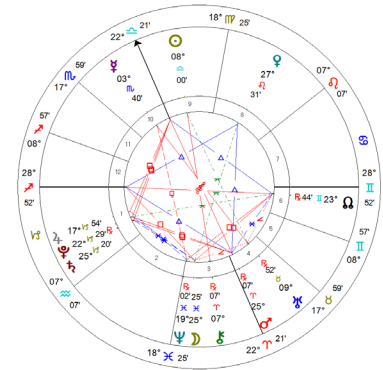


Chart 2- CDNS First Trade

CDNS First Trade
Natal Chart
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Placidus
Mean Node

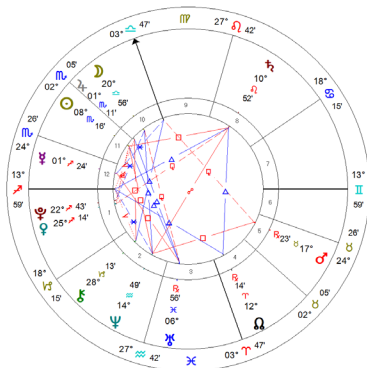


Chart 4- SNPS First Trade

SNPS First Trade
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Geometric
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Placidus
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