

# Weekly Market Analysis #527 — 13 September 2024

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## This Week

On Tuesday it was reported that the following billionaires are selling Nvidia shares:

- Philippe Laffont of Coatue Management (-2,937,060 shares)
- Ken Griffin of Citadel Advisors (-2,462,716 shares)
- Israel Englander of Millennium Management (-720,004 shares)
- Stanley Druckenmiller of Duquesne Family Office (-441,551 shares)
- John Overdeck and David Siegel of Two Sigma Investments (-420,801 shares)
- David Tepper of Appaloosa Management (-348,000 shares)
- Steven Cohen of Point72 Asset Management (-304,505 shares)

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On Sep 10th AFSA reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that nonfarm payroll growth measured 142,000 in August. That was higher than the increase of 118,000 reported in June and 89,000 in July, but well below the average increase of 225,000 over the first five months of the year.

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Barron's said on Thursday that Buffett has been selling Apple and BofA. But news broke in the morning that Vice Chairman Ajit Jain sold \$139M worth of stock and reduced his ownership in Berkshire itself by 50%.

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Most financial news reports this week say that markets have been betting about 85% odds that Fed officials will lower interest rates by a quarter-point next Wednesday.

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David E. Rovella reported:

It was good news-bad news on US inflation Wednesday. The good news is overall inflation continued along its downward path toward the Federal Reserve's desired threshold of 2%. The bad news is, when you strip out traditionally volatile items like food and gas (though critical to consumers), inflation went up thanks largely to housing and travel. From that angle, things are looking a little worse for American consumers—and Wall Street, too, since investors have dreams of a half-point rate cut by the Federal Reserve later this month were likely dashed.

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All 5 MTAs are up and all indexes ended the week slightly up from Friday, Sep 6th. It should also be mentioned that VTI, SPX, COMPQ, and IWM are all slightly lower than their Mid-July highs, and only DIA has made a higher high since then.



Week-over-week: VTI: 4.0%, SPX: 4.0%, COMPQ: 6.0%, DIA: 2.6%, IWM: 4.3%

## A Closer Look

After a good deal of tinkering, I was able to get around the StockCharts.COM access problem. This week price rose every day and the Advance-Decline line confirmed price. The stocks above their 50-day and 200-day averages weren't quite as positive, but they are both above 70, which is actually very strong.



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| SPX Sector Universe Analysis for 13-Sep-2024 |                       |       |        |            |        |       |        |
|--|-----------------------|-------|--------|------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Symbol                                       | Description           | Instr | MTA 3  | RelStr     | CMF    | NH/NL | MCHist |
| <a href="#">XLRE</a>                         | REAL ESTATE           | ETF   | UP     | 4.98:0.81  | UP     | 105/1 | 0.2    |
| <a href="#">XLU</a>                          | UTILITIES             | ETF   | UP     | 3.88:0.81  | =UP=   | 999/1 | 0.2    |
| <a href="#">ITB</a>                          | HOME CONSTRUCTION     | ETF   | UP     | 3.71:0.81  | =UP=   | 925/1 | 0.1    |
| <a href="#">KIE</a>                          | INSURANCE SECTOR      | ETF   | UP     | 3.36:0.81  | <<UP>> | 1/3   | -0.4   |
| <a href="#">KBE</a>                          | S&P BANK SECTOR       | ETF   | UP     | 3.01:0.81  | =UP=   | 1/4   | -0.5   |
| <a href="#">XLP</a>                          | CONSUMER STAPLES      | ETF   | UP     | 2.97:0.81  | <<UP>> | 999/2 | -0.1   |
| <a href="#">XLF</a>                          | FINANCIALS            | ETF   | UP     | 2.47:0.81  | =up=   | 1/3   | -0.3   |
| <a href="#">XLV</a>                          | HEALTH CARE           | ETF   | UP     | 2.46:0.81  | =UP=   | 1/1   | -0.2   |
| <a href="#">ITA</a>                          | SPACE & DEFENSE       | ETF   | UP     | 2.45:0.81  | <<UP>> | 2/1   | -0.2   |
| <a href="#">XLI</a>                          | INDUSTRIALS           | ETF   | UP     | 1.38:0.81  | =UP=   | 2/1   | -0.0   |
| <a href="#">SPX</a>                          | CAP-WTD S&P 500 INDEX | INDEX | UP     | 0.78:0.81  | =UP=   | 2/1   | 0.0    |
| <a href="#">XLY</a>                          | CONSUMER DISCR        | ETF   | UP     | 0.71:0.81  | ≡UP≡   | 8/1   | 0.4    |
| <a href="#">XLB</a>                          | MATERIALS             | ETF   | UP     | 0.63:0.81  | =UP=   | 2/1   | -0.1   |
| <a href="#">IYT</a>                          | TRANSPORT NDX         | ETF   | DN     | 0.46:0.81  | <<DN>> | 1/1   | -0.1   |
| <a href="#">XLC</a>                          | COMMUNICATION SRVCS   | ETF   | UP     | 0.41:0.81  | -UP-   | 2/1   | -0.1   |
| <a href="#">BIL</a>                          | CASH EQUIVALENT       | ETF   | UP     | 0.00:0.81  | <<UP>> | 2/1   | -0.0   |
| <a href="#">PAVE</a>                         | INFRASTRUCTURE        | ETF   | UP     | -0.42:0.81 | =UP=   | 2/1   | 0.0    |
| <a href="#">IGM</a>                          | EXPANDED TECH SECTOR  | ETF   | UP     | -0.71:0.81 | =UP=   | 2/1   | 0.1    |
| <a href="#">XRT</a>                          | RETAIL                | ETF   | -DN-   | -0.79:0.81 | <<UP>> | 2/5   | -0.2   |
| <a href="#">XLE</a>                          | ENERGY                | ETF   | DN     | -1.87:0.81 | <<DN>> | 1/29  | -0.5   |
| <a href="#">SMH</a>                          | SEMICONDUCTORS        | ETF   | <<DN>> | -3.30:0.81 | =UP=   | 2/1   | 0.3    |

The week-over-week price changes for the top 5 sectors are: XLRE: 3.6%, XLU: 3.5%, ITB: 5.6%, KIE: 1.3%, KBE: 1.7%.

The WoW changes for the Big 7 were AAPL: 0.8%, AMZN: 8.8%, GOOGL: 4.3%, META: 4.9%, MSFT: 7.2%, NFLX: 4.7%, TSLA: 9.3% with AAPL finishing last.

## Sector Relative-Strength History

13 weeks of slope history for 19 sector ETFs and the SPX.

Relative Strength History 21-Jun-2024 to 13-Sep-2024

| 21 Jun | 28 Jun | 05 Jul | 12 Jul | 19 Jul | 26 Jul | 02 Aug | 09 Aug | 16 Aug | 23 Aug | 30 Aug | 06 Sep | 13 Sep |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | BANKS  | BANKS  | BANKS  | BANKS  | BANKS  | BLDRS  | REALE  | REALE  |
| TECHS  | TECHS  | TECHS  | TECHS  | TECHS  | SEMIS  | BLDRS  | BLDRS  | REALE  | BLDRS  | REALE  | BLDRS  | UTILS  |
| UTILS  | SP500  | SP500  | SP500  | SP500  | TECHS  | REALE  | REALE  | BLDRS  | REALE  | BANKS  | BANKS  | BLDRS  |
| SP500  | UTILS  | COMMS  | COMMS  | DISCR  | SP500  | INSUR  | UTILS  | UTILS  | UTILS  | UTILS  | UTILS  | INSUR  |
| COMMS  | COMMS  | UTILS  | DISCR  | BANKS  | DISCR  | FINAN  | INSUR  | INSUR  | INSUR  | INSUR  | INSUR  | BANKS  |
| DFEND  | STAPL  | DISCR  | UTILS  | COMMS  | REALE  | DISCR  | DFEND  | DFEND  | DFEND  | DFEND  | DFEND  | STAPL  |
| STAPL  | DFEND  | STAPL  | STAPL  | REALE  | COMMS  | SP500  | FINAN  | HLTHY  | HLTHY  | HLTHY  | STAPL  | FINAN  |
| SALES  | HLTHY  | HLTHY  | REALE  | FINAN  | FINAN  | UTILS  | HLTHY  | FINAN  | STAPL  | STAPL  | FINAN  | HLTHY  |
| HLTHY  | SALES  | DFEND  | HLTHY  | HLTHY  | BLDRS  | TECHS  | STAPL  | STAPL  | FINAN  | FINAN  | HLTHY  | DFEND  |
| FINAN  | DISCR  | REALE  | DFEND  | UTILS  | HLTHY  | DFEND  | SP500  | INDUS  | INDUS  | INDUS  | INDUS  | INDUS  |
| REALE  | REALE  | SALES  | FINAN  | STAPL  | UTILS  | HLTHY  | COMMS  | COMMS  | COMMS  | COMMS  | SP500  | SP500  |
| INSUR  | FINAN  | FINAN  | BANKS  | INSUR  | INSUR  | SEMIS  | INDUS  | SP500  | SP500  | SP500  | COMMS  | DISCR  |
| MATER  | INSUR  | INSUR  | SALES  | DFEND  | DFEND  | COMMS  | DISCR  | MATER  | MATER  | MATER  | MATER  | MATER  |
| DISCR  | INDUS  | INDUS  | INSUR  | SALES  | STAPL  | STAPL  | INFRA  | INFRA  | SALES  | SALES  | TRANS  | TRANS  |
| INDUS  | MATER  | BANKS  | INDUS  | INDUS  | INDUS  | INDUS  | MATER  | SALES  | INFRA  | INFRA  | DISCR  | COMMS  |
| INFRA  | BANKS  | MATER  | MATER  | MATER  | SALES  | SALES  | SALES  | DISCR  | DISCR  | DISCR  | INFRA  | INFRA  |
| BANKS  | INFRA  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  | INFRA  | INFRA  | TECHS  | TECHS  | TRANS  | TRANS  | SALES  | TECHS  |
| ENRGY  | ENRGY  | INFRA  | TRANS  | TRANS  | MATER  | MATER  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  | TECHS  | TECHS  | TECHS  | SALES  |
| BLDRS  | TRANS  | TRANS  | INFRA  | BLDRS  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  | TRANS  | TRANS  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  | ENRGY  |
| TRANS  | BLDRS  | BLDRS  | BLDRS  | INFRA  | TRANS  | TRANS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  | SEMIS  |

### Details

| Symbol  | Slope | Synonym | Sector Name         | Symbol  | Slope | Synonym | Sector Name         |
|---------|-------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------|---------|---------------------|
| 1 XLRE  | 4.98  | REALE   | REAL ESTATE         | 11. SPX | 0.78  | SP500   | S&P 500             |
| 2 XLU   | 3.88  | UTILS   | UTILITIES           | 12 XLY  | 0.71  | DISCR   | CONSUMER DISCR      |
| 3 ITB   | 3.71  | BLDRS   | HOMEBUILDERS        | 13 XLB  | 0.63  | MATER   | MATERIALS           |
| 4 KIE   | 3.36  | INSUR   | INSURANCE           | 14 IYT  | 0.46  | TRANS   | TRANSPORTATION      |
| 5 KBE   | 3.01  | BANKS   | BANKS               | 15 XLC  | 0.41  | COMMS   | COMMUNICATION SRVCS |
| 6 XLP   | 2.97  | STAPL   | CONSUMER STAPLES    | 16 PAVE | -0.42 | INFRA   | INFRASTRUCTURE      |
| 7 XLF   | 2.47  | FINAN   | FINANCIALS          | 17 IGM  | -0.71 | TECHS   | TECHNOLOGY          |
| 8 XLV   | 2.46  | HLTHY   | HEALTH CARE         | 18 XRT  | -0.79 | SALES   | RETAIL SALES        |
| 9 ITA   | 2.45  | DFEND   | AEROSPACE & DEFENSE | 19 XLE  | -1.87 | ENRGY   | ENERGY              |
| 10. XLI | 1.38  | INDUS   | INDUSTRIALS         | 20 SMH  | -3.30 | SEMIS   | SEMICONDUCTORS      |

The top 10 are largely the same as last week but the rearrangements seem to be growing somewhat larger, which hints at increased volatility.

## This Week's Selections

My sector choices last week were: 10% KIE, 10% XLP, 10% XLRE, and 70% BIL.

### Top ETFs By Slope

#### Current Holdings

| Sym  | Slope    | Sell Stop | Last       |
|------|----------|-----------|------------|
| XLRE | 4.98% ↑↑ | \$42.45   | \$45.21 ↑  |
| KIE  | 3.36% ↓  | \$54.87   | \$55.92 ↑  |
| XLP  | 2.97% ↑↑ | \$80.47   | \$83.93 ↑↑ |
|      |          |           |            |
|      |          |           |            |
|      |          |           |            |
|      |          |           |            |
|      |          |           |            |
| BIL  | 0.00% —  | \$90.85   | \$91.62 —  |

#### Other Sectors

| Sym | Slope    | Long  | Last         |
|-----|----------|-------|--------------|
| XLU | 3.88% ↑↑ | no    | \$78.54 ↑↑   |
| ITB | 3.71% ↓↓ | no    | \$123.97 ↑   |
| KBE | 3.01% ↓↓ | no    | \$52.04 ↑    |
| XLF | 2.47% ↓  | no    | \$44.51 ↑    |
| XLV | 2.46% ↓  | no    | \$156.16 ↑   |
| ITA | 2.45% ↓↓ | no    | \$145.39 ↑   |
| XLI | 1.38% ↓  | no    | \$130.57 ↓   |
| SPX | 0.78% ↓  | INDEX | \$5,626.02 ↑ |
| XLY | 0.71% ↑↑ | no    | \$192.48 ↑   |

**Legend: Up: ↑, Down: ↓, Flat/Stable: —**

### Analysis

[XLRE](#) closed above \$45 and made a 105-week high. Money flow is strong. [KIE](#) moved below its stop price on Wednesday then back above it on Thursday and Friday. [XLP](#) made another all-time high, as money flow remains up.

[XLU](#) made an all-time high and all basic charts are up. [ITB](#) is in a 44-week rising channel and made a 925-week high. Basic charts are up. [KBE](#) is more sideways than anything else right now. [XLF](#) appears to have found support at \$44 but needs to get above \$45 to become interesting.

[XLV](#) has been in a consolidation for 4 weeks but money flow and price trend maintain upward biases. [ITA](#) basic charts are mixed. [XLI](#)'s basic charts are up but price needs to pull away from \$130.

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### Thoughts and Decisions

Hold XLRE. Buy XLU and ITB. Hold KIE and XLP. Buy XLV. Listing sectors in alphabetic order, my choices for this week are 10% ITB, 10% KIE, 10% XLP, 10% XLRE, 10% XLU, 10% XLV and reduce BIL to 40%.

## New Highs

Only three all-time highs this week, although ITB is close at 925 weeks.

| SECURITIES MAKING NEW HIGHS ON 13-Sep-2024 |                                     |       |     |       |       |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| SYMBOL                                     | COMPANY                             | INSTR | MTA | SLOPE | WEEKS |
| WMT  | WALMART STORES                      | STOCK | UP  | 5.96  | 999   |
| XLP  | CONSUMER STAPLES                    | ETF   | UP  | 2.97  | 999   |
| XLU  | UTILITIES                           | ETF   | UP  | 3.88  | 999   |
| ITB  | HOME CONSTRUCTION                   | ETF   | UP  | 3.71  | 925   |
| USMV                                       | USA MIN VOLATILITY                  | ETF   | UP  | 2.86  | 649   |
| PM   | PHILIP MORRIS INTL                  | STOCK | UP  | 7.91  | 376   |
| IBM  | INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES     | STOCK | UP  | 5.28  | 368   |
| IRM  | IRON MOUNTAIN                       | STOCK | UP  | 9.17  | 357   |
| GLDM                                       | GOLD MINISHARES                     | ETF   | UP  | 2.45  | 313   |
| SAP  | SAP AG                              | STOCK | UP  | 3.42  | 281   |
| ABBV                                       | ABBVIE INC                          | STOCK | UP  | 5.72  | 259   |
| COST                                       | COSTCO WHOLESALE                    | STOCK | UP  | 2.99  | 259   |
| PLTR                                       | PALANTIR                            | STOCK | UP  | 10.78 | 181   |
| T  | A T & T                             | STOCK | UP  | 5.11  | 161   |
| PCY  | EMERGING MARKET BONDS               | ETF   | UP  | 1.48  | 122   |
| GDX  | MARKET VECTORS GOLD MINERS          | ETF   | UP  | 2.81  | 121   |
| JEPI                                       | JPMORGAN EQUITY PREMIUM INCOME      | ETF   | UP  | 1.09  | 119   |
| FRT  | FEDERAL REALTY INVT                 | STOCK | UP  | 4.39  | 117   |
| HYG  | HIGH-YIELD CORP BOND (HD)           | ETF   | UP  | 0.88  | 116   |
| USIG                                       | USD INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE BOND | ETF   | UP  | 1.42  | 116   |
| IIPR                                       | INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES    | STOCK | UP  | 3.83  | 114   |
| IEI  | 3-7 YEAR TREASURY BOND              | ETF   | UP  | 1.31  | 106   |
| LQD  | INVESTMENT GRADE CORP BOND          | ETF   | UP  | 1.66  | 105   |
| VZ   | VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS              | STOCK | UP  | 1.60  | 105   |
| XLRE                                       | REAL ESTATE                         | ETF   | UP  | 4.98  | 105   |
| BND  | TOTAL BOND MARKET                   | ETF   | UP  | 1.48  | 104   |
| VNQ  | U.S. REIT INDEX                     | ETF   | UP  | 4.76  | 104   |
| RQI  | C&S QUALITY INCOME REALTY           | CEF   | UP  | 6.40  | 101   |
| AWP  | ABERDEEN GLOBAL PREMIER             | CEF   | UP  | 5.51  | 100   |
| BXP  | BOSTON PROPERTIES                   | STOCK | UP  | 6.79  | 100   |

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