

# Weekly Market Analysis #574 – 8 August 2025

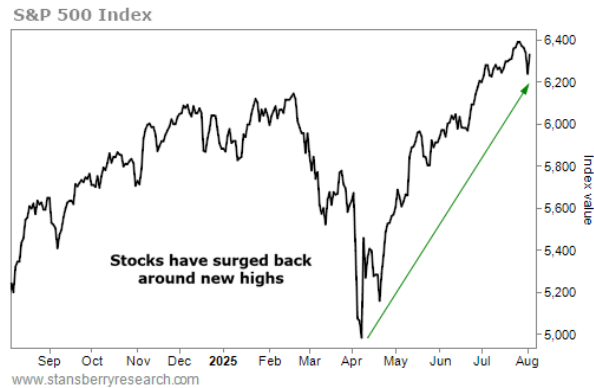
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### This Week

On Wednesday's Chaikin Powerfeed:

"Stocks recently finished one of their most impressive three-month rallies in history. The S&P 500 Index was up 26% in the three months after its April low. Pushing the index back to all-time highs.



A massive short-term jump like this is a perfect breeding ground for regrets and paralysis. But according to history, you *haven't* missed it. There are still big gains to come.

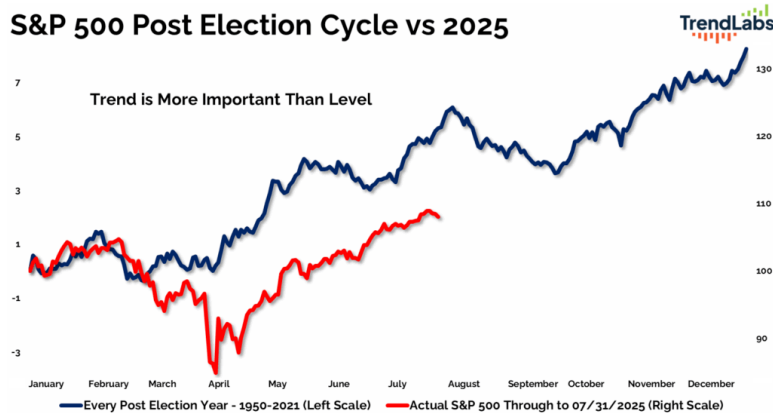
We've only seen five other unique instances of a 26%-plus three-month rally since 1950. And in every case, stocks continued to soar. Take a look...

	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
After Extreme	8.1%	11.5%	23.4%
All Periods	2.0%	4.0%	8.2%

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Similar three-month rallies led to 8.1% gains in three months... 11.5% gains in six months... and 23.4% gains over a year. That's massive out-performance versus the typical buy-and-hold strategy. Plus, stocks were higher a year later 100% of the time. "

But JC Parets reminds us that the Presidential Cycle chart shows we are likely approaching a 2-month decline. (And the the Presidential Cycle coincides with long-term annual seasonality data which tells us August and September are the two worst months for the market every year). This chart is from JC's highly credible free newsletter "Everybody's Wrong" from [TrendLabs.com](https://www.trendlabs.com).



## Market Barometers

All 5 index MTAs remain up.



Week-over-week: DIA: 1.4%, SPX: 2.4%, VTI: 2.4%, COMPQ: 3.9%, IWM: 2.5%

Month-over-month: DIA: -0.4%, SPX: 2.1%, VTI: 2.0%, COMPQ: 4.2%, IWM: -0.6%

## A Closer Look

The SPX was up Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Meanwhile, the BPSPX continued down. The NYAD largely confirmed price. The SPXA50 and the SPXA200 rose slightly. The SPX has kind of stuck in the \$6200-\$6400 range for a little over 5 weeks. This is not surprising after rallying for some 4 months.



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SPX Sector Universe Summary for 08-Aug-2025							
Symbol	Description	Instr	MTA 3	RelStr	CMF	NH/NL	MCHist
<a href="#">SMH</a>	SEMICONDUCTORS	ETF	UP	5.57:2.17	<<UP>>	0/0	-0.9
<a href="#">ITA</a>	SPACE & DEFENSE	ETF	UP	5.42:2.17	<<up>>	0/0	-0.4
<a href="#">IGM</a>	EXPANDED TECH SECTOR	ETF	UP	3.96:2.17	<<UP>>	999/0	-0.4
<a href="#">PAVE</a>	INFRASTRUCTURE	ETF	UP	3.22:2.17	-up-	0/0	-0.8
<a href="#">XLI</a>	INDUSTRIALS	ETF	UP	2.79:2.17	-up-	0/0	-0.6
<a href="#">SPX</a>	CAP-WTD S&P 500 INDEX	INDEX	UP	2.27:2.17	<<UP>>	0/0	-0.4
<a href="#">XRT</a>	RETAIL	ETF	DN	2.18:2.17	<<DN>>	0/0	-0.7
<a href="#">XLC</a>	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	ETF	UP	2.07:2.17	DN	1/0	-0.2
<a href="#">XLU</a>	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	1.77:2.17	≡up≡	999/0	0.3
<a href="#">GLD</a>	SPDR GOLD SHARES	ETF	UP	1.75:2.17	-UP-	2/0	0.1
<a href="#">KBE</a>	S&P BANK SECTOR	ETF	UP	1.55:2.17	<<UP>>	0/0	-1.1
<a href="#">XLY</a>	CONSUMER DISCR	ETF	DN	1.54:2.17	<<up>>	0/0	-0.7
<a href="#">IYT</a>	TRANSPORT NDX	ETF	DN	1.38:2.17	<<dn>>	0/0	-0.9
<a href="#">XLF</a>	FINANCIALS	ETF	UP	1.27:2.17	<<UP>>	0/6	-0.5
<a href="#">XLB</a>	MATERIALS	ETF	DN	0.88:2.17	=DN=	0/0	-0.7
<a href="#">ITB</a>	HOME CONSTRUCTION	ETF	DN	0.81:2.17	-up-	24/0	0.3
<a href="#">XBI</a>	BIOTECHNOLOGY	ETF	DN	0.64:2.17	=UP=	1/4	-0.5
<a href="#">XLRE</a>	REAL ESTATE	ETF	DN	0.14:2.17	<<DN>>	0/5	-0.2
<a href="#">XLE</a>	ENERGY	ETF	DN	0.00:2.17	=DN=	0/8	-0.4
<a href="#">XLP</a>	CONSUMER STAPLES	ETF	UP	-0.05:2.17	-dn-	8/0	0.0
<a href="#">KIE</a>	INSURANCE SECTOR	ETF	UP	-0.80:2.17	-DN-	1/0	-0.0
<a href="#">XLV</a>	HEALTH CARE	ETF	DN	-1.31:2.17	<<UP>>	0/11	-0.3

[Sector Universe](#)

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MoM price changes for the top 5 sectors: [SMH](#): 2.1%, [ITA](#): 3.5%, [IGM](#): 4.7%, [PAVE](#): 1.8%, [XLI](#): 0.4%

MoM price changes for the Big 7 are: [AAPL](#): 8.6%, [AMZN](#): -1.0%, [GOOGL](#): 11.8%, [META](#): 7.2%, [MSFT](#): 3.7%, [NFLX](#): -2.7%, [TSLA](#): 5.1%

## Sector Relative-Strength History

13 weeks of slope history for 21 sector ETFs and the SPX.

Relative Strength History													16-May-2025 to 08-Aug-2025	
16 May	23 May	30 May	06 Jun	13 Jun	20 Jun	27 Jun	03 Jul	11 Jul	18 Jul	25 Jul	01 Aug	08 Aug		
GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS		
DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	SEMIS	SEMIS	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND		
UTILS	UTILS	INDUS	INDUS	SEMIS	SEMIS	GOLD	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS		
STAPL	INDUS	UTILS	TECHS	INDUS	TECHS	TECHS	GOLD	GOLD	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA		
FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	SEMIS	TECHS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS		
INDUS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	INFRA	COMMS	COMMS	SP500	SP500		
INSUR	STAPL	TECHS	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	COMMS	GOLD	SALES	SALES	SALES		
COMMS	INFRA	INFRA	UTILS	SALES	SALES	SALES	SALES	SALES	SP500	SP500	COMMS	COMMS		
REALE	INSUR	STAPL	FINAN	UTILS	SP500	SP500	SP500	SP500	SALES	GOLD	BANKS	UTILS		
INFRA	TECHS	DISCR	DISCR	FINAN	UTILS	FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	BANKS	BANKS	GOLD	GOLD		
SP500	SP500	INSUR	SALES	SP500	FINAN	UTILS	DISCR	BANKS	TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	BANKS		
TECHS	DISCR	SP500	SP500	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	UTILS	TRANS	FINAN	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR		
DISCR	REALE	SEMIS	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	MATER	MATER	DISCR	DISCR	FINAN	FINAN	TRANS		
MATER	SEMIS	SALES	INSUR	INSUR	MATER	INSUR	TRANS	MATER	MATER	MATER	UTILS	FINAN		
BANKS	SALES	REALE	REALE	MATER	INSUR	STAPL	BANKS	UTILS	UTILS	UTILS	MATER	MATER		
SALES	MATER	MATER	MATER	REALE	REALE	TRANS	INSUR	STAPL	ENRGY	BIOTC	BIOTC	BLDRS		
TRANS	BANKS	BANKS	TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	REALE	STAPL	ENRGY	BIOTC	ENRGY	ENRGY	BIOTC		
HLTHY	TRANS	TRANS	BANKS	BANKS	BANKS	BANKS	REALE	INSUR	REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE		
SEMIS	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	REALE	STAPL	STAPL	BLDRS	ENRGY		
ENRGY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	INSUR	INSUR	STAPL	STAPL		
BLDRS	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	BLDRS	BLDRS	INSUR	INSUR		
BIOTC	BLDRS	BLDRS	BLDRS	BLDRS	BLDRS	BLDRS	BLDRS	BLDRS	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY		

### Details

Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name	Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name
1. SMH	5.57	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	12. XLY	1.54	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR
2. ITA	5.42	DFEND	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	13. IYT	1.38	TRANS	TRANSPORTATION
3. IGM	3.96	TECHS	TECHNOLOGY	14. XLF	1.27	FINAN	FINANCIALS
4. PAVE	3.22	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	15. XLB	0.88	MATER	MATERIALS
5. XLI	2.79	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS	16. ITB	0.81	BLDRS	HOMEBUILDERS
6. SPX	2.27	SP500	S&P 500	17. XBI	0.64	BIOTC	BIOTECH
7. XRT	2.18	SALES	RETAIL SALES	18. XLRE	0.14	REALE	REAL ESTATE
8. XLC	2.07	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	19. XLE	0.05	ENRGY	ENERGY
9. XLU	1.77	UTILS	UTILITIES	20. XLP	-0.05	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES
10. GLD	1.75	GOLD	GOLD	21. KIE	-0.80	INSUR	INSURANCE
11. KBE	1.55	BANKS	BANKS	22. XLV	-1.31	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE

The top 8 sectors are the same this week.

[ITB](#), the Home Builders, moved up again from #19 to #16. Its MTA is still off but ARI and SSlope both turned green and the basic charts look good. It just made a 24-week high and it moved easily up through major resistance at \$100 on Monday



## New Highs and New Lows

There are 16 all-time highs this week.

SECURITIES MAKING NEW HIGHS DURING THE WEEK OF 08-Aug-2025					
SYMBOL	COMPANY	INSTR	MTA	SLOPE	WEEKS
ALAB	ASTERA LABS	STOCK	DN	14.20	999
AVGO	BROADCOM	STOCK	UP	8.91	999
BBSI	BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES	STOCK	UP	2.20	999
COMPQ	NASDAQ COMPOSITE	INDEX	UP	3.29	999
DUK	DUKE ENERGY	STOCK	UP	1.03	999
GEV	GE VERNOVA	STOCK	DN	14.18	999
IGM	EXPANDED TECH SECTOR	ETF	UP	3.96	999
META	METaverse	STOCK	UP	4.26	999
MSFT	MICROSOFT	STOCK	UP	5.44	999
NVDA	NVIDIA	STOCK	UP	8.94	999
PLTR	PALANTIR	STOCK	UP	12.03	999
QQQ	NASDAQ 100	ETF	UP	3.07	999
SPY	S&P 500 (LARGE-CAP)	ETF	UP	2.26	999
VGT	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	ETF	UP	4.09	999
VUG	LARGE CAP GROWTH	ETF	UP	3.28	999
XLU	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	1.77	999
XME	METALS AND MINING	ETF	UP	6.76	856
GDX	MARKET VECTORS GOLD MINERS	ETF	UP	4.07	687
MO	ALTRIA GROUP (DK)	HLD	UP	1.46	339
UTG	REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND	CEF	UP	3.56	275
NPFD	VARIABLE RATE PREFERRED	CEF	DN	0.71	147
JNJ	JOHNSON AND JOHNSON (DK)	STOCK	UP	2.25	99
BEN	FRANKLIN RESOURCES (DK)	STOCK	UP	5.70	64
SECURITIES MAKING NEW LOWS DURING THE WEEK OF 08-Aug-2025					
CRB-PA	Equal-weight Commodity ex-Ag	ETF	UP	-7.43	999
IIPR	INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES	REIT	DN	-6.56	332
LYB	LYONDELL BASELL INDUSTRIES	STOCK	DN	-3.33	266
INFY	INFOSYS	STOCK	DN	-3.03	105
ADDYY	ADIDAS AG	STOCK	DN	-3.33	73
ESS	ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST (DK)	STOCK	DN	-1.53	59
SBCI	SINCLAIR	STOCK	DN	-0.54	56