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Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary of Select Markets as of the close on February 29, 2024

Market	Daily CTI	Daily Swing	Weekly CTI	Weekly Swing
Industrial	Negative	Low	Negative	Low
Transports	Negative	Low	Negative	High
NDX	Positive	Low	Negative	Low
S&P Inverse Fund	Positive	N/A	Negative	High
CRB Index	Positive	High	Positive	Low
Gold	Positive	Low	Negative	Low
XAU	Positive	Low	Negative	High
Dollar	Positive	High	Negative	High
Bonds	Positive	High	Negative	Low
Crude Oil	Positive	Low	Positive	Low
Unleaded	Negative	Low	Positive	Low
Natural Gas	Positive	Low	Positive	High

*Since this fund is quoted at the end of the day it is impossible for the concept of swing highs and lows to apply on a daily level. The primary interests here are the weekly developments.

The daily is representative of the short-term and the weekly is representative of the intermediate-term

Short-term Updates

Note on the Cycle Turn Indicator

The most important indicator we have is the Cycle Turn Indicator and the most important timeframe, at least in my mind, is the intermediate-term. This indicator has proven itself time and time again. In reality, this is all we really need to know. Everything else is secondary. That being said, please be sure to monitor the "Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary" above. Red indicates that a swing high and down turn of the Cycle Turn Indicator has occurred and lower prices should follow. The only exception here is that on the daily stock market signals we also want to see both the slow cycle Turn Indicator and the New High/New Low Differential in agreement with the original Cycle Turn Indicator, which is what is covered in this summary above. Yellow, is cautionary meaning that the Cycle Turn Indicator and the swing are not in agreement, which is typically indicative of a trend change. Green, means that a swing low has occurred and that the Cycle Turn Indicator is positive, which should be followed by higher prices. Again, the only exception here is the daily stock market signals in that we want to see both the slow Cycle Turn Indicator and the New High/New Low Differential in agreement with the original Cycle Turn Indicator, which is what is covered in this summary above. For everything else, all that matters is the formation of a swing and the direction of the Cycle Turn Indicator.

See Notes for New Subscribers at the bottom of the Short-Term Update Page or the Research Letter page for information on understanding Cycles and Swings.

February 29, 2024

Stocks

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
CTI on Rydex Tempest Fund *	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Advance/Decline Issues Diff	Bullish
New High New Low Diff	Bullish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
<i>*When this indicator is Bullish it is negative for the market and visa versa.</i>	

Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Sell	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
Slow Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
New High/New Low Differential	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator (ITBM)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator (ITVM)	Bullish
McClellan Summation Index	Bullish
McClellan Volume Summation Index	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Trading Cycle Oscillator	Bearish
Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator Crossover	Bullish
Accumulation/Distribution Index	Bullish

The timing band for the trading cycle low runs between February 27th and March 18th. The battle for this trading cycle top continues in that since the February 13th triggering of a short-term sell signal, it has been trying to take hold. On Tuesday the Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators, a short-term sell signal was re-triggered. Per the Tuesday night update, given that we have now moved into the early portion of the timing band for this low, Tuesday’s short-term sell signal should have ideally been in association with the trading cycle top and with the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top also due, this trading cycle top should ideally be in association with that higher degree cycle top as well. But, as was also explained in the Tuesday night update, as confirmation of Tuesday’s short-term sell signal, I wanted to see an additional close below the February 22nd low, which we have not yet seen. While Tuesday’s short-term sell signal remains intact, given the resilience of this advance, I would still like to see a close below the February 22nd low as additional confirmation of this sell signal. To the contrary, with price having moved into the timing band for the

trading cycle low, any additional advance at this juncture should be in association with an ending push into or retest of the trading cycle top. If the decline out of this trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, then we should also prove to have the intermediate-term cycle top in place as well. The timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 16th and April 19th. With the current trading cycle as right-translated as it has become, the expectation is not to see the intermediate-term cycle low in conjunction with the pending trading cycle low, but for there to be an additional trading cycle down into that higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. It will then be in conjunction with the advance out of the next intermediate-term cycle low that the opportunity for the setup to cap the higher degree cycle tops in conjunction with the setting up of the CheckMate Chart will come.

Tuesday's short-term buy signal on Crude Oil remains intact, but Wednesday and Thursday's reversal lower are suggestive of this having been in association with an ending push into the trading cycle top. The completion of another daily swing high and triggering of a short-term sell signal will be suggestive of this advance having run its course.

Gasoline reversed off its high on Wednesday and in doing so the price/oscillator picture is suggestive of the trading cycle advance having also possibly run its course. The completion of a daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI will trigger a short-term sell signal and the violation of the February 22nd daily swing low will be suggestive of a left-translated trading cycle top, thereby leaving Gasoline positioned for greater weakness in association with the downturn out of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top.

Natural Gas triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday, but as a result of the higher degree structural developments, this advance is expected to be counter-trend.

The CRB Index completed the formation of a daily swing high on Wednesday and any further weakness that turns the daily CTI back down will re-trigger another short-term sell signal in association with what will again be an opportunity to cap the trading and intermediate-term cycle top. At a higher level, the downturn out of the pending intermediate-term cycle top will leave the CRB positioned for continued weakness in association with the downturn out of the higher degree seasonal and 3-year cycle top.

The short-term buy signal on Gold remains intact in association with the February 14th trading cycle low.

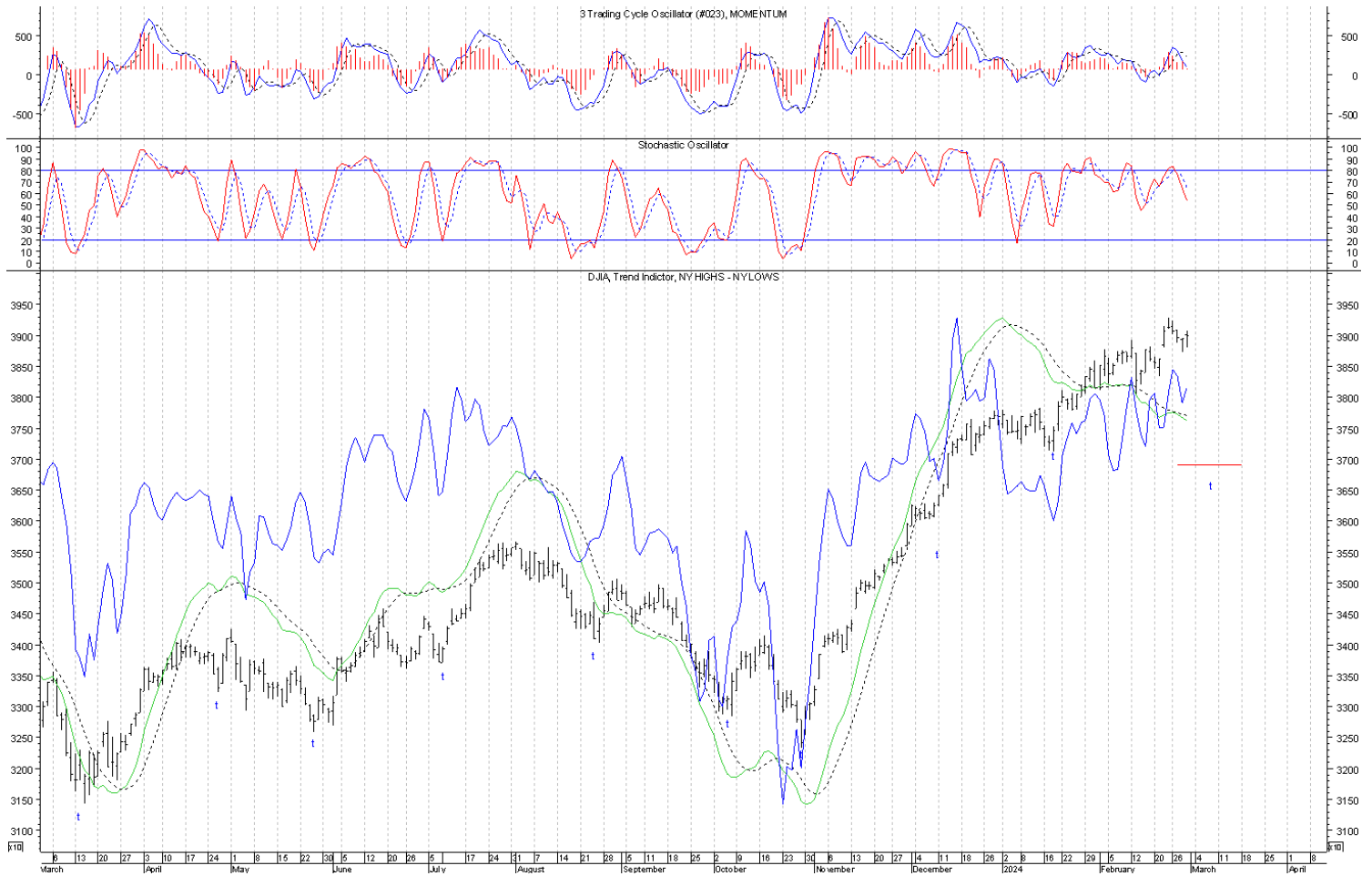
The XAU triggered a short-term buy signal on Thursday and until proven otherwise, the assumption is that we have seen the trading cycle low. It will now be this advance that will serve as the structural test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low.

The Dollar triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday and while I would ideally like to have seen a violation of the February 22nd low in conjunction with one more push into the trading cycle low, as a result of this buy signal, every indication is that the trading cycle low has been seen. The advance out of the February 22nd trading cycle low on Bonds remains intact. Ideally, there should be at least one more trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. The completion of a daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI at this juncture will leave Bonds positioned for such weakness whereas a right-translated trading cycle advance will be suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle low having been seen.

The Intermediate-Term Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, has ticked back up. The Green MA continues its downturn below the Black MA, so there have been no changes here. Generally there are two crossings below the Black in association with intermediate-term cycle tops. While this crossing has continued to put Equities at risk of an intermediate-term cycle top, because of the absence of a weekly swing high, the expectation has been for another upturn back above the Black MA that is then followed by a second downturn in association with the intermediate-term cycle top. That said, with the timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low now upon us, once a weekly swing high and intermediate-term sell signal are triggered, the intermediate-term cycle top should be in place.

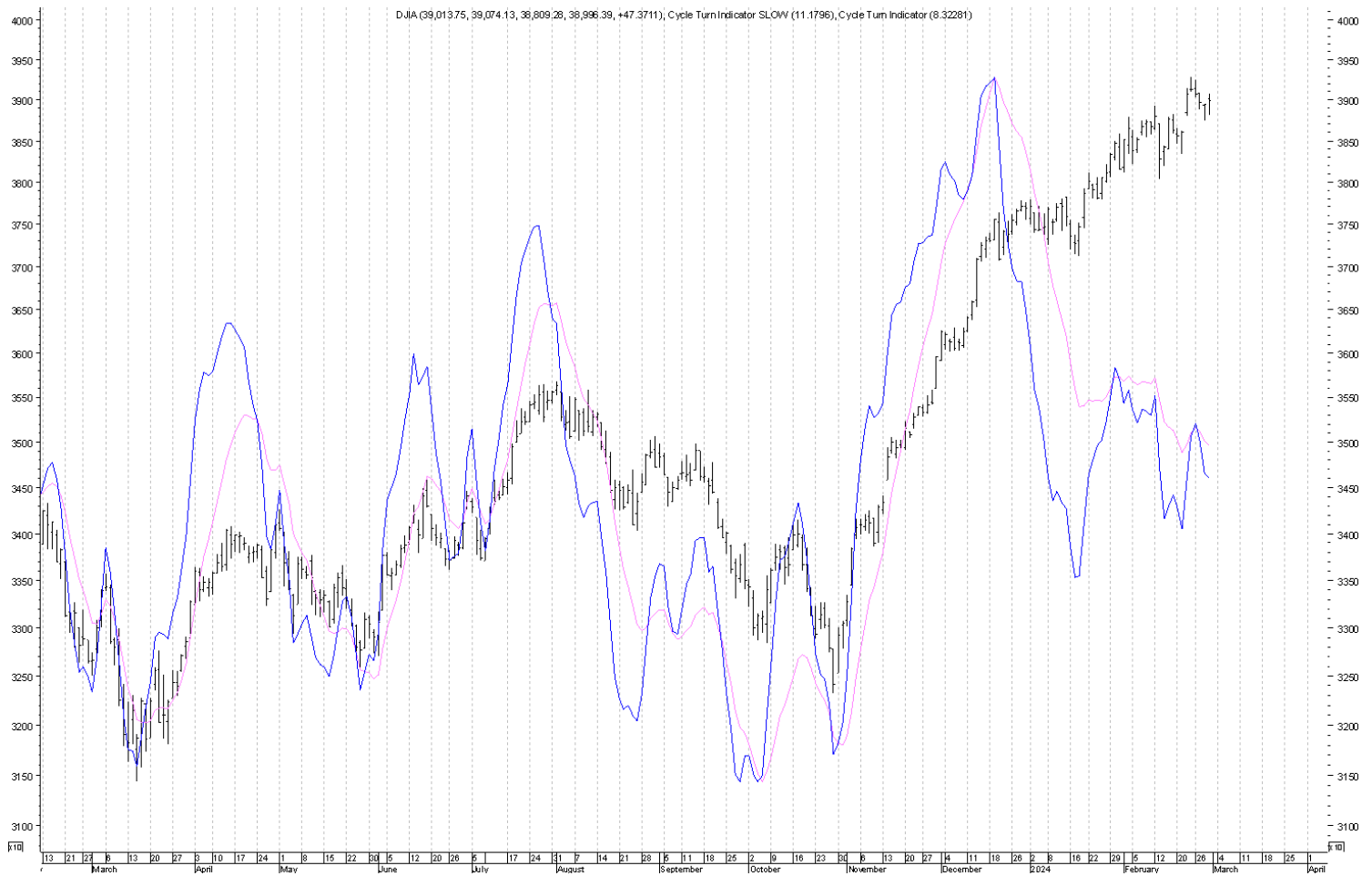


The **Trading Cycle Oscillator** in the upper window continues its downturn from earlier this week as does the **Momentum** Indicator, which is now sitting right on its trigger line. The **5 3 3 Stochastic** in the middle window also continues its downturn from overbought levels. The **New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price, has ticked back up. The **Trend Indicator** remains marginally below its trigger line.

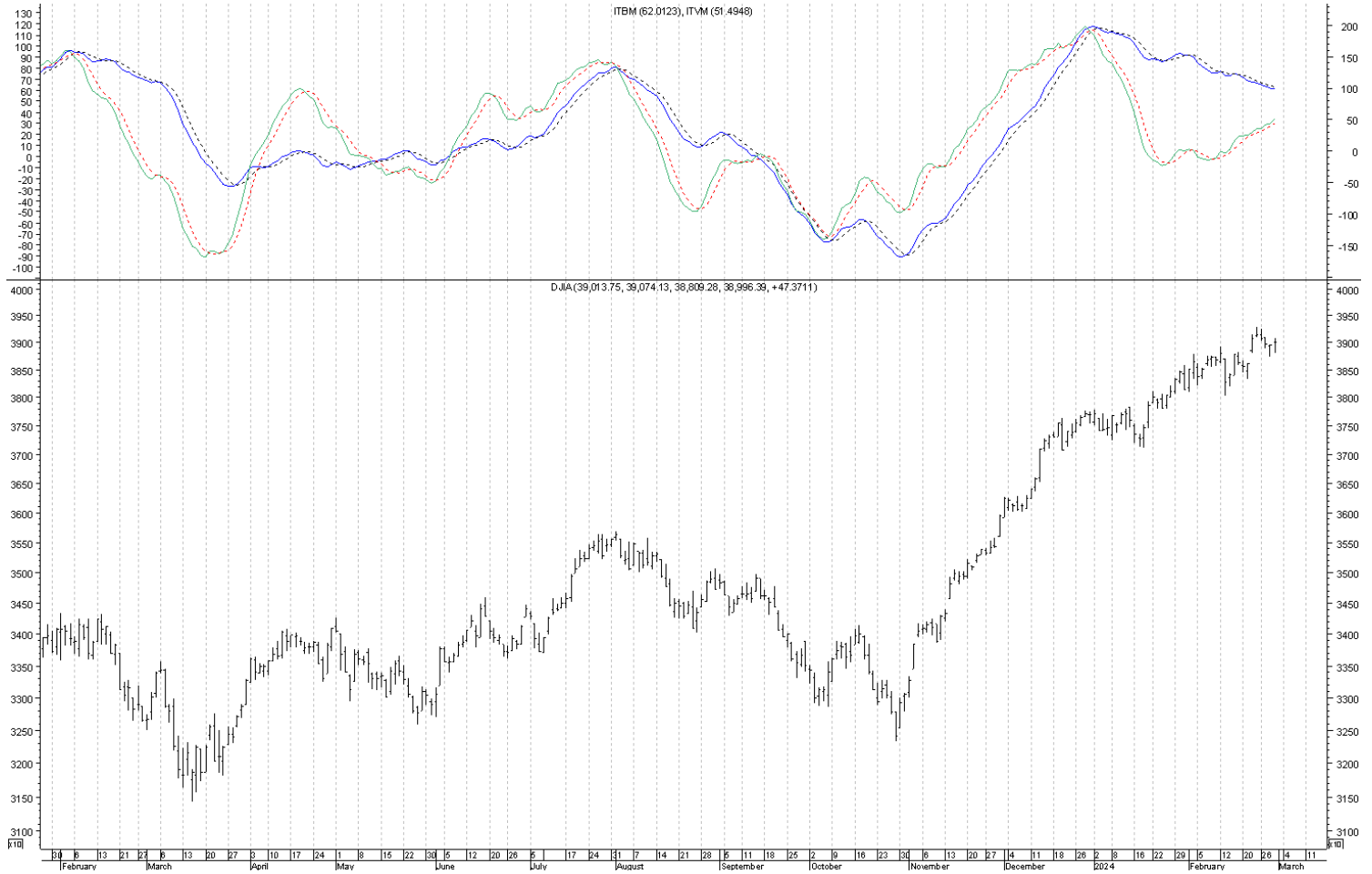


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the **Original** and the **Slow** Cycle Turn Indicators, both plotted below, and the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above.

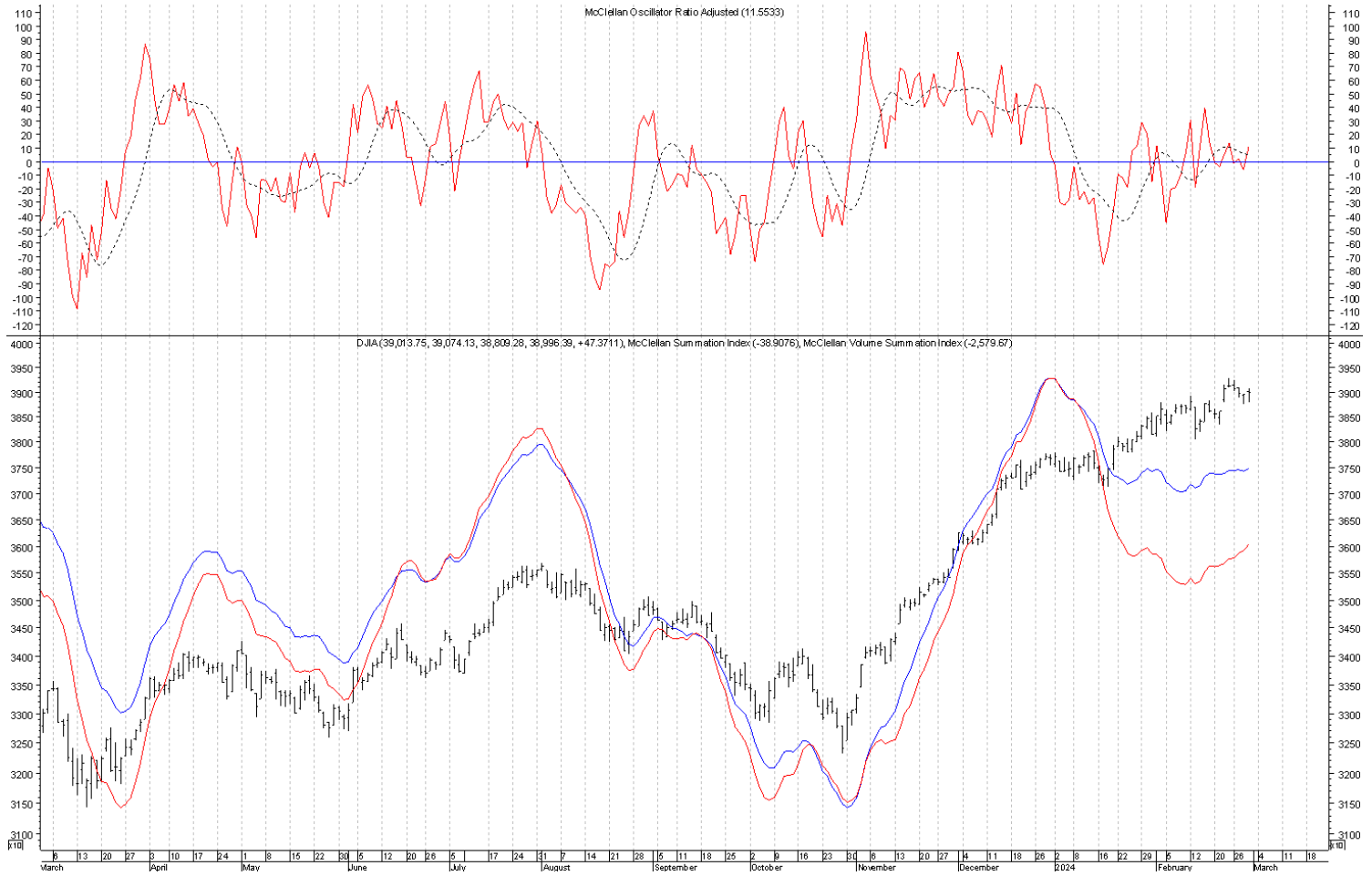
On Tuesday the Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators, another short-term sell signal has been triggered. Based on the cyclical phasing for the trading and intermediate-term cycle lows, both the trading and intermediate-term cycle top should be in place, but as confirmation of that short-term sell signal I wanted to see a close below the February 22nd low, which we have not seen. On Thursday the Industrials completed the formation of another daily swing low, but with ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators not having turned up, another short-term buy signal was not triggered. Any further advance should be in association with an ending push into or retest of the trading cycle top, whereas a close below the February 22nd low should serve as confirmation of Tuesday's short-term sell signal as well as the trading cycle top.



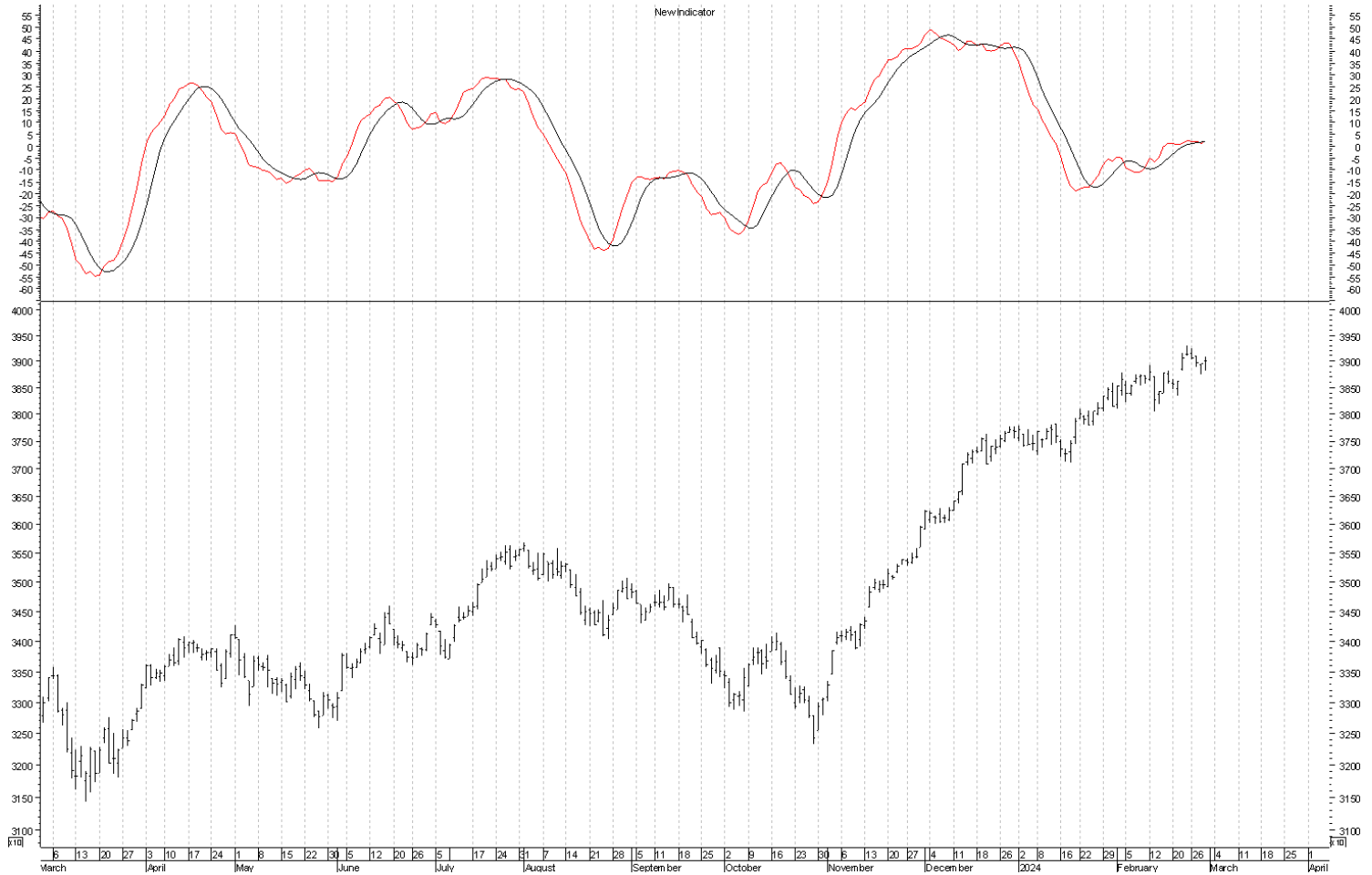
No changes here. The **Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator** remains below its trigger line while the **Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator** remains above its trigger line. Another downturn of both of these indicators in conjunction with Tuesday's triggering of a short-term sell signal should prove to be in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle tops.



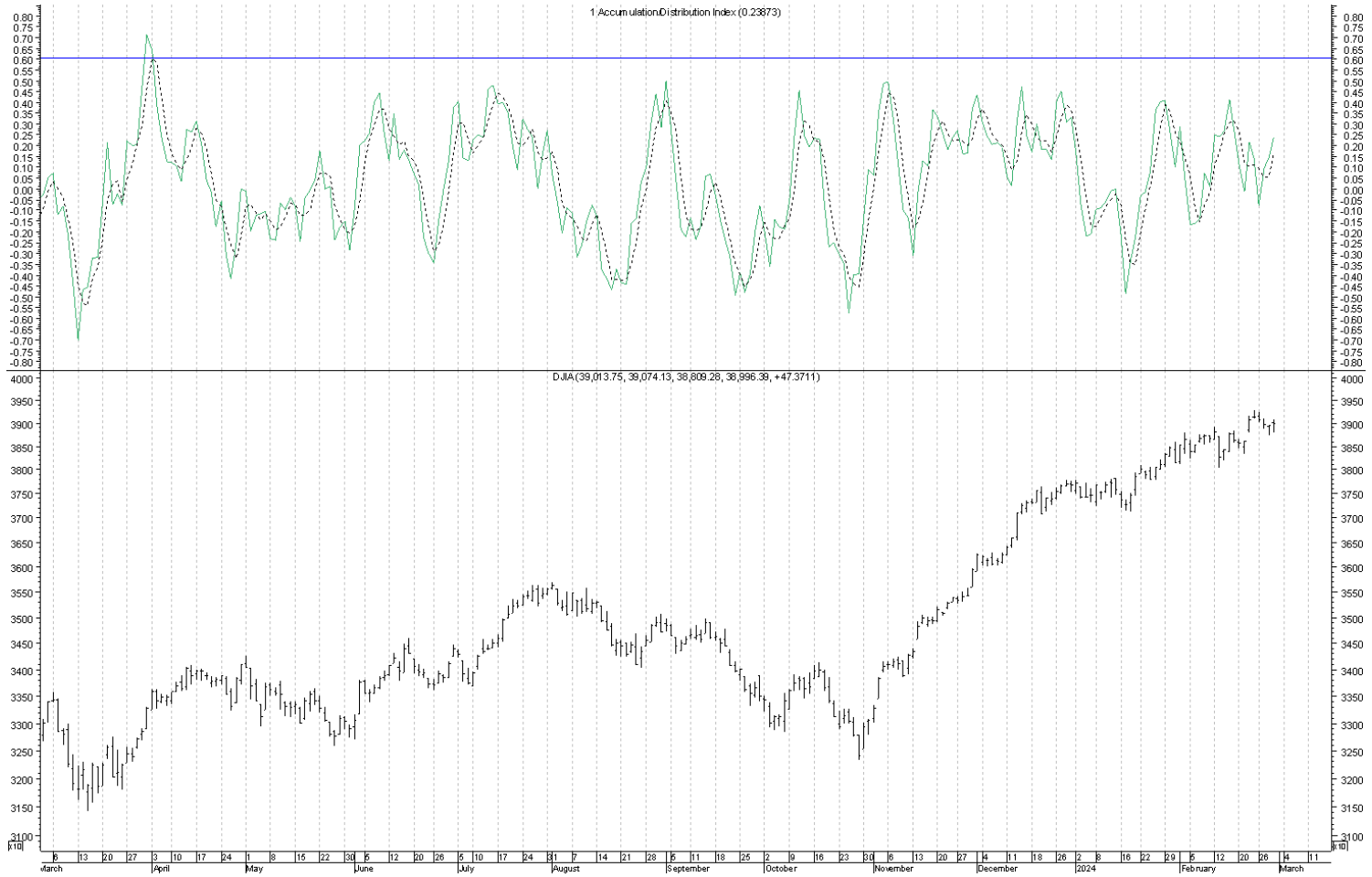
Both the **McClellan Summation Index** and the **McClellan Volume Summation Index** continue their upturns. The **Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator** turned back up above both its trigger and zero line, which in doing so also tends to be suggestive of an additional retest of the trading cycle top. Another downturn below the zero line in association with a close below the February 22nd low on the Industrials should serve as confirmation of both the short-term sell signal and the trading cycle top.



The smoothed McClellan oscillator crossed marginally below its trigger line on Wednesday, but on Thursday turned marginally back above it. Overall the downturn that is trying to take hold here is suggestive of the trading cycle top and what should also ideally be the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well, but we need to see the additional confirmation of Tuesday's short-term sell signal.



The **Accumulation/Distribution Index** ticked back up on Tuesday and that upturn continued. Another downturn at this juncture, in conjunction with a close below the February 22nd low, should prove to be in association with the trading cycle top and what should also ideally be the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well.



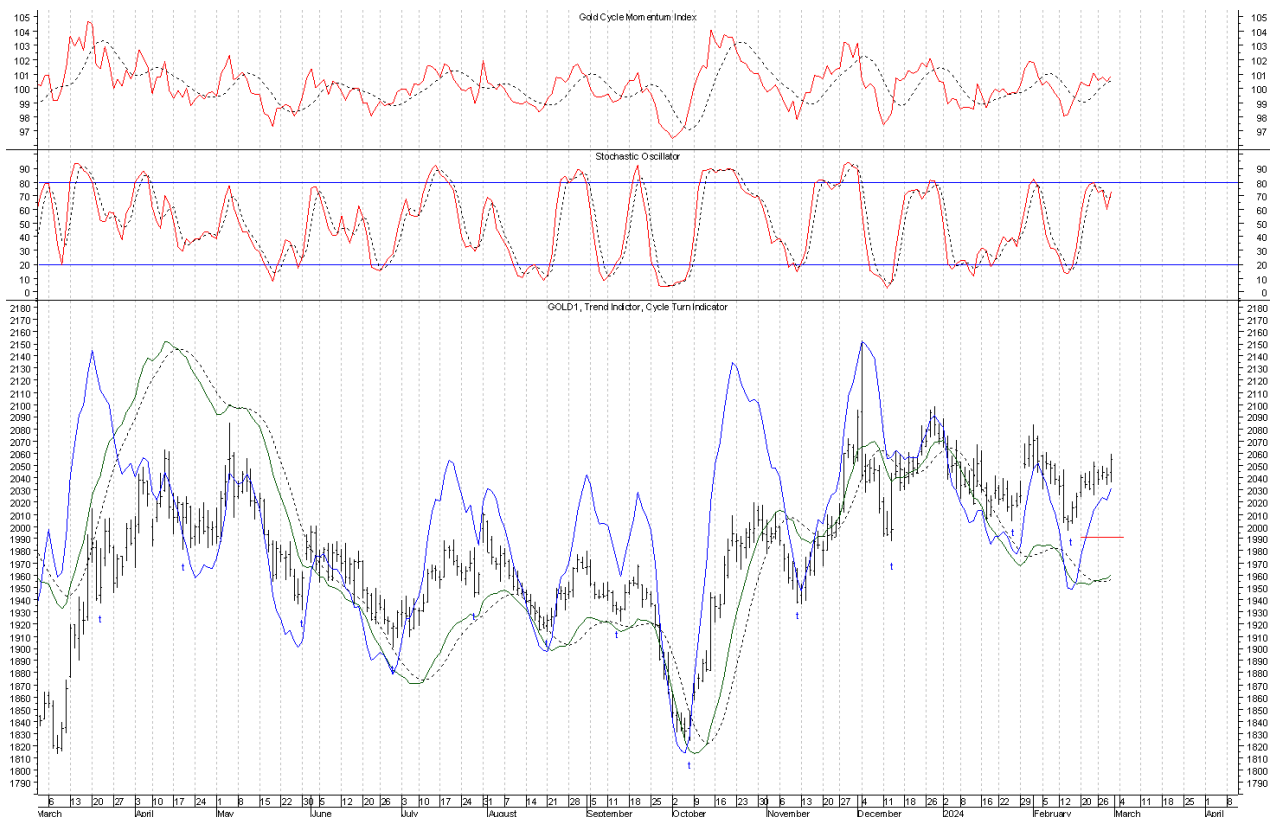
Gold

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Sell	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

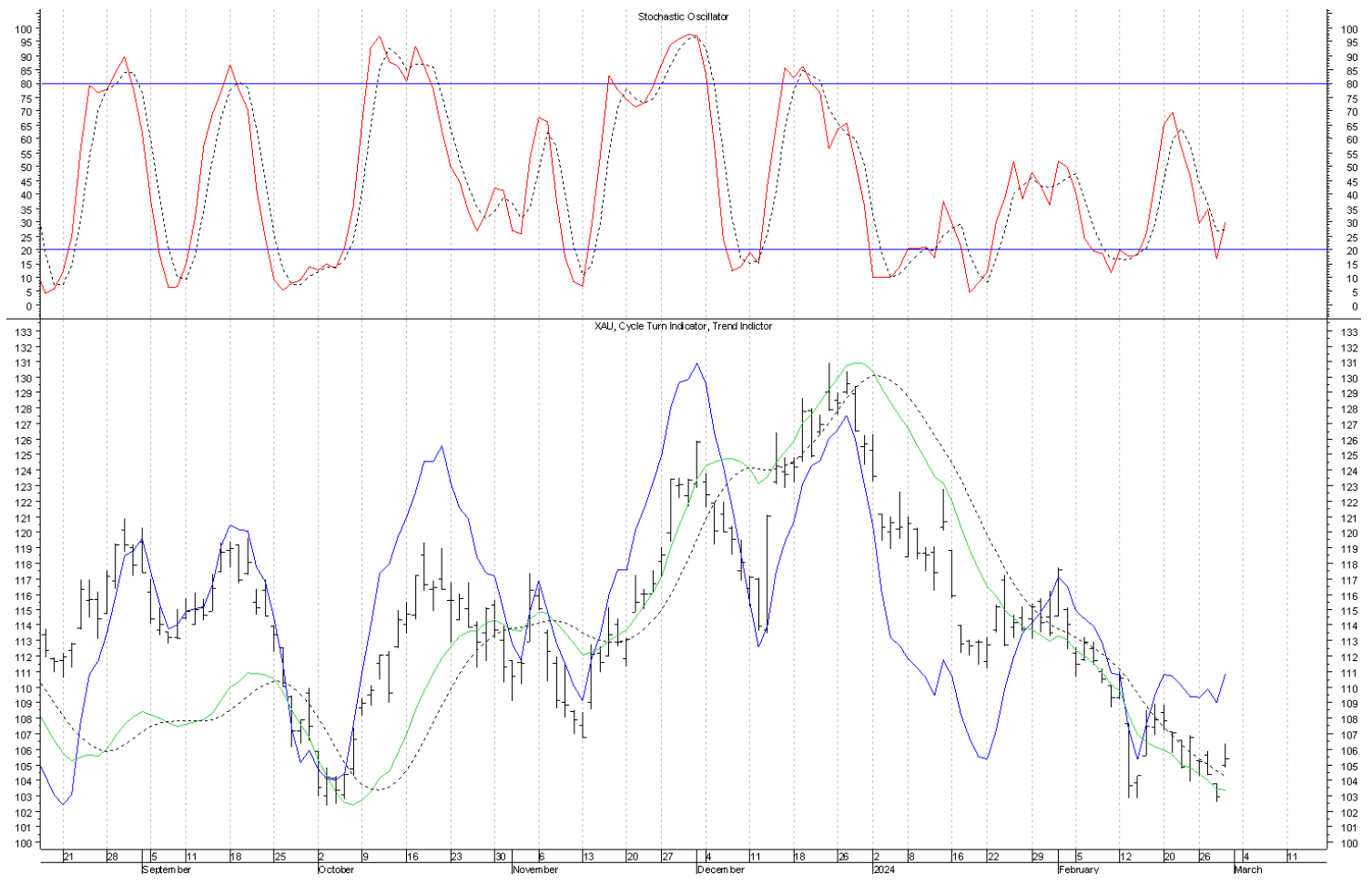
Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

The timing band for the current trading cycle low runs between February 20th and March 5th. The price action on February 15th completed the formation of a daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily **CTI** on February 16th a short-term buy signal was triggered. This advance still remains intact and every indication continues to be that an early trading cycle low was seen on February 14th. At a higher level, while an intermediate-term buy signal has not yet been triggered, the evidence is increasingly also suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle low having been seen in conjunction with this trading cycle low. This intermediate-term cycle low now serves as the structural test of the higher degree seasonal cycle top. This short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen.

Another daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 2,059.40 is not bettered and if 2,036.00 is violated.



Our daily chart of the XAU is next. The February 21st short-term sell signal left the XAU at risk of a left-translated trading cycle top and with the violation of the February 14th daily swing low on Wednesday, that risk proved correct. On Thursday, the XAU completed the formation of another daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered. As a result, we have to assume that the trading cycle low has been seen and it will now be this advance that will serve as the structural test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. If a weekly swing low and upturn of the weekly CTI follow in the wake of Thursday's short-term buy signal, then we will at such time have evidence of the intermediate-term cycle low having been seen. Otherwise, a left-translated trading cycle advance will leave the XAU positioned for yet another trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. For now, this short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI are seen. Another daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 106.36 is not bettered and if 104.83 is violated.



Dollar

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary **Intermediate-Term Sell**

Primary Indicators

Formation of a Weekly Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish

Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
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Daily Indicator Summary **Short-Term Buy**

Primary Indicators

Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish

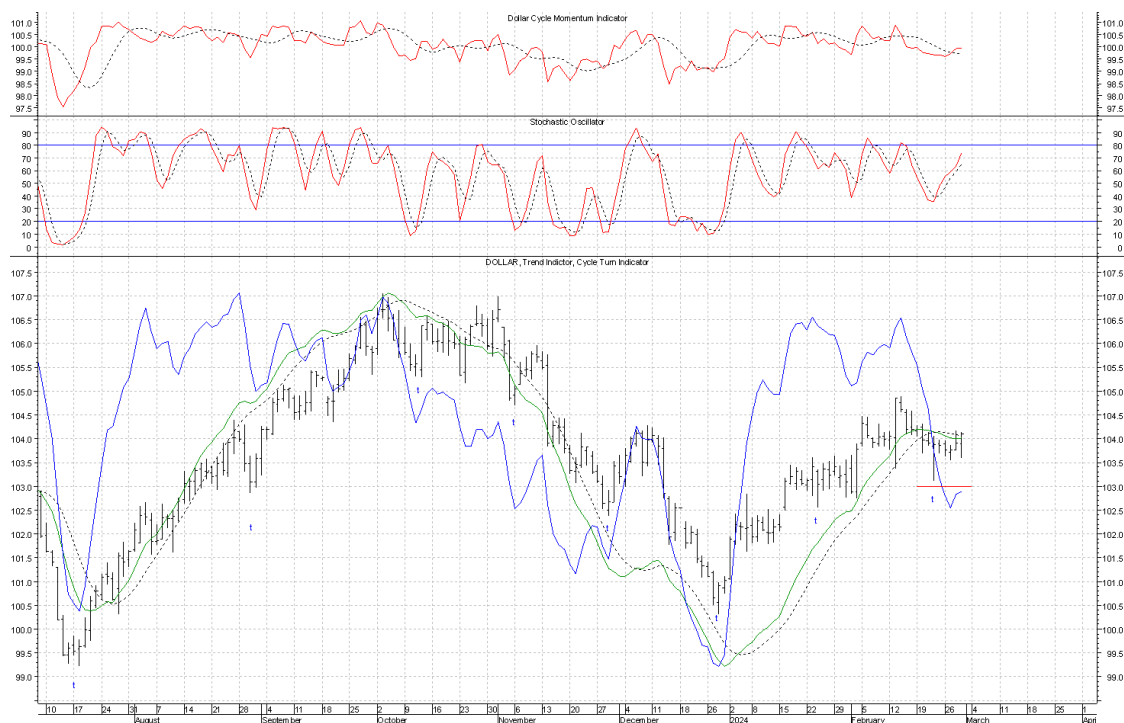
Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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The timing band for the pending trading cycle low runs between February 19th and March 2nd. Ideally I wanted to see another push down below the February 22nd low, but per the parameters given in the Tuesday night update, with the completion of a daily swing low on Wednesday and the accompanying upturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term buy signal was triggered and every indication is that the trading cycle low has been seen. That said, Wednesday's reversal off the high was not ideal nor was Thursday's completion of a daily swing high. However, every indication is that the trading cycle low has been seen. It is now this trading cycle advance that will serve as the structural test of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. A failed and or left-translated trading cycle advance should serve as structural confirmation of that higher degree cycle top. This short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. A daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 104.14 is not bettered and if 103.59 is violated.

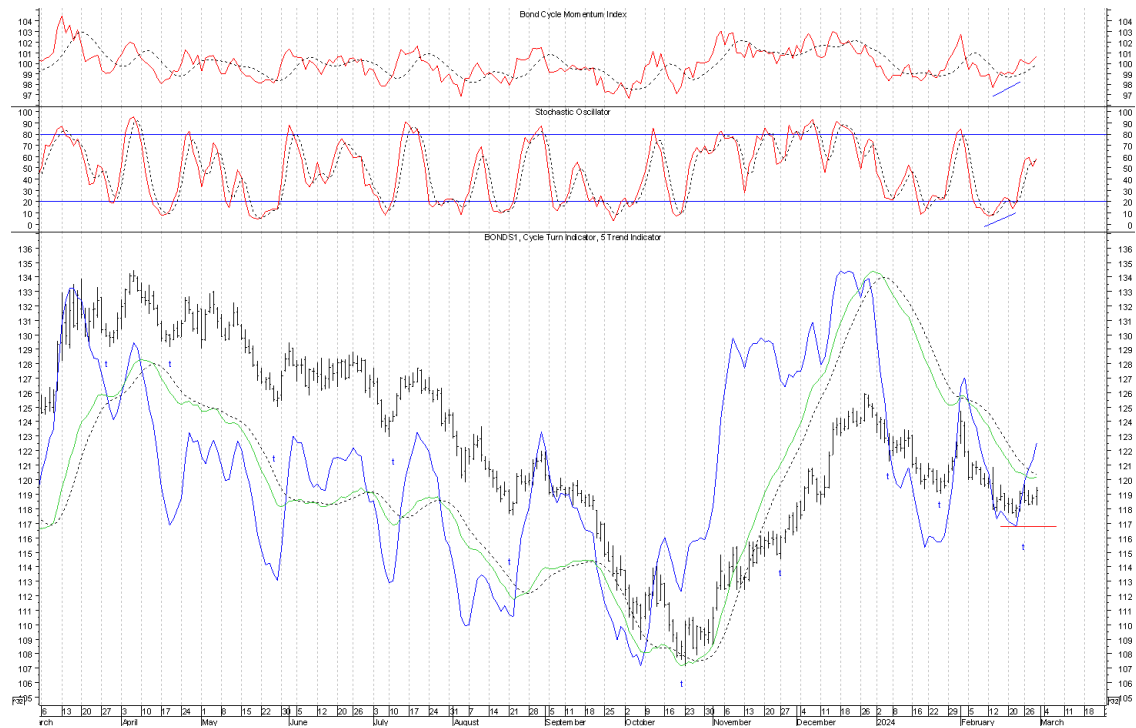


Bonds

End of Week Intermediate-Term Indicator Summary Intermediate-Term Sell	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

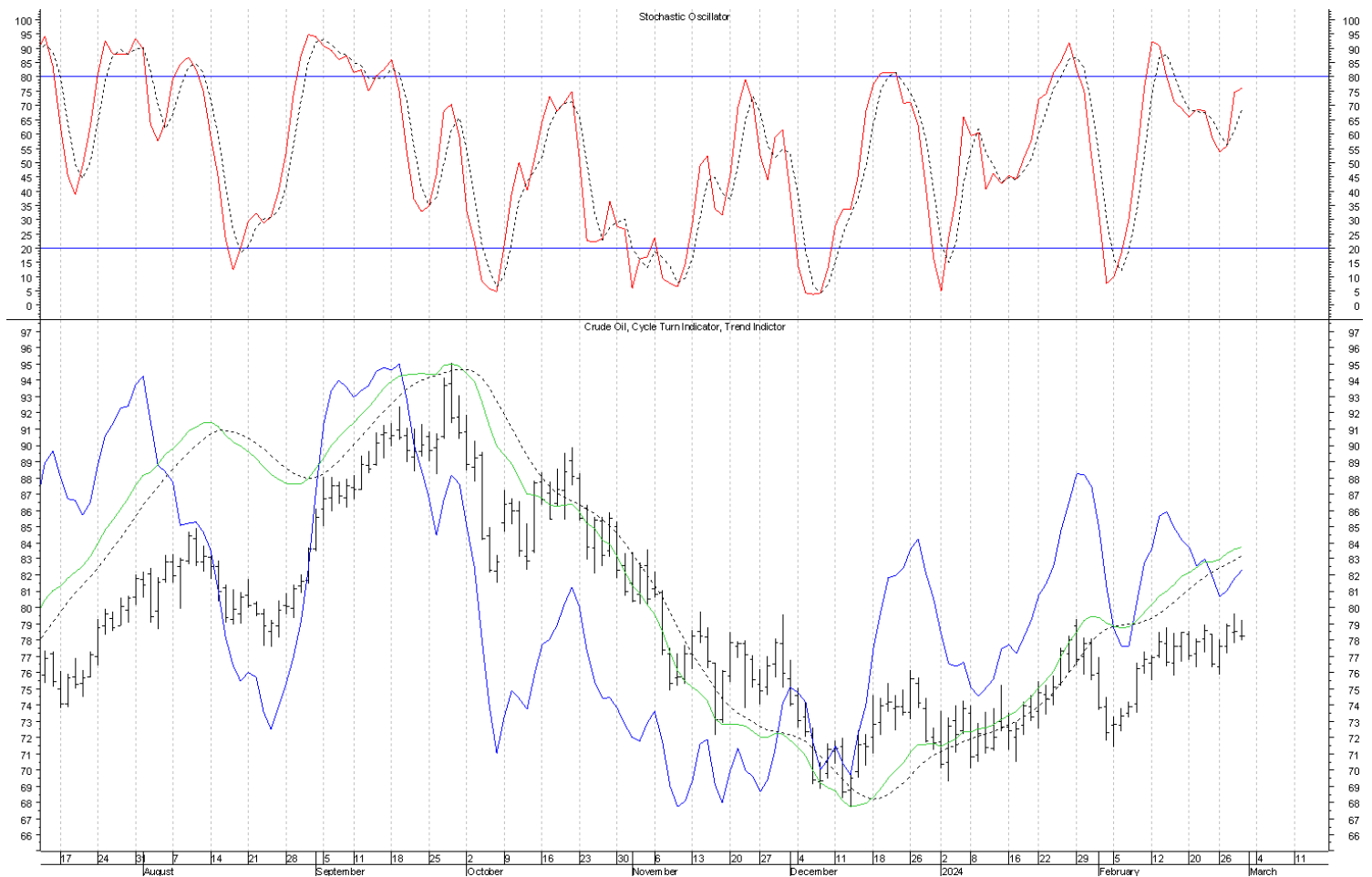
Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing High	Bearish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

The timing band for the now due trading cycle low runs between February 15th and March 7th. As discussed in recent updates, this low was clearly seen on February 22nd and thus far, the advance out of that low remains intact. Based on the cyclical structure and timing for the intermediate-term cycle low, the expectation has been for this trading cycle advance to be counter-trend and followed by at least one more trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. However, if a weekly swing low is formed in conjunction with the advance out of this trading cycle low, then we will begin to have evidence of an early intermediate-term cycle low having possibly been seen. Confirmation of such will follow with a right-translated trading cycle advance. Otherwise, a left-translated trading cycle top will leave Bonds positioned for what should ideally be at least one more trading cycle down into the intermediate-term cycle low.



Crude Oil

Since the completion of a daily swing high on February 15th, Crude Oil has been trying to top, but has struggled to trigger a solid short-term sell signal and the battle for this top continues. Tuesday's short-term buy signal remains intact, but Wednesday and Thursday's reversals are once again suggestive of a top and that this latest advance has been an ending push into the trading cycle top. Any further weakness that completes the formation of another daily swing high in association with a downturn of the daily CTI will trigger another short-term sell signal, which in doing so will once again be an opportunity to cap this trading cycle top. If a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly CTI are seen in conjunction with the decline out of this trading cycle top, then the evidence will be further suggestive of this advance having run its course and that the intermediate-term cycle top has also been seen. Another daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 79.62 is not bettered and if 77.78 is violated.



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