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Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary of Select Markets as of the close on March 14, 2024

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

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Stocks

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

The timing band for the trading cycle low runs between February 27th and March 18th. The Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing low on March 7th. As discussed in the weekend update and again here in the Tuesday night update, in spite of the triggering of a short-term buy signal, I have continued to think there was a very good possibility the trading cycle low was seen on March 5th. In spite of the continued advance on Wednesday, a short-term buy signal was still not triggered and on Thursday the Industrials completed the formation of another daily swing high. As a result, the price/oscillator picture continues to be increasingly suggestive of the trading cycle low having been seen on March 5th. With the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top due, the trading cycle advance out of the suspected March 5th low should set up with a left-translated structure, leaving the Industrials positioned for a more meaningful decline into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. In the meantime, the February 27th short-term sell signal will remain intact until a daily swing low AND upturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen and the assumption is that we have seen a very weak trading cycle advance out of the

March 5th daily swing low. At a higher level, once a weekly swing high is formed, we should have the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top in place. The timing band for the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low runs between February 16th and April 19th. It will be the advance out of the next intermediate-term cycle low in which the opportunity for the setup to cap the higher degree cycle tops in conjunction with the setting up of the CheckMate Chart will then come.

I misspoke here in the Tuesday night update with regard to Crude Oil. I said: “Crude Oil completed the formation of a daily swing low on Tuesday, but Friday’s short-term buy signal remains intact.” I should have said short-term sell signal rather than buy signal. With that clarification covered, the price action on Wednesday triggered another short-term buy signal and every indication is that the March 11th low marked the trading cycle low in association with a continuation of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle advance.

In the absence of a close below last Friday’s low on Gasoline, we did not see the additional confirmation of the short-term sell signal and with the continued advance on Wednesday, another short-term buy signal was triggered in association with what should be a retest/ending push into the trading cycle top. Natural Gas triggered a short-term sell signal on March 7th and thus far that signal stands. As a result of the higher degree structural developments, the recent advance was expected to be counter-trend and this short-term sell signal continues to be an opportunity to cap that advance. The CRB Index completed the formation of another daily swing low on Tuesday, but with the daily CTI remaining negative, a short-term buy signal was not triggered. However, with the additional advance on Wednesday, another short-term buy signal was triggered.

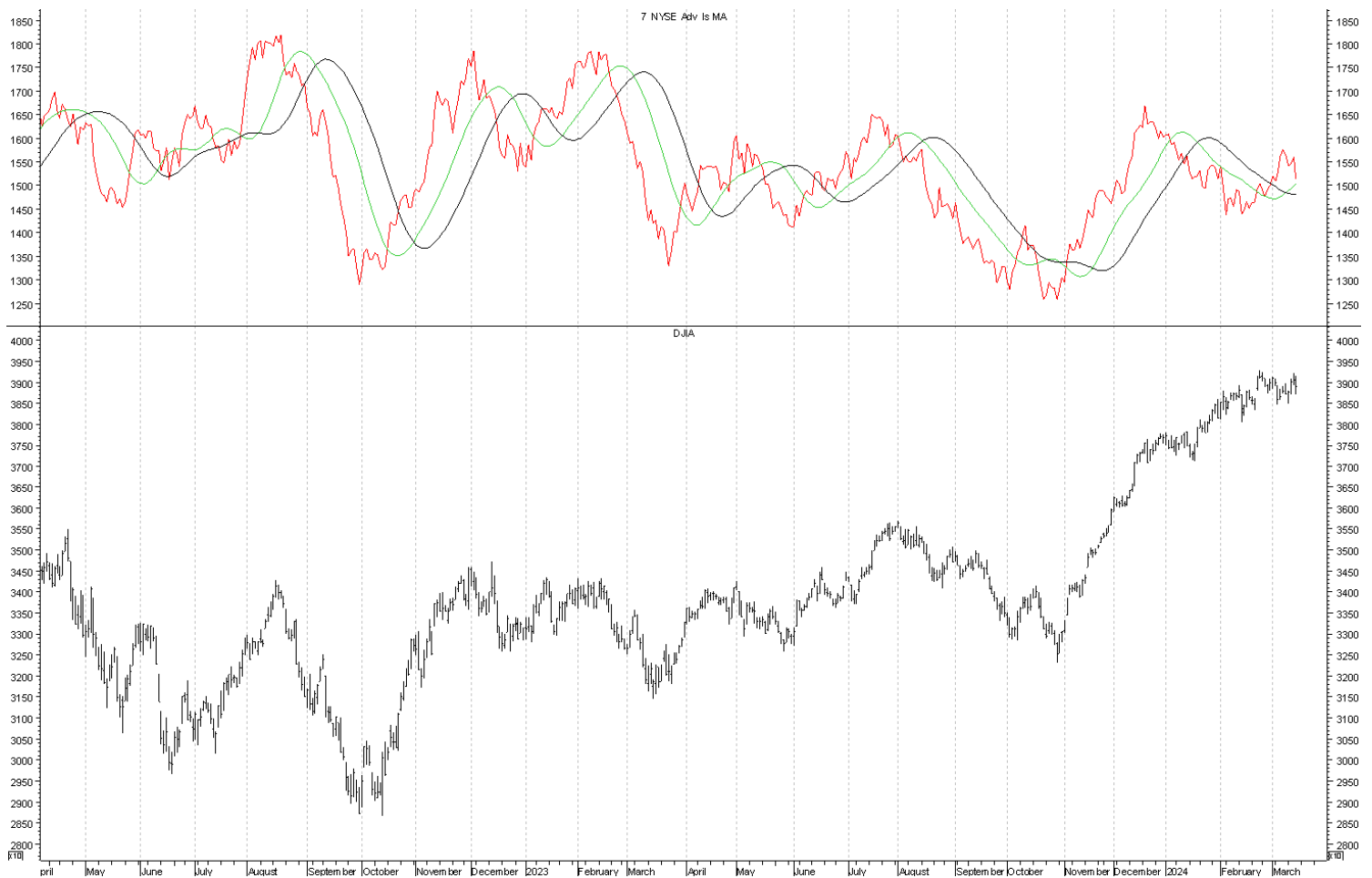
Gold triggered a short-sell signal on Tuesday and the trading cycle top should be in place. Given the current price/oscillator picture, there have been no additional changes with Gold. If the decline out of this trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, then it will also be an opportunity to cap the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well. At a higher level, this intermediate-term cycle advance is expected to be in association with an ending push into the higher degree cycle tops.

The XAU triggered a short-term sell signal on Tuesday and as with Gold, the trading cycle top should ideally be in place. But, because of the reversal off the low on Tuesday, we needed to see a close below Tuesday’s low as confirmation of this sell signal, which we have not seen. Once another daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI are seen, another short-term sell signal will be triggered and this top should be in place.

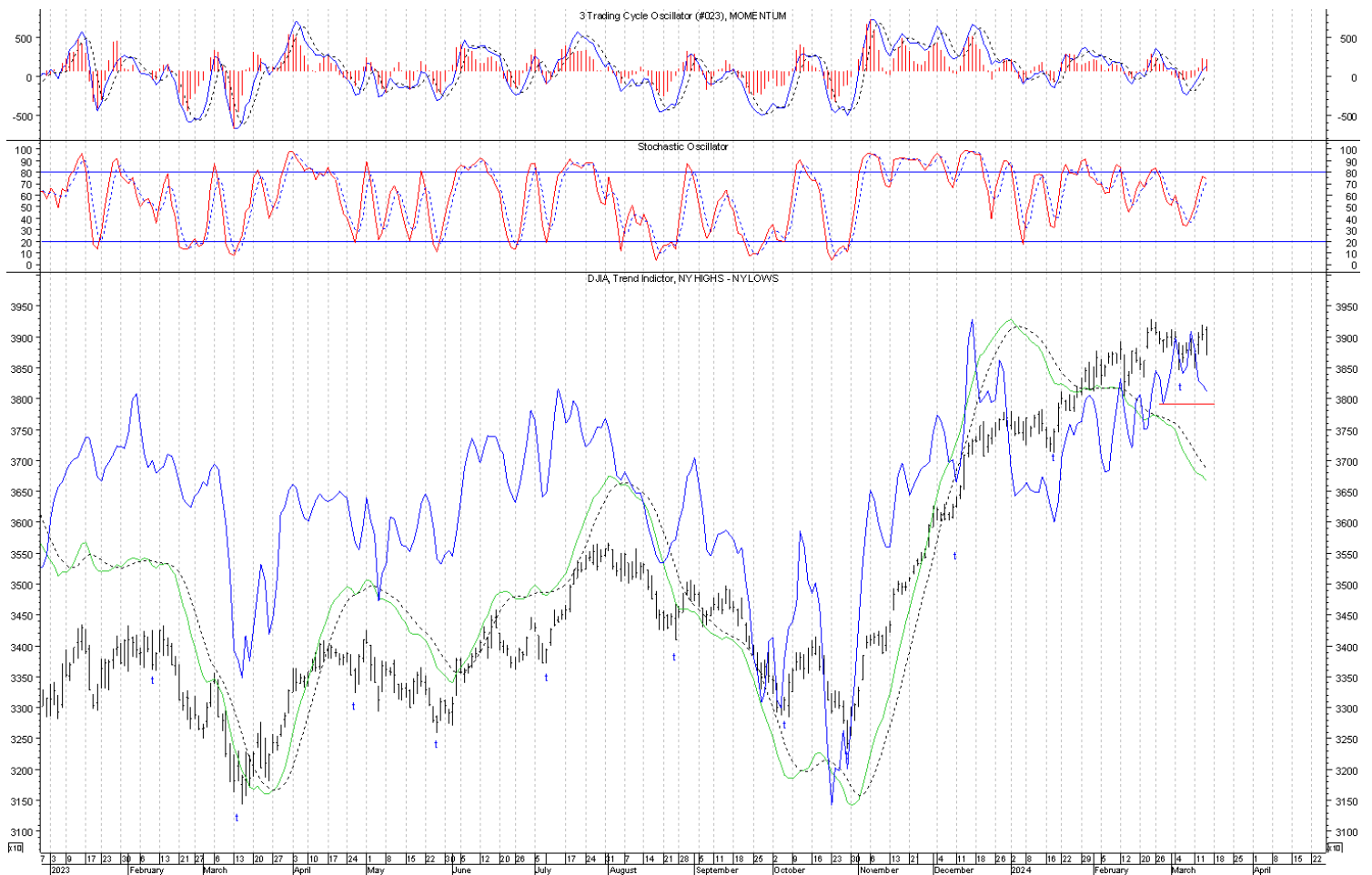
The Dollar triggered a short-term buy signal on Tuesday and given the continued advance, every indication is that the alternative phasing with the trading cycle low having been seen on March 8th has proven applicable.

Bonds completed the formation of a daily swing high last Friday and with the continued weakness on Tuesday, a short-term sell signal was triggered. As a result, of the continued weakness, this sell signal and decline into the trading cycle low remains intact. At a higher level, as a result last week’s upturn of the weekly CTI, an intermediate-term buy signal was triggered in association with what we have to assume to have been an early intermediate-term cycle low. Consequently, this week’s completion of a weekly swing high leaves Bonds at risk of a left-translated intermediate-term cycle top.

The Intermediate-Term Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, has ticked back down and the overall downturn continues. The Green MA continues its upturn and above the Black MA. As I have explained here all along, there are generally two crossings below the Black in association with intermediate-term cycle tops. The January crossing put Equities at risk of an intermediate-term cycle top, but 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. Accordingly, the next downturn should now prove to be in association with the intermediate-term cycle top, which should be in place once a weekly swing high and intermediate-term sell signal are triggered.

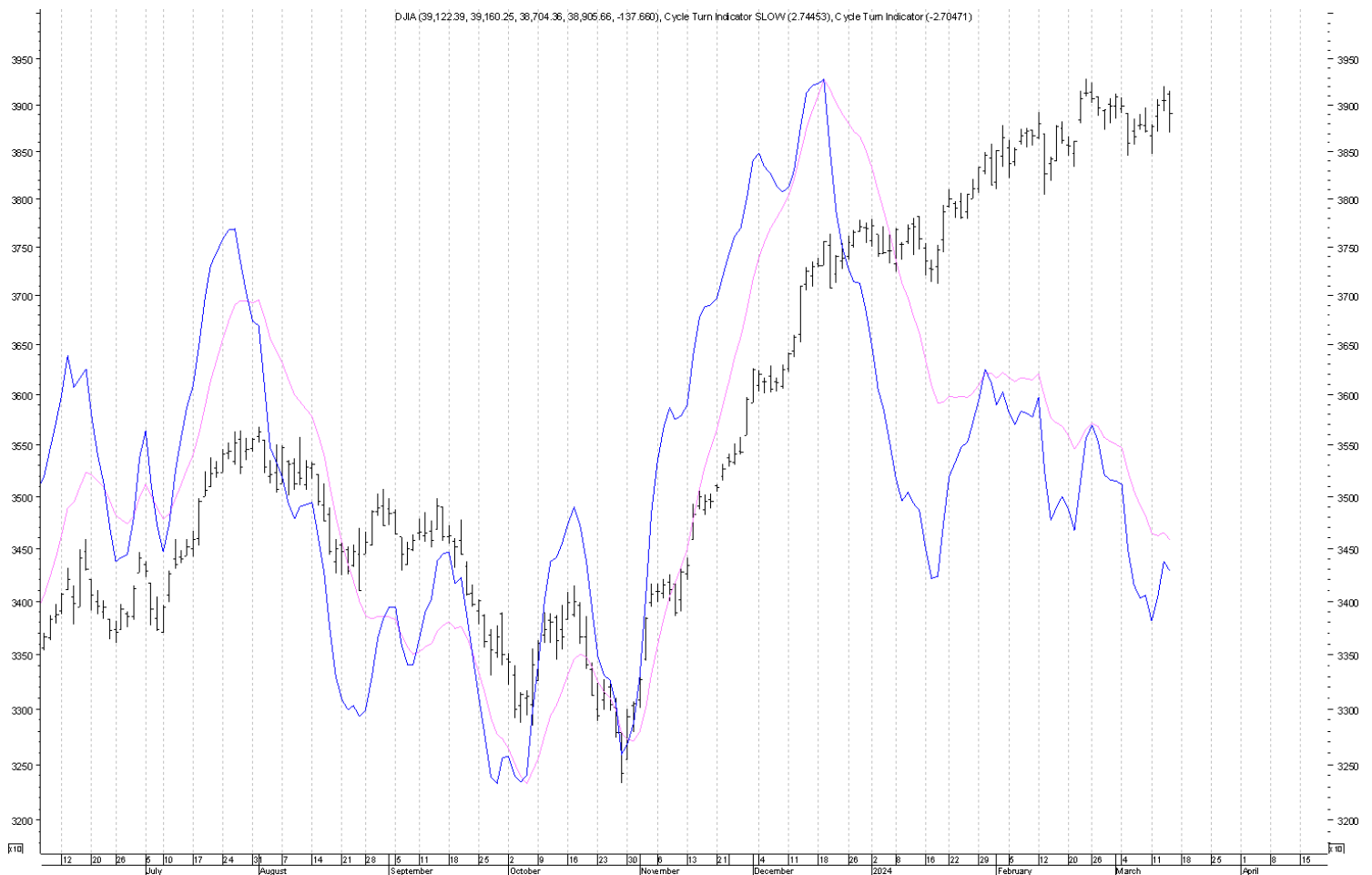


Not much new here. The price/oscillator picture since the March 5th low continues to be suggestive of that low having marked a shallow trading cycle low. If so, again, with the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top due, such setup should be in association with a left-translated trading cycle and the overall downturn out of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top. The **Trading Cycle Oscillator** in the upper window continues its upturn. The **Momentum** Indicator has also now crossed back above its zero line. The **5 3 3 Stochastic** in the middle window has ticked down, but has not yet crossed below its trigger line. The **New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price, continues its downturn in association with what appears to be a weak and failing trading cycle advance out of the March 5th daily swing low. The **Trend Indicator** remains below its trigger line.

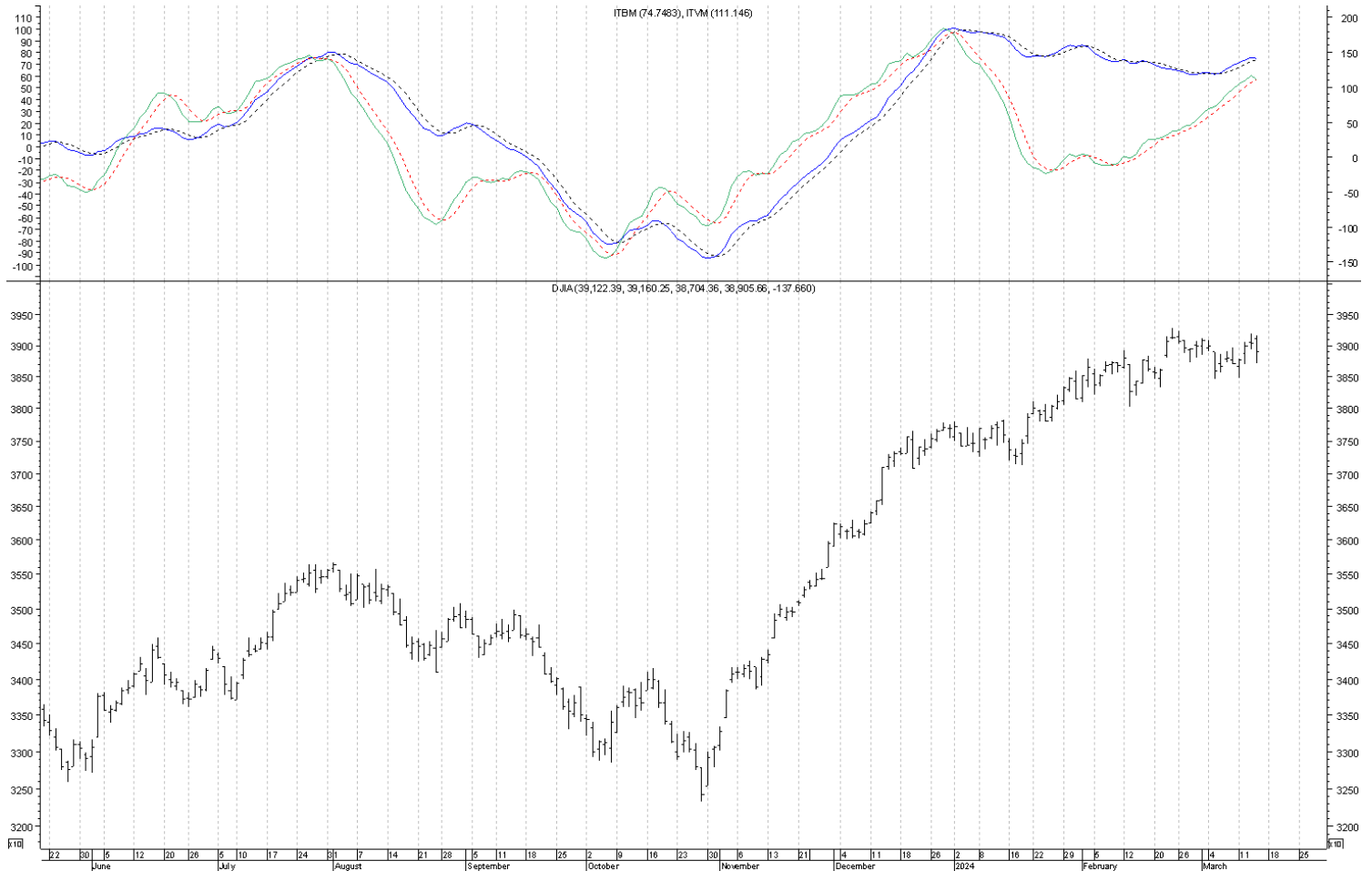


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the **Original** and the **Slow Cycle Turn Indicators**, both plotted below, and the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above.

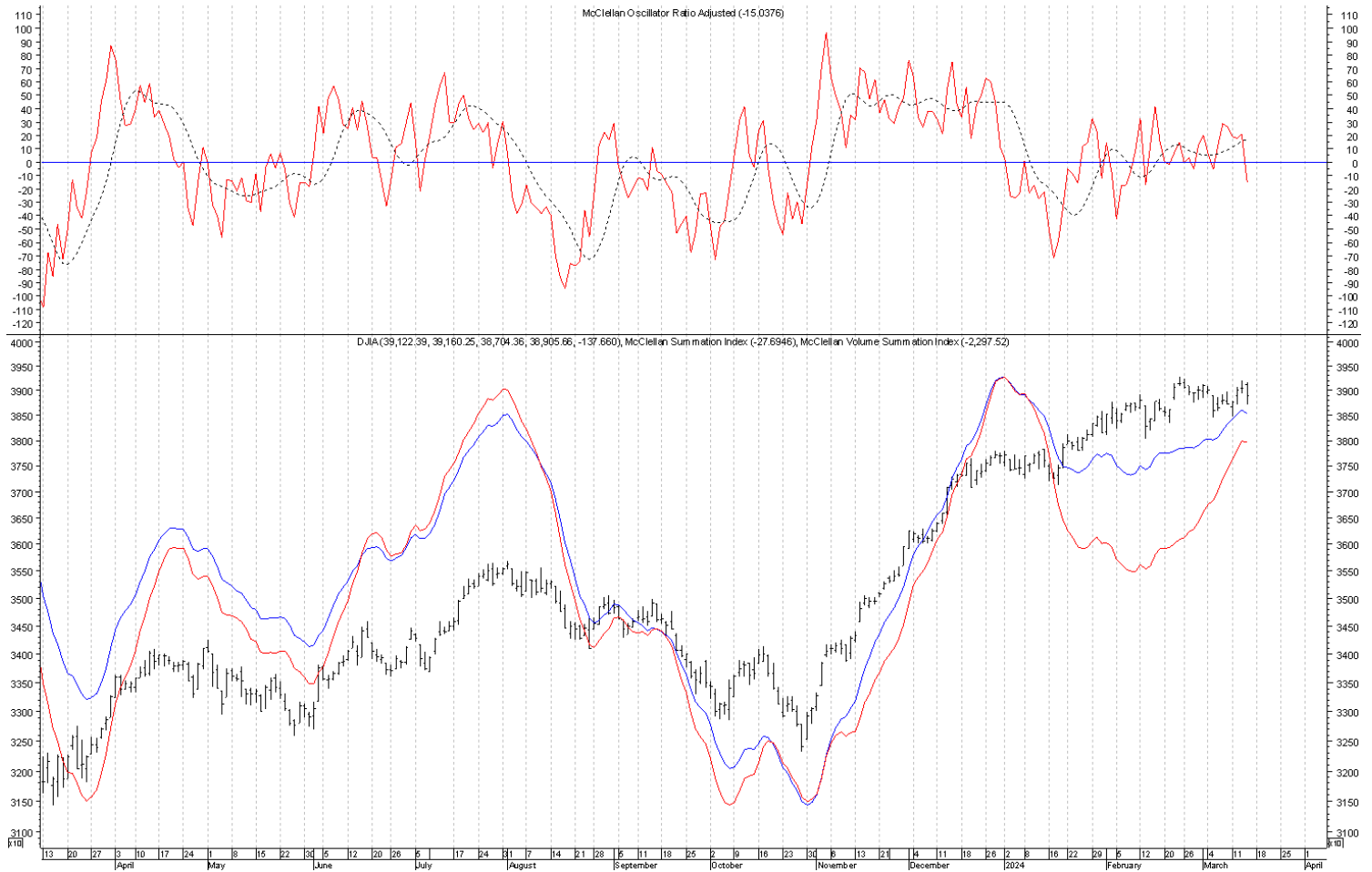
On February 27th the Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators, a short-term sell signal was triggered. Based on the cyclical phasing for the trading and intermediate-term cycle lows, we have known that both the trading and intermediate-term cycle top should be in place. However, as confirmation of the February 27th short-term sell signal I have wanted to see a close below the February 22nd low, which we saw on Monday. Accordingly, the assumption is that the trading cycle top was seen. Consequently, with the completion of a daily swing low, along with the continued advance on Tuesday and the upturn of these two indicators on Wednesday, with the **NYSE New High/New Low Differential**, plotted with price above, remaining negative, a short-term buy signal was not triggered and the evidence continues to point toward the trading cycle low having been seen in conjunction with the March 5th low. If so, again, it should be in association with a left-translated trading cycle and the overall setup for the downturn into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. Whatever the case, another daily swing high was formed on Thursday and the February 27th short-term sell signal will remain intact until another daily swing low and upturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators are seen.



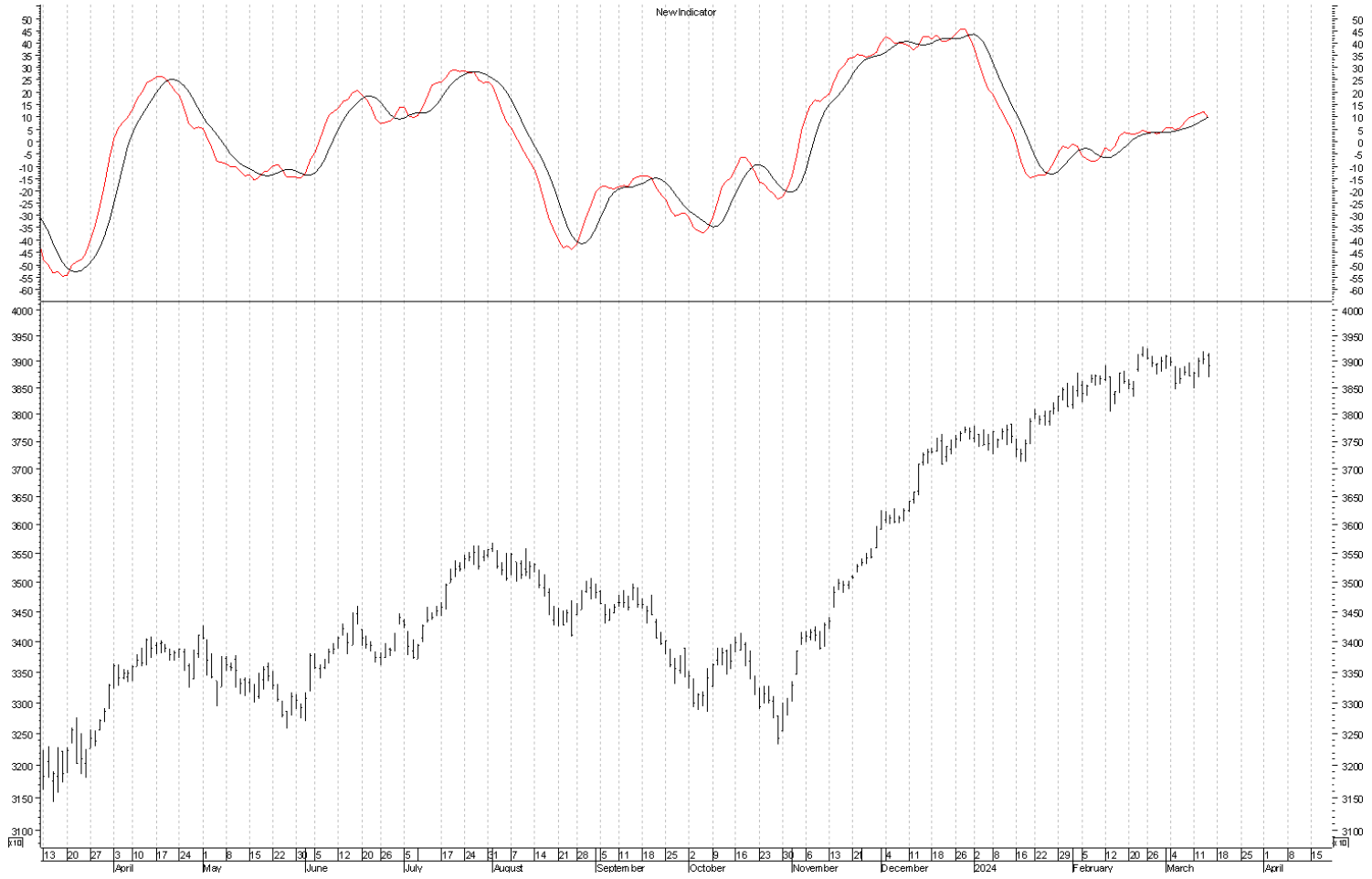
Both the **Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator** and the **Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator** ticked down on Thursday, but both remain marginally above their trigger lines. Any further weakness in association with downturns of both indicators below their trigger lines and the completion of a weekly swing high should serve as confirmation of the downturn out of the intermediate-term cycle top.



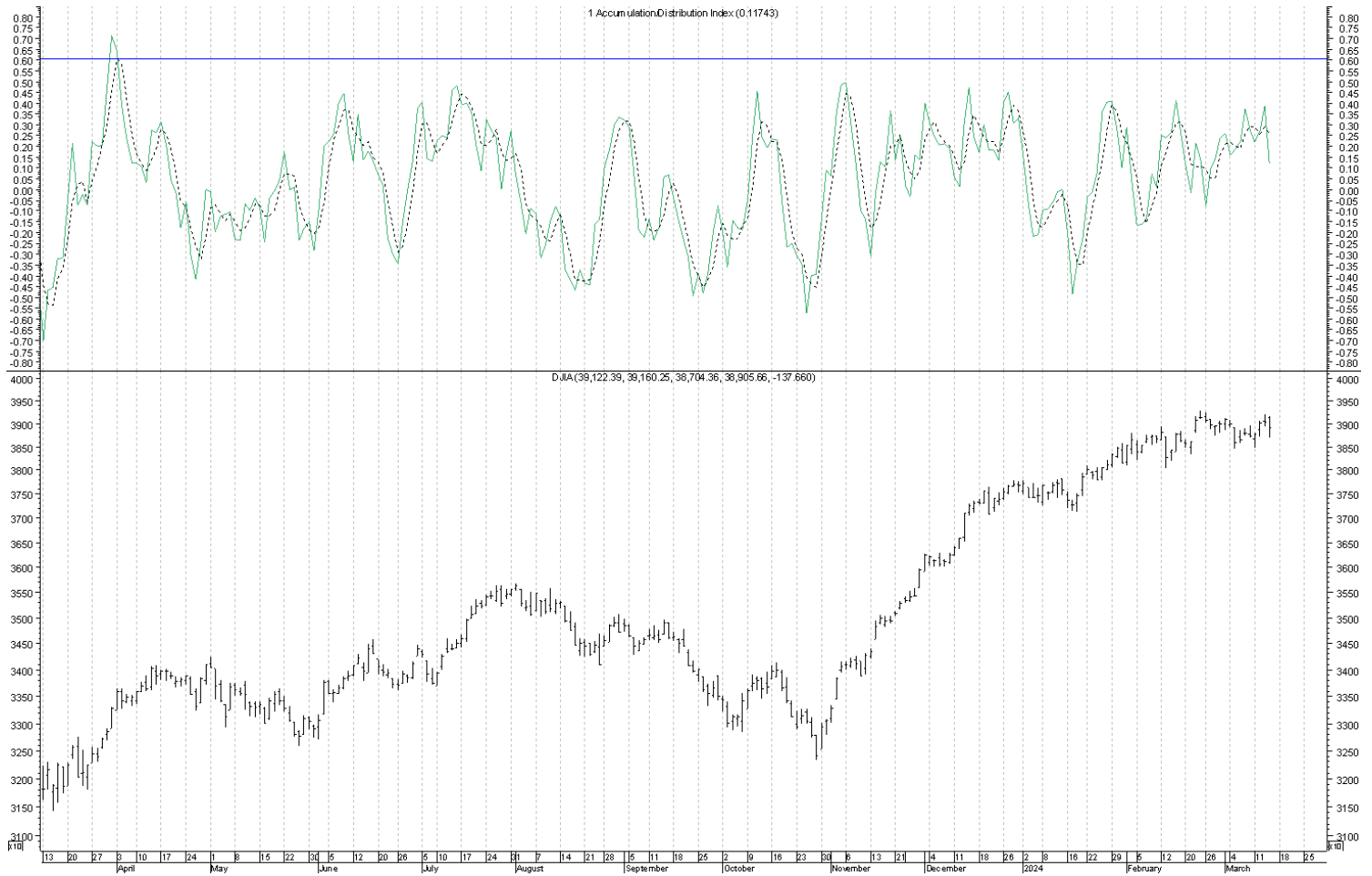
Both the **McClellan Summation Index** and the **McClellan Volume Summation Index** ticked down on Thursday. The **Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator** ticked down on Friday and has now crossed below both its trigger and zero lines. Given the collective price/oscillator picture, I continue to think that we have seen a shallow trading cycle low and that this downturn below both the trigger and zero line should be in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle top.



The smoothed McClellan oscillator has turned marginally below its trigger line. Here too, given the collective price/oscillator picture, this downturn, in conjunction with any further weakness that completes the formation of a weekly swing high, should be in association with the trading and intermediate-term cycle top.



The **Accumulation/Distribution Index** has crossed back below its trigger line, which in doing so is once again suggestive of the trading cycle top. The completion of a weekly swing high should now serve as structural confirmation of both the trading and intermediate-term cycle top.



Gold

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

Primary Indicators

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

Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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Daily Indicator Summary **Short-Term Sell**

Primary Indicators

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

Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish

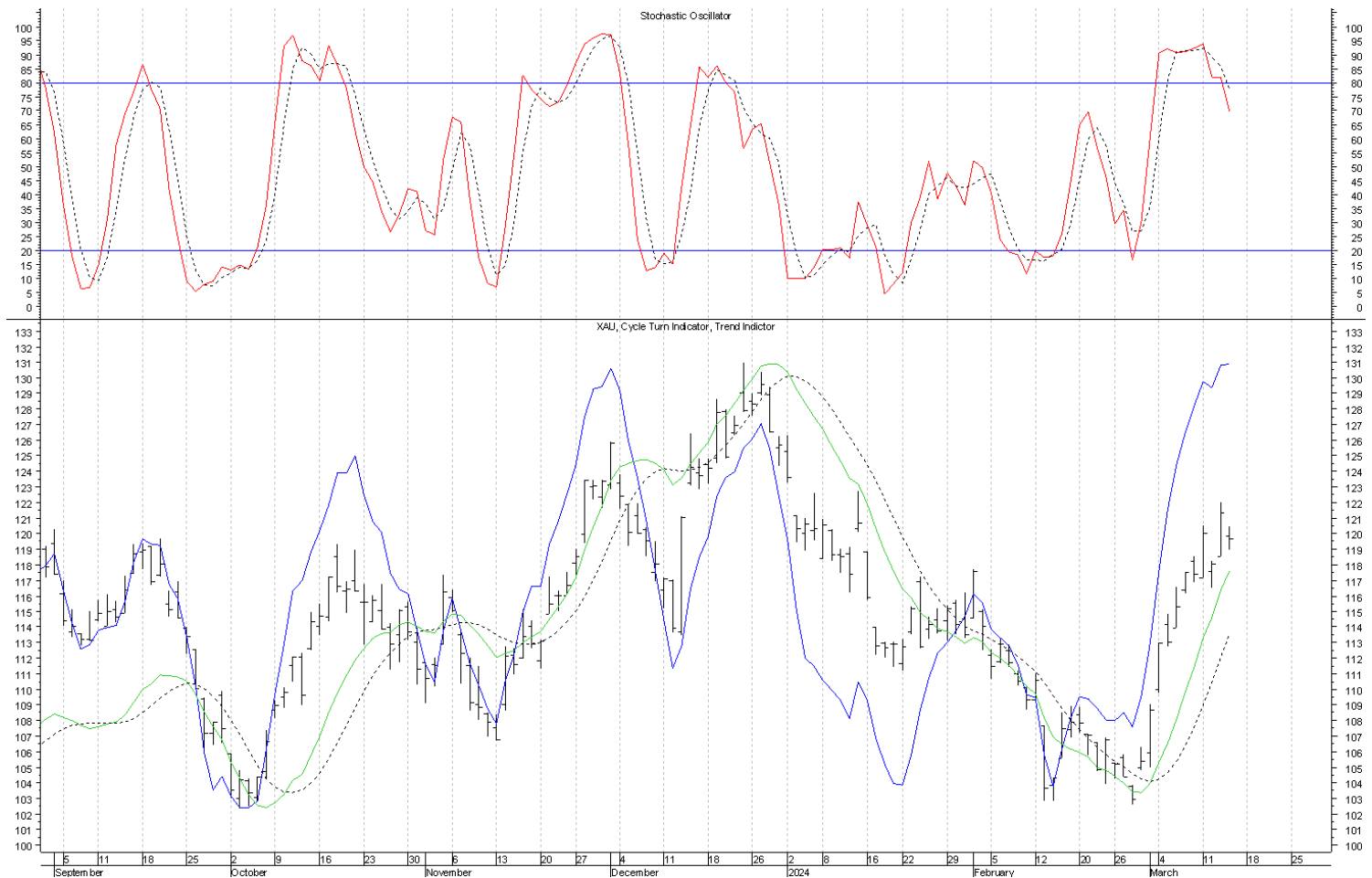
Secondary Short Term Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
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The price action on Tuesday completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the accompanying downturn of the daily **CTI** a short-term sell signal was triggered. In doing so, every indication was that the trading cycle top had been seen and given the current price/oscillator picture, this has not changed. At a higher level, as discussed in recent updates, the evidence has been increasingly suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle low having been seen in conjunction with the February 14th trading cycle low. Accordingly, if the decline out of the current trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will leave Gold at risk of the intermediate-term cycle having possibly peaked. More on that at that time. For now, this short-term sell signal will remain intact until another daily swing low and upturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. Another daily swing low will be completed on Friday if 2,157.00 holds and if 2,181.30 is bettered.



Our daily chart of the XAU is next. The price action on Tuesday completed the formation of a daily swing high and with the downturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term sell signal was triggered and as with Gold, the trading cycle top should have ideally been in place. But, because of the reversal off the low on Tuesday, I explained here in the Tuesday night update we needed to see a close below Tuesday's low as confirmation of that sell signal, which with the completion of a daily swing low on Wednesday, per the parameters given in the Tuesday night update, we did not see. With Thursday being an inside day, there were no additional changes. The price/oscillator picture is clearly suggestive of the trading cycle top, which should be in place once another daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. Also as with Gold, if the decline out of this trading cycle top completes the formation of a weekly swing high, it will put the XAU at risk of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle top as well. Another daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 121.99 is not bettered and if 118.56 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	Bearish

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

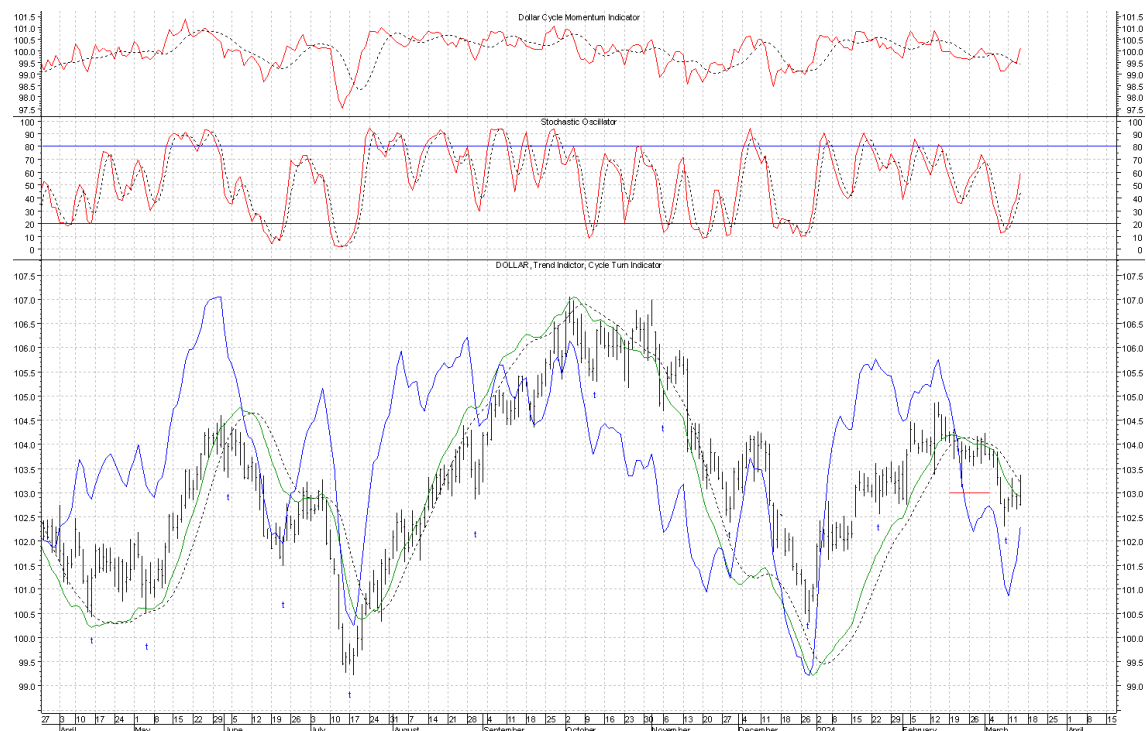
Confirming Indicators

Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish

Secondary Indicators

5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
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The timing band for the current trading cycle low ran between February 19th and March 2nd. The assumption has been that this low was seen on February 22nd and that we have a failed and left-translated trading cycle at play. Ideally, I wanted to see another push down below the February 22nd low and as discussed in the weekend update the alternative is that this trading cycle ran long, with the low having been seen in conjunction with last Friday's reversal off its low. With the completion of a daily swing low on Monday, the continued upturn on Tuesday and the accompanying upturn of the daily **CTI**, a short-term buy signal was triggered. Because of the reversal lower on Tuesday, I wanted to see a close above Tuesday's high, which we have now seen. In doing so, the assumption is that the trading cycle low was seen on March 8th rather than February 22nd. At a higher level, the evidence continues to be suggestive of the intermediate-term cycle top and for this reason, in spite of this phasing change, the advance out of this low should prove to be counter-trend. In the meantime, 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 103.37 is not bettered and if 102.72 is violated.



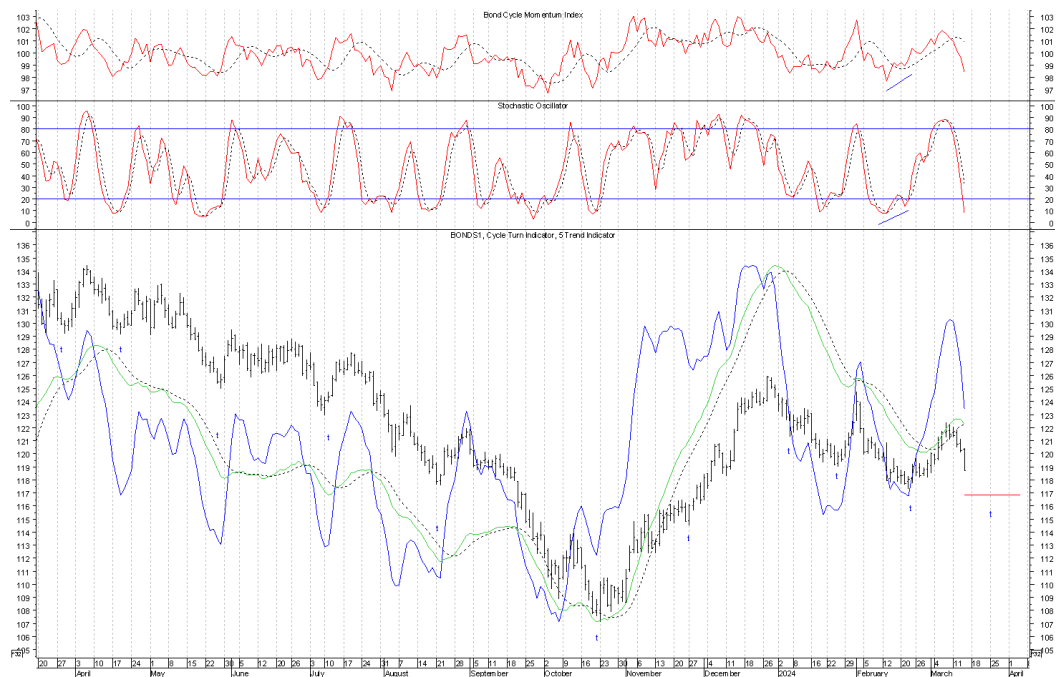
Bonds

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

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

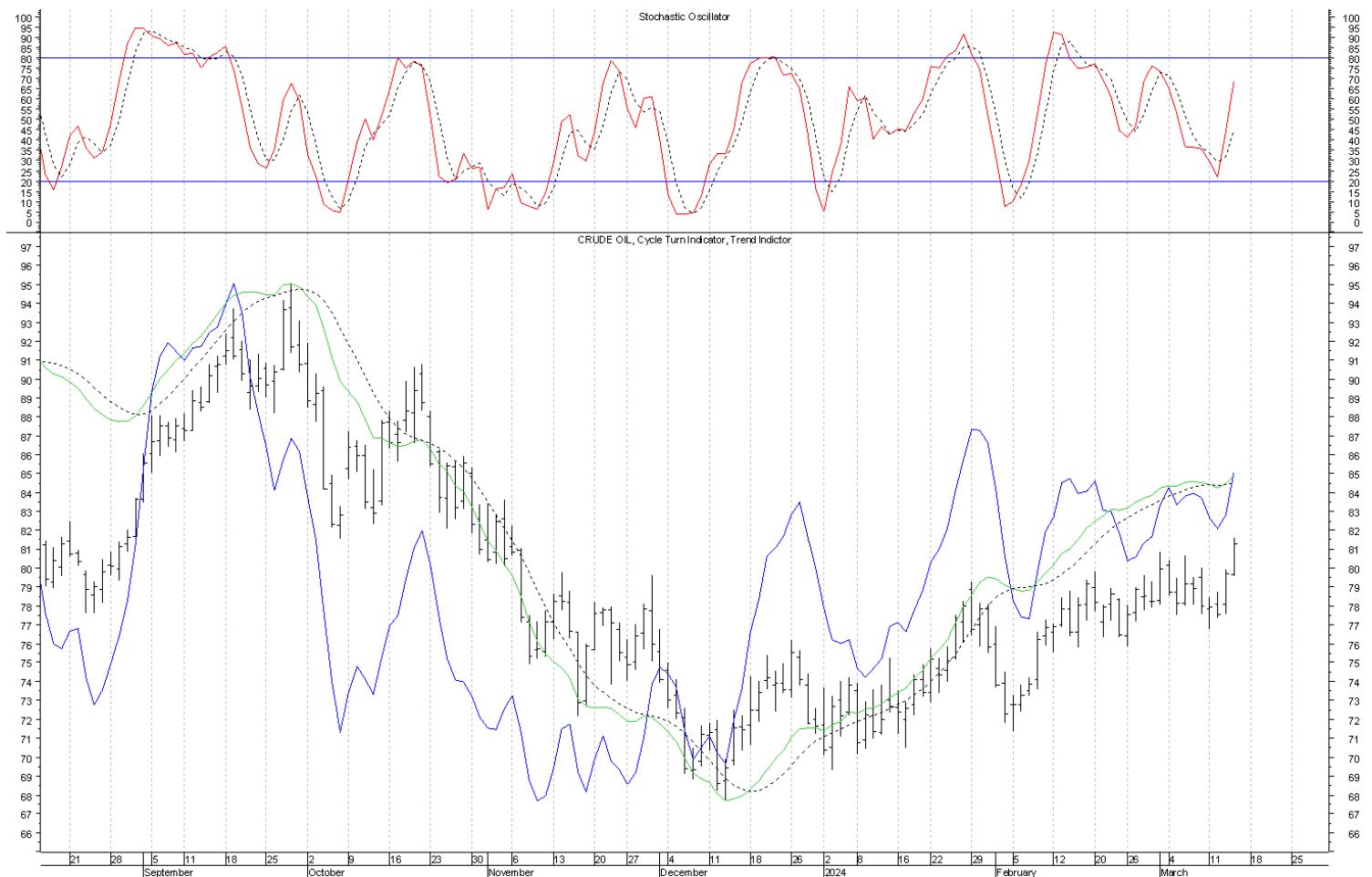
The price action last Friday, March 8th, completed the formation of a daily swing high, but with the daily **CTI** remaining positive, a short-term sell signal was not triggered. Monday was an inside day, but it did turn the daily **CTI** down triggering a short-term sell signal. With the continued decline on Tuesday this sell signal was further confirmed and every indication was that the trading cycle top had been seen, which has proven correct. Based on the cyclical structure and timing for the intermediate-term cycle low, the expectation was 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, as a result of the March 1st completion of a weekly swing low, along with the continued advance last week turning the weekly **CTI** up, an intermediate-term buy signal was triggered. For this reason, we have to assume an early intermediate-term cycle low to have been seen.

Now, as a result of this week's completion of a weekly swing high, Bonds are at risk of a left-translated intermediate-term cycle top, or in the best case scenario we are seeing an additional trading cycle down into the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. The reason we now have to question the latter is because of the previous completion of a weekly swing low and last week's upturn of the weekly **CTI**. More on this cyclical phasing as we move into the trading cycle low and we see whether the advance out of the pending trading cycle low can re-trigger another intermediate-term buy signal.



Crude Oil

The price action on Tuesday completed the formation of a daily swing low, but because of the reversal lower and with the daily **CTI** remaining negative, last Friday's short-term sell signal held. Per the parameters given in the Tuesday night update, the price action on Wednesday completed the formation of another daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily **CTI**, another short-term buy signal was triggered. In doing so, the evidence is suggestive of the March 11th daily swing low as having marked the trading cycle low and we are seeing continued strength in association with the advance out of the December intermediate-term cycle low. Wednesday's short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily **CTI** are seen. If a weekly swing high and downturn of the weekly **CTI** are seen in conjunction with the next short-term sell signal, we should have confirmation of the trading cycle top, then leaving the intermediate-term advance out of the December low at risk of having run its course. Another daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 81.62 is not bettered and if 79.57 is violated.



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