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## **NASDAQ Momentum Diverging**

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The NASDAQ has put in a new high on declining momentum. Oscillators like the short-term Stochastics indicator – and more importantly the 14-week RSI and the longer-term MACD indicator show us that enthusiasm is waning on the NAZ. Volume is lower over the summer, but that is not unusual.

On the positive side is the trend, which is inarguably in an up-trend (higher highs and lows, above the important moving averages).

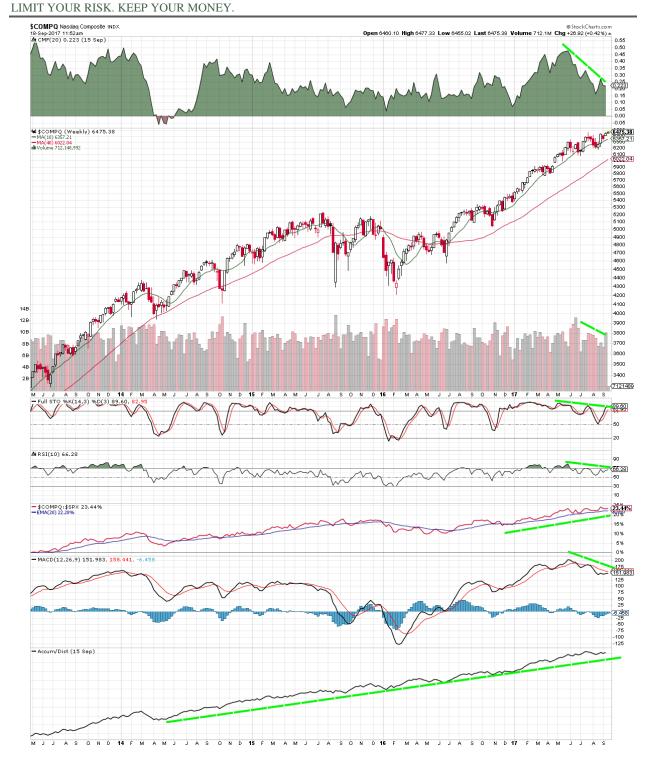
Money-flow (Accumulation/Distribution, bottom pane) is trending up – although that indicator is off a bit of late—no doubt due to the summer's lower volume.

The top pane is money-flow momentum (Chalkin) – it is a short-term picture of the state of enthusiasm by market participants. It is diverging negatively.

So, it would appear that the major price trend tools are telling us the big picture is fine.

But, the momentum oscillators and the short-term money-flow oscillator are showing some near-term signs of weakness. Mind you, that has been going on for the entire summer – as discussed on **this blog**.





The Nasdaq's largest weightings are in Apple, Microsoft, the FANGs (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Google) Intel, Cisco, and Comcast. I won't print all of the charts for those stocks here. But I will note that the biggest holding of Apple and Microsoft are supporting the new highs on the index.



Of the FANGS, Facebook is making new highs, Netflix is flat, and Amazon & Google are lower than their recent highs. All are trending nicely up from a longer term perspective.

For the remaining "biggies": Comcast is flat, while Intel and Cisco are off of their highs. Their trends are wavering – neutral at best. No dominant uptrend to be seen here.

All in, NAZ is likely going to pause for a bit – given the mixed messages of its top components – and the divergences in the indicators noted above. I would not expect much of a precipitous drop, though. The trend is showing no signs of breaking. Any hesitation or pull-back on the better components of the index – or the index itself, will probably represent a buying opportunity.

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