

SEASONALITY TRENDS

eResearch Corporation is pleased to provide a graphic (next page) showing the seasonality trends of market indexes, sectors, and sub-sectors. This chart was compiled from data provided on the website of **Equity Clock**. Each morning, eResearch posts a report on its website that has links to that day's **Equity Clock** report as well as that of its sister publication, **Tech Talk**. eResearch strongly recommends that investors visit the respective websites, which feature the work of Don and Jon Vialoux. **www.equityclock.com** and http://www.timingthemarket.ca/techtalk/.

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Seasonality: The following information regarding seasonality has been taken from the **Equity Clock** website:

Seasonality refers to particular time frames when stocks/sectors/indices are subjected to and influenced by recurring tendencies that produce patterns that are apparent in the investment valuation. Tendencies can range from weather events (temperature in winter vs. summer, probability of inclement conditions, etc.) to calendar events (quarterly reporting expectations, announcements, etc.). The key is that the tendency is recurring and provides a sustainable probability of performing in a manner consistent to previous results.

A seasonality study preferably uses at least 10 years of data. Most of our studies use 10-20 years of data; however, data may not always be available for periods greater than 10 years in length. Studies using less than ten years of data can be used, but they tend to be less reliable. Results of shorter-term studies have a higher chance of being skewed by a single data point.

The chart on the next page shows the periods of seasonal strength for each market segment. Each bar will indicate a buy and sell date based upon the optimal holding period for each market sector/index.

SECTORS IN FAVOUR IN JULY (3 starting and 6 ending this month):

Adding this month: VIX; Real Estate; and Gold

Deleting this month: NASDAQ; Health-Care; Financials; Technology; Copper; and Oil

Nasdaq	From:	April 15	-	Until:	July 17
VIX	From:	July 18	-	Until:	October 12
Health-Care	From:	March 5	-	Until:	July 12
Financials	From:	June 28	-	Until:	July 31
Technology	From:	April 15	-	Until:	July 17
Real Estate	From:	July 1	-	Until:	September 19
Bio-Techs	From:	June 24	-	Until:	September 30
Gold	From:	July 27	-	Until:	October 7
Silver	From:	June 28	-	Until:	August 4
Copper	From:	June 24	-	Until:	July 31
Oil	From:	February 12	-	Until:	July 4



	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	March	<u>April</u>	May	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	August	September	October	November	<u>December</u>
S&P/TSX Composite						5				28		
S&P 500 Index					5					28		
Dow Jones Industrials					17					11		
NASDAQ	5			15			17			9		
Russel 2000		1		30						6		31
DJ Transports		3		16						2		8
VIX							18			12		
US Dollar Index	1	23						2	8			
Energy	21				9				26			22
Materials	20				5					1		22
Industrials			1		5					29		31
C. Discretionary		2			30					7		31
C. Staples			15		31					1		31
Health-Care			5				17			8		4
Financials			1	30		28	31			7		31
Technology				15			17			9		5
Utilities			12	30							14	28
Real Estate			3		10		1		19			
Banks					31						22	
Biotechs		24				24			30			16
Gas Utilities			1		9					7		29
Retail	21			12						27	30	
Metals & Mining	6										20	
Gold							27			7		
Silver		28				28		4				15
Copper				28		24	31					15
Oil		12					4					
Natural Gas			13			18			1			15
source: Equity Clock												

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VIX (July 18 - October 12)



GOLD (July 27 - October 7)





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