

## 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, *e*Research 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**. *e*Research strongly recommends that investors visit the respective websites, which feature the work of Don and Jon Vialoux. **www.equityclock.com** and <u>http://www.timingthemarket.ca/techtalk/</u>.

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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 NOVEMBER (1 starting and 1 ending this month):**

Adding this month: Utilities Deleting this month: U.S. Dollar Index

S&P/TSX Composite	From:	October 28	-	Until:	June 5
S&P 500 Index	From:	October 28	-	Until:	May 5
Dow Jones Industrials	From:	October 11	-	Until:	May 17
NASDAQ	From:	October 9	-	Until:	January 5
Russell 2000	From:	October 6	-	Until:	December 31
DJ Transports	From:	October 2	-	Until:	December 8
U.S. Dollar Index	From:	October 15	-	Until:	November 22
Energy	From:	September 26	-	Until:	December 22
Materials	From:	October 1	-	Until:	December 22
Industrials	From:	October 8	-	Until:	December 22
Consumer Discretionary	From:	October 7	-	Until:	December 22



Consumer Staples Health-Care Financials Technology Utilities Banks Bio-Techs Gas Utilities Retail	From: From: From: From: From: From: From:	October 1 October 8 October 7 October 9 November 14 October 8 October 4 October 7 October 1	- - - -	Until: Until: Until: Until: Until: Until: Until: Until:	December 22 December 22 December 22 December 22 December 22 December 22 February 24 December 22 December 22
	From: From:		-	Until: Until:	

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	May	<u>June</u>	July	August	September	<u>October</u>	November	<u>December</u>
S&P/TSX Composite						5				28		
S&P 500 Index					5					28		
Dow Jones Industrials					17					11		
NASDAQ Russel 2000	5	1		15 30			17			9 6		31
DJ Transports		3		30 16						2		8
VIX		5		10			18			12		0
US Dollar Index	1		8		1	30		2	8	15	22	
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Energy Materials	20	1		30	5				26	1		22 22
Materials Industrials	20		1		5					8		22
C. Discretionary		10		30						7		22
C. Staples			12		31					1		22
Health-Care			5				17			8		4
Financials			1	30		28	15			7		22
Technology				15			17			9		22
Utilities			12	30							14	22
Real Estate	20				5		1		19			
Banks		21		30						8		22
Biotechs		24				10	31			4		
Gas Utilities			1		9					7		22
Retail	18			27	-					1		22
Metals & Mining	20				5					3		22
Gold		28					27			10		15
Silver		28				28		4				15
Copper				28		15	31					15
Oil		7	10			10			22			10
Natural Gas			13			18			1			18
source: Equity Clock												

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