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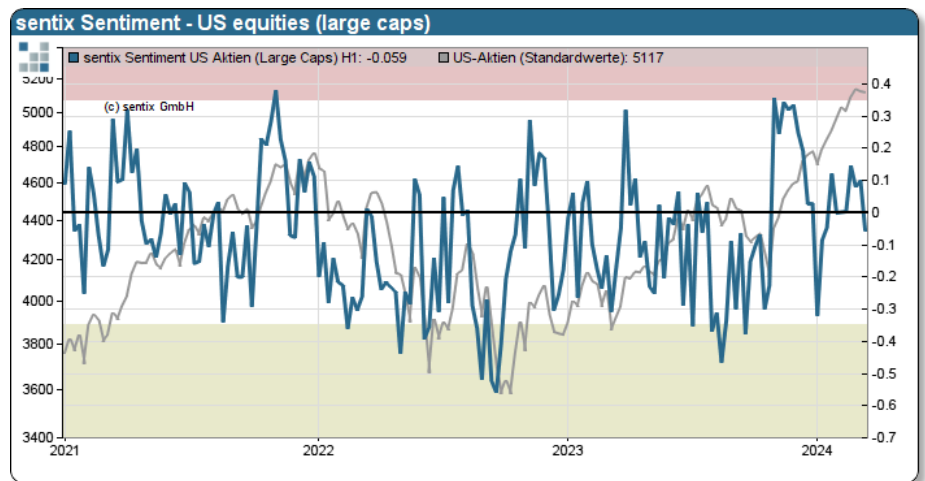
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Focus on the US stock market

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Chart of the week

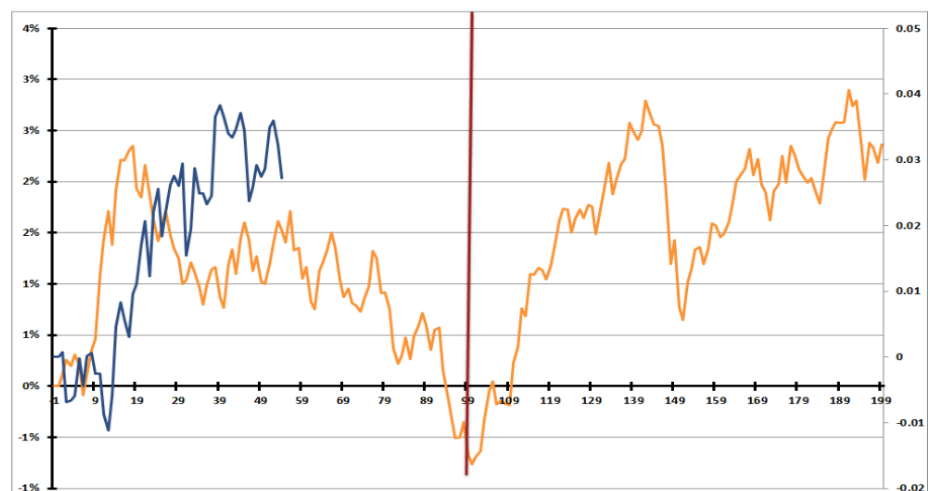
Imagine it is a bull market and investors are not infected by it. That is exactly the case. Prices are not sparking jubilation among investors. On the contrary. With the constant new highs, strategic scepticism is growing. But the proportion of bears is also growing in the short term. A clear negative divergence has emerged in sentiment, reminiscent of the end of 2021. Bull markets are not only ended by euphoria, but sometimes also by a rational rejection.



sentix sentiment US equities (large caps) vs. S&P 500 index

US equities (3)

We would like to share an interesting cyclical observation with you at this point. Normally, the period from mid-March to May is a seasonally strong phase for equities. An exception are the so-called years of 4 in the decade cycle, i.e. all years ending in 4. These have an atypical weak phase between mid-March and mid-June. Will this pattern repeat itself in 2024?



Dow Jones Index in 2024 and average Dow performance in 4s of the decade (since 1904)



Background information on the sentix indices

sentix indicators are based on the sentix Global Investor Survey, a weekly survey among more than 5.000 international investors. The survey is carried out on a regular basis since February 2001. For more information on sentix, the participation in the survey and on a detailed description of all indicators, please visit our website under <http://www.sentix.co.uk>.

Evaluation of the indicators presented

The arrows indicate whether **the indicator shown in the chart is a bullish or bearish indication for the respective market**. The classification is based on a **statistical examination of the indicator** in relation to future price developments! The statements on the Neutrality Index refer to future volatility (fluctuation margin). The forecast horizon is 1 to 3 months.



indicates rising or falling prices



indicates falling or rising volatility

sentix indicator

Indicator description

sentix Sentiment (short-term market expectations)

The sentix Sentiment, investors one-month expectations for a given market, reflects the emotions – between greed and fear – of market participants. Negative sentiment extremes are usually a straight indication for rising prices. High optimism may be a warning signal for an upcoming market consolidation. A sentiment divergence mostly indicates more important turning points.

sentix Strategic Bias (medium-term market expectations)

The sentix Strategic Bias, investors six-month expectations, reflects the strategic view of market participants as well as their underlying convictions and perceptions of value for a given market. As this indicator represents investors' general willingness to buy or sell it should not be interpreted as a contrarian signal. Rather it is usually leading the market by several weeks. And as the indicator mainly reflects investors' longer-term convictions and perceptions of value it is an indicator coined by the "wisdom of crowds", it bundles the knowledge floating around in a market of various players.

sentix Neutrality-Index

The sentix Neutrality Indices, represent the share of neutral investors in the market. A high percentage of such investor's points to irritation and greater volatility shortly. A low reading shows that investors have understood "the market". In the neutral camp, there is always an important part of investors who are not or only marginally invested. Those are important as they are potential future buyers or sellers! For sentix Neutrality Indices, the interpretation of the short-term and the medium-term are most of the time similar. Consequently, the case is strengthened when both time horizons reach extreme readings.

sentix Overconfidence-Index

sentix Overconfidence Index measures the probability for the case that a series of rising or falling prices has led to an augmented complacency among investors. Readings below -7 or beyond +7 are usually a sign that consolidations or corrections are imminent.

sentix Time Differential Index

For a given market, sentix Time Differential Index is calculated as the difference between the short-term sentiment and the (medium-term) perception of value. High readings of the indicator are a sign of a positive sentiment which is not supported by investors medium-term conviction, which is a stress factor for the market. In turn, low readings result when there is fear on a short-term basis but a reliable perception of value for the medium-term that is usually supportive for the market.

A compendium in English can be found at <https://www.sentix.de/index.php/en/category/indikatorenen.html>



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