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Cycle Turn Indicator Direction and Swing Summary of Select Markets as of the close on August 20, 2026

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

*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 Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Weekly Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
CTI on Rydex Tempest Fund *	Bearish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Advance/Decline Issues Diff	Bearish
New High New Low Diff	Bearish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
**When this indicator is Bullish it is negative for the market and visa versa.*	

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	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator (ITBM)	Bearish
McClellan Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator (ITVM)	Bearish
McClellan Summation Index	Bearish
McClellan Volume Summation Index	Bearish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Trading Cycle Oscillator	Bearish
Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator Crossover	Bearish
Accumulation/Distribution Index	Bearish

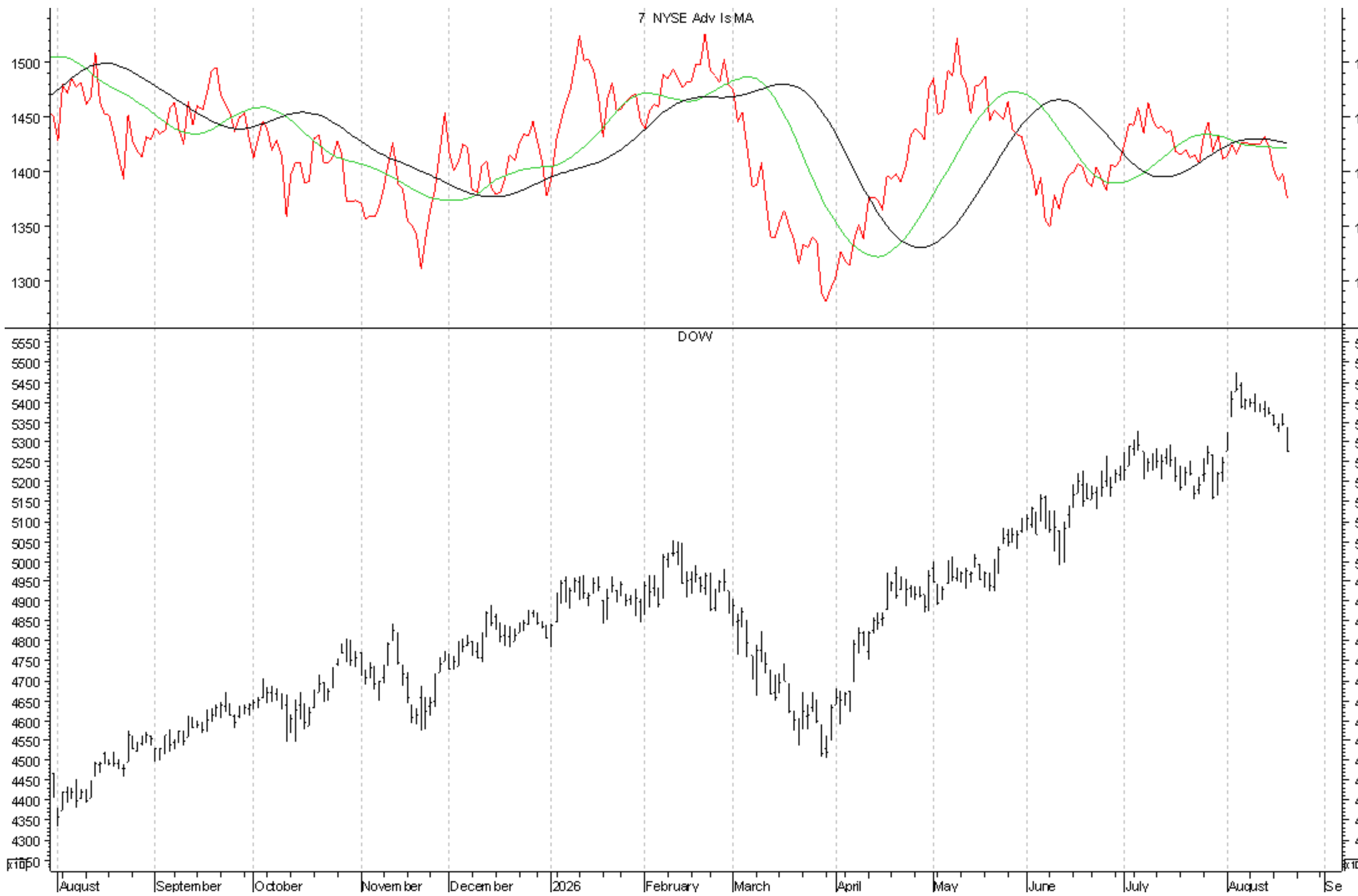
The trading cycle on the Industrials last bottomed on July 23rd with the timing band for the next trading cycle low running between September 1st and September 21st. Thus far, the August 5th daily swing high remains the high point for the advance out of the July 23rd trading cycle low, leaving the Industrials at risk of a left-translated trading cycle top. As reported here in the Tuesday night update, with the additional weakness on Monday turning ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term Indicators into gear to the downside, a short-term sell signal was triggered. On Wednesday the Industrials completed the formation of a daily swing low, but with the daily Cycle Turn Indicators remaining negative, the short-term sell signal held and on Thursday another daily swing high was completed as the decline in association with Monday's short-term sell signal continued. Cyclically, the less dominant half-trading cycle averages some 19 trading days. With Thursday having marked the 20th trading day of the trading cycle, this low should be near, but until a daily swing low is formed and confirmed by an upturn of ALL Three of the Primary Short-Term

Indicators, the ongoing short-term sell signal will remain intact and the risk of a left-translated trading cycle top stands. Therefore, this is indeed another critical juncture for Equities.

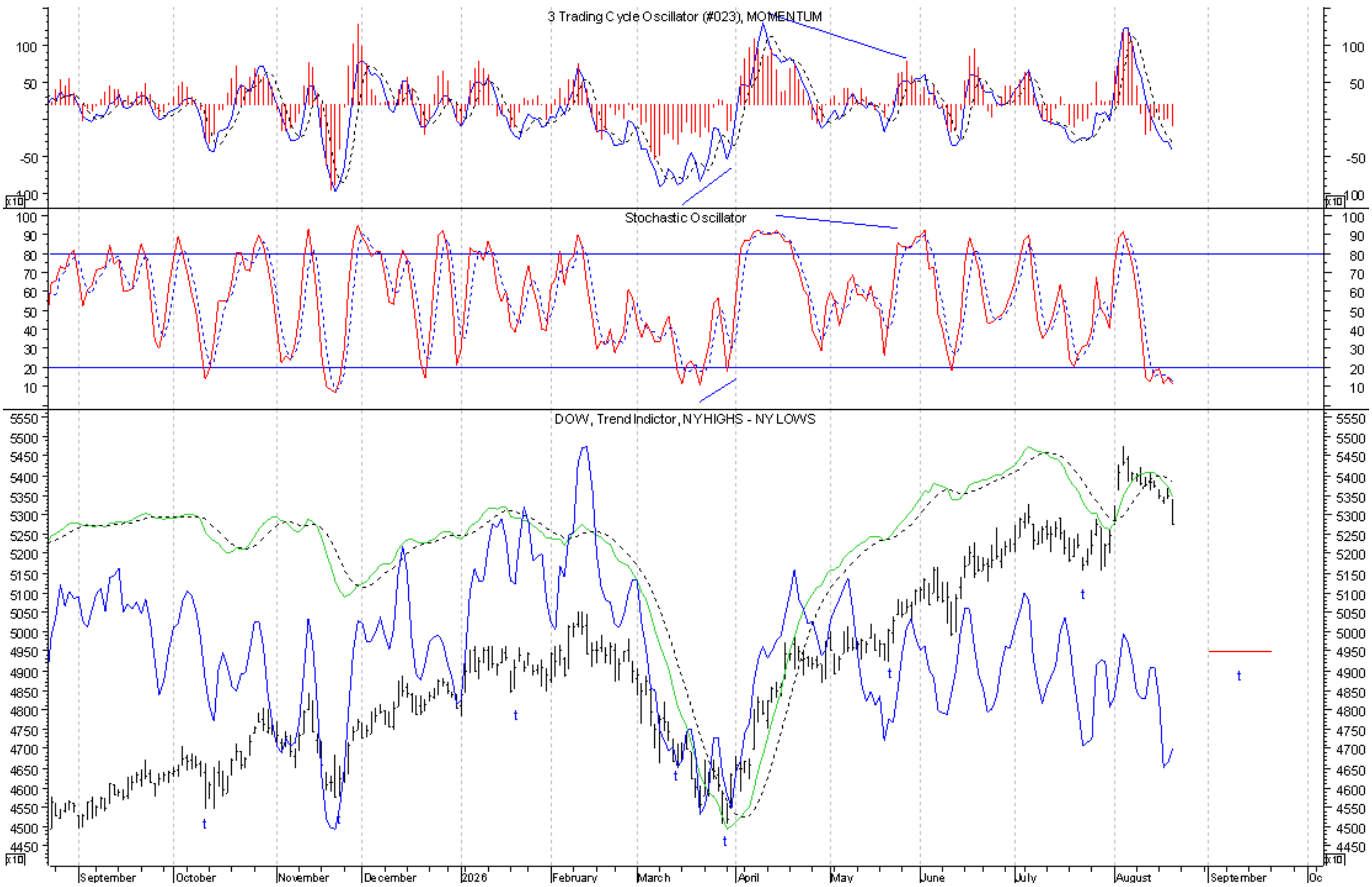
With the Industrial's continued push to new highs, the current setup with the CheckMate Chart has proven to be different from the 2000, 2007 and the 2020 setup. Nonetheless, with the resumption of the rate cutting cycle, while slow in the making, this setup continues taking form and the Equity markets remain at a vulnerable juncture with regard to the peaking of the 6th long-term economic cycle. It is the current intermediate-term cycle that remains key with regard to the overall higher degree setup.

On Monday Crude Oil completed the formation of a daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered. With the continued advance, that buy signal remains intact, but the oscillator picture has also ripened for a top.   Gasoline triggered a short-term sell signal on Thursday, but because of the reversal off the low, we need to see a close below Thursday's low as confirmation.   Natural Gas completed the formation of another daily swing high on Thursday and any further weakness on Friday that turns the daily CTI down will trigger a short-term sell signal. The CRB Index completed the formation of a daily swing low last Friday and with the upturn of the daily CTI, another short-term buy signal was triggered. Thus far, that buy signal remains intact.   Gold triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday and the assumption is that the trading cycle low was seen in conjunction with the August 14th daily swing low.   The XAU also triggered a short-term buy signal on Wednesday and in this case every indication is that the trading cycle low was seen on August 13th. The continuation of the decline into the trading cycle low on the Dollar continued on Wednesday and any further advance following Thursday's reversal off its low that completes the formation of a daily swing low will be suggestive of the trading cycle low.   Bonds completed the formation of a daily swing low on Wednesday and with the corresponding upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered making it possible for the current trading cycle low to have bottomed on Tuesday. However, as confirmation of this buy signal we need to see a close above Thursday's high.

The IntermediateTerm Advancing Issues Line, plotted in red, turned down last Friday and that downturn continues. The crossing of the Green MA above the Black MA in April served as confirmation of the intermediate-term cycle low and it is not uncommon to see two crossings within the context of a single intermediate-term advance. The completion of another weekly swing high and triggering of an intermediate-term sell signal, along with a crossing of the Green MA below the Black, which we now have, will be suggestive of an intermediate-term cycle top.

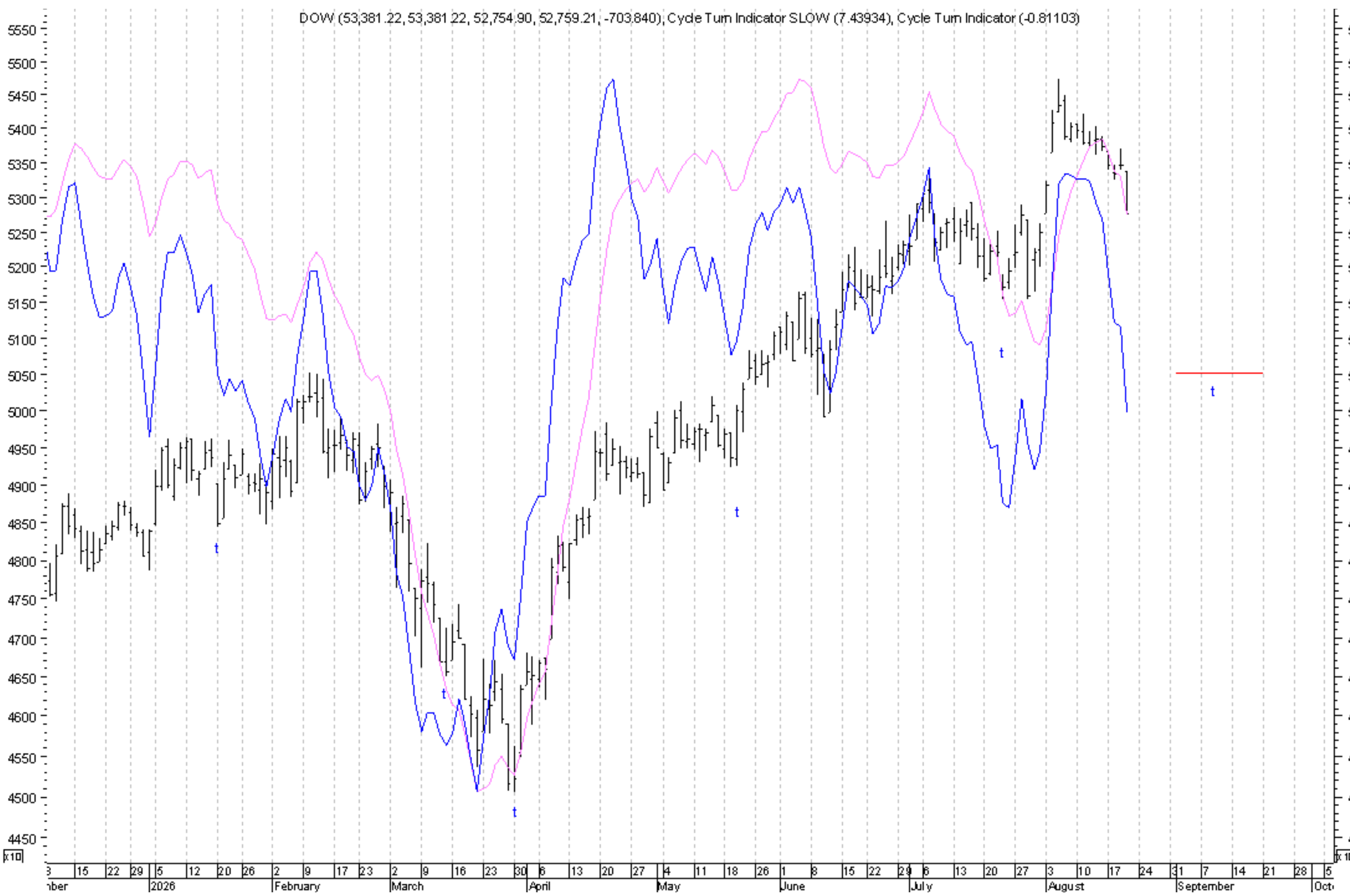


The Trading Cycle Oscillator in the upper window continues its downturn and the Momentum Indicator remains below its zero line. The 5 3 3 Stochastic in the middle window remains at oversold levels. The New High/New Low Differential, plotted with price, ticked up on Wednesday and that upturn continued on Thursday. The Trend Indicator continues its downturn below the trigger line.

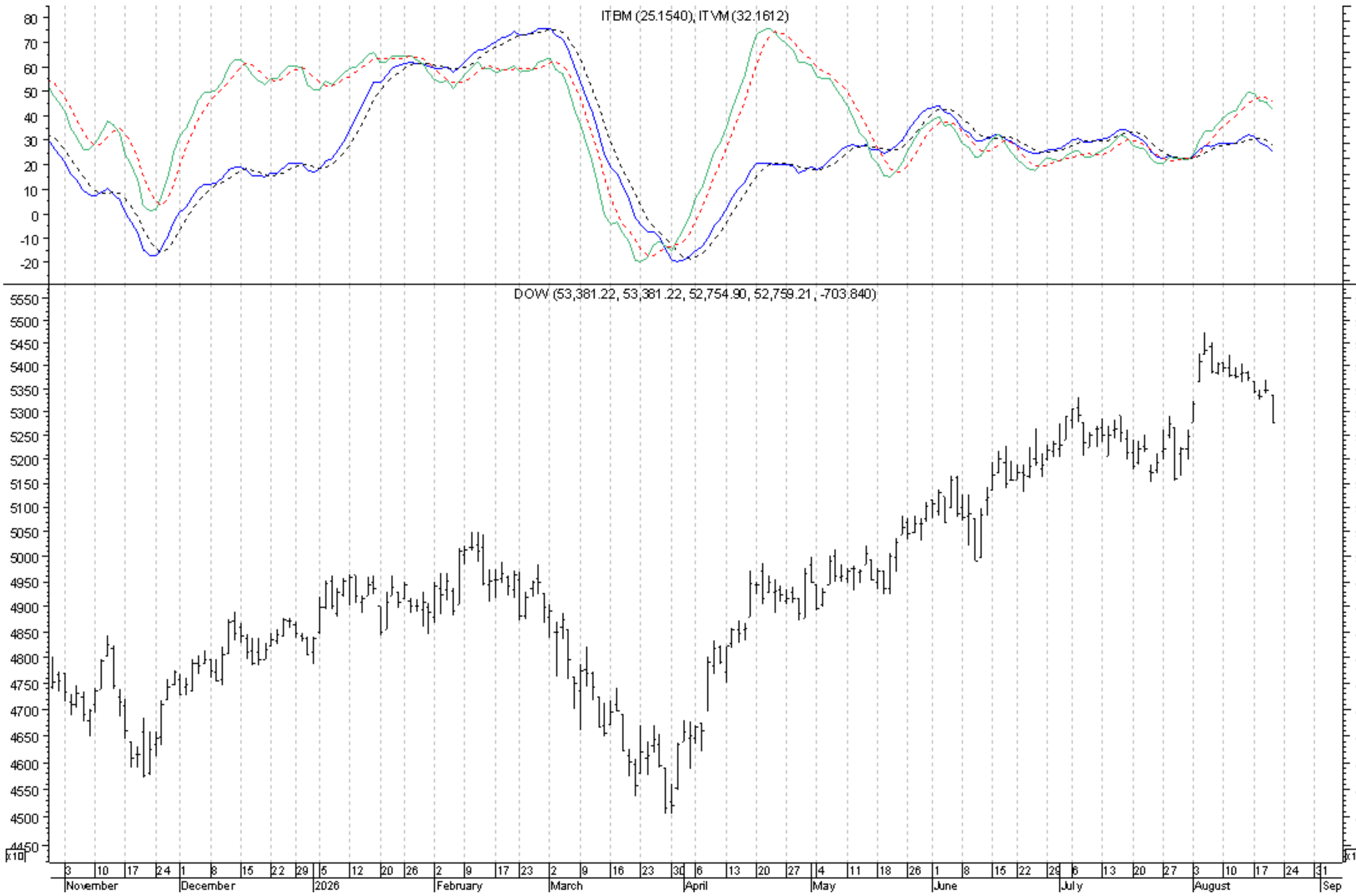


The Three Primary Short-Term Indicators are the Original and the Slow Cycle Turn Indicators, both plotted below, and the NYSE New High/New Low Differential, plotted with price above.

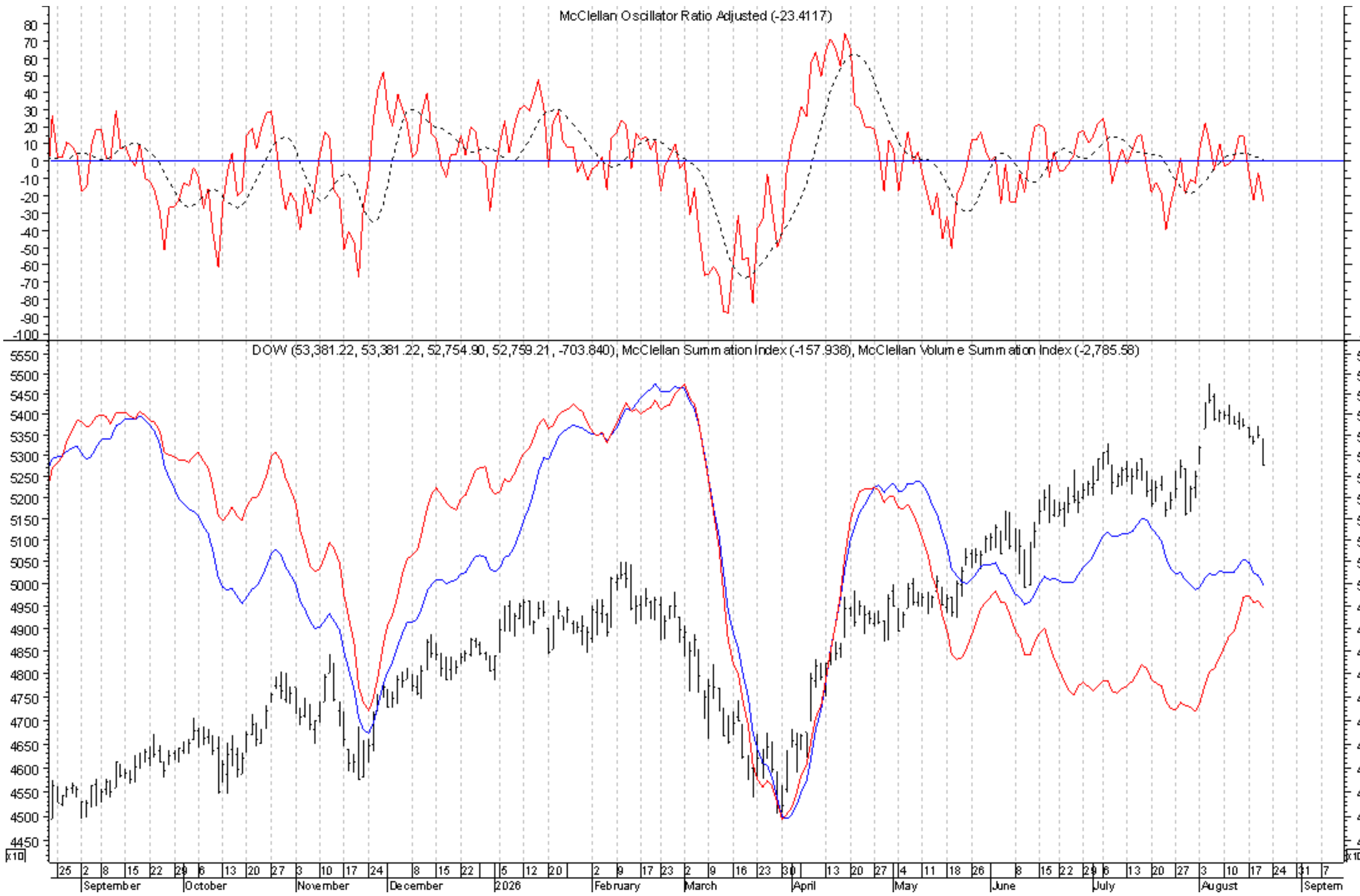
The August 5th daily swing high on the Industrials continues to stand as the high point for the advance out of the July 23rd trading cycle low, leaving them at risk of a left-translated trading cycle top and with the continued decline on Monday turning ALL Three of these indicators into gear to the downside, a short-term sell signal was triggered. Bottom line, this short-term sell signal will remain intact until another daily swing low and upturn of ALL Three of these indicators are seen.



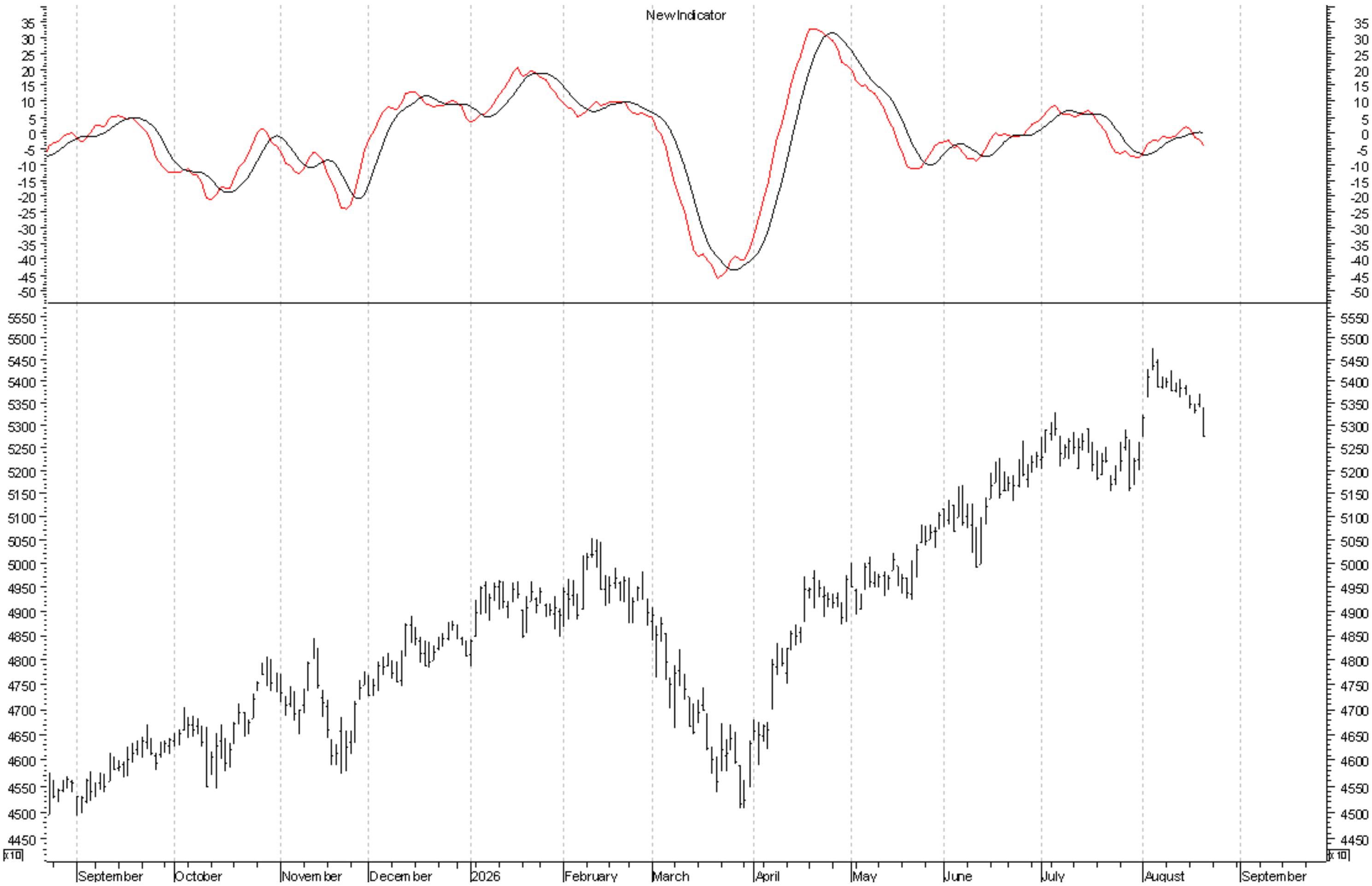
Both the Intermediate Term Volume Momentum Oscillator and the Intermediate Term Breadth Momentum Oscillator continue their downturns below the trigger lines, leaving the Industrials at risk of the trading cycle top.



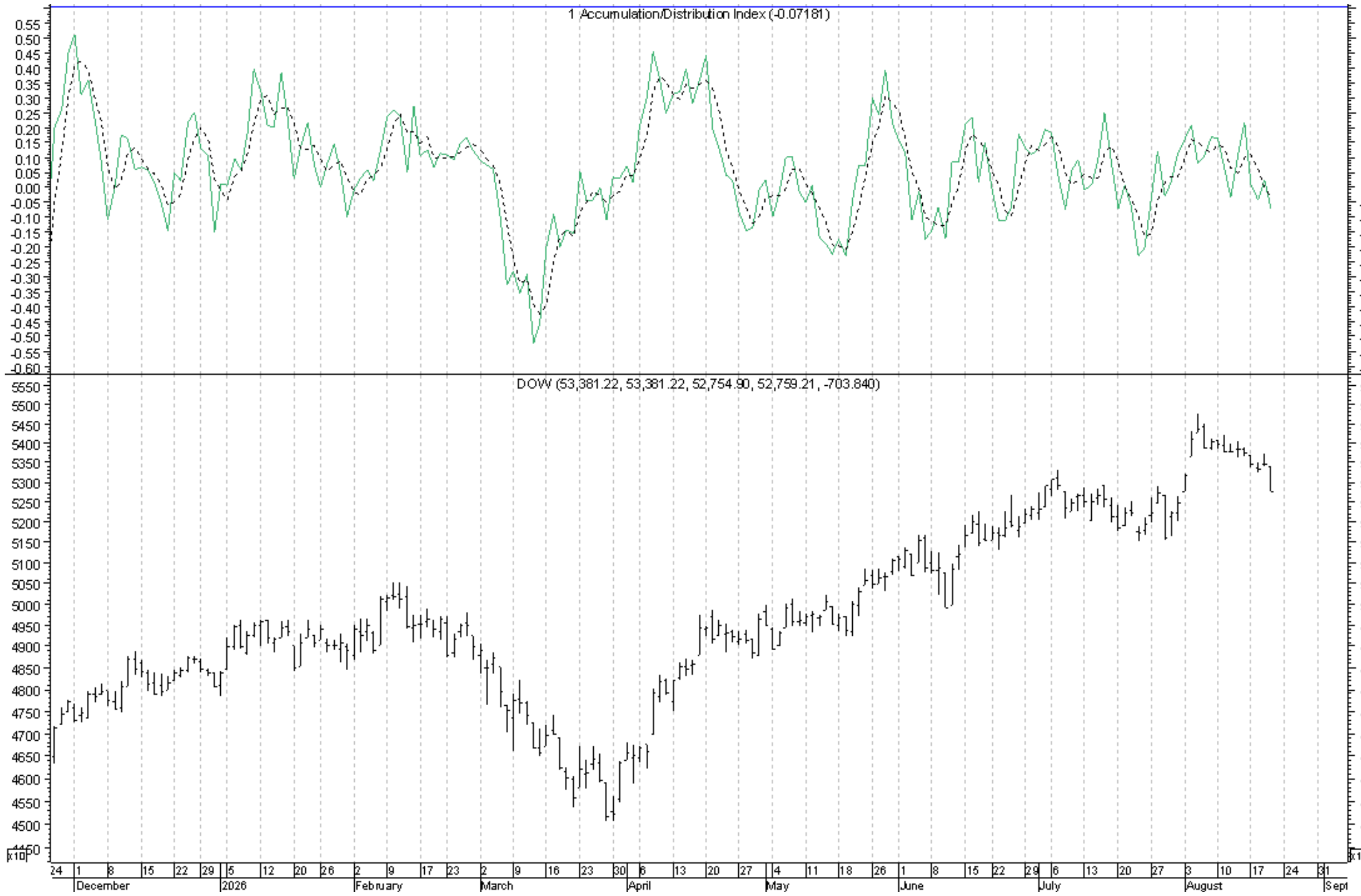
Both the McClellan Volume Summation Index and the McClellan Summation Index also continue their downturns. The Ratio Adjusted McClellan Oscillator in the upper window ticked up on Wednesday, but resumed their downturn on Thursday, leaving the Industrials at risk of the trading cycle top.



The smoothed McClellan oscillator continues its crossing below the trigger line, here too, leaving the Industrials at risk of the trading cycle top.



The Accumulation/Distribution Index turned up on Wednesday, but back down on Thursday and the oscillator picture here continues to leave the Industrials in a position for the trading cycle top.

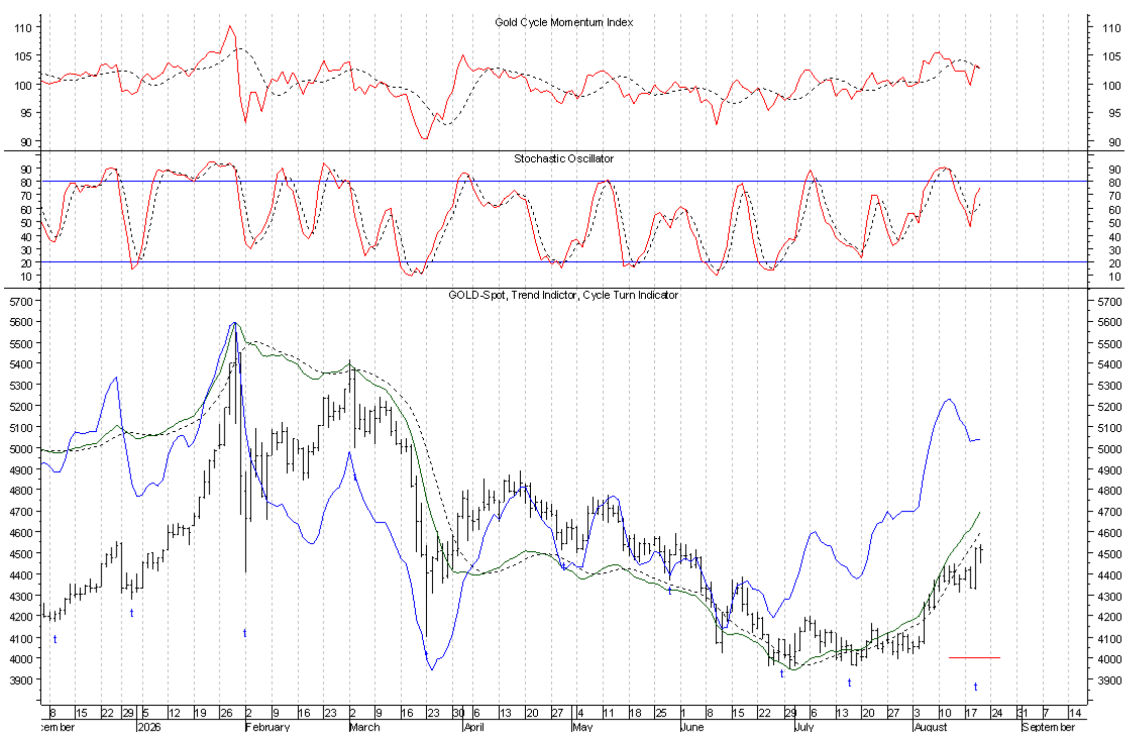


Gold

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)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

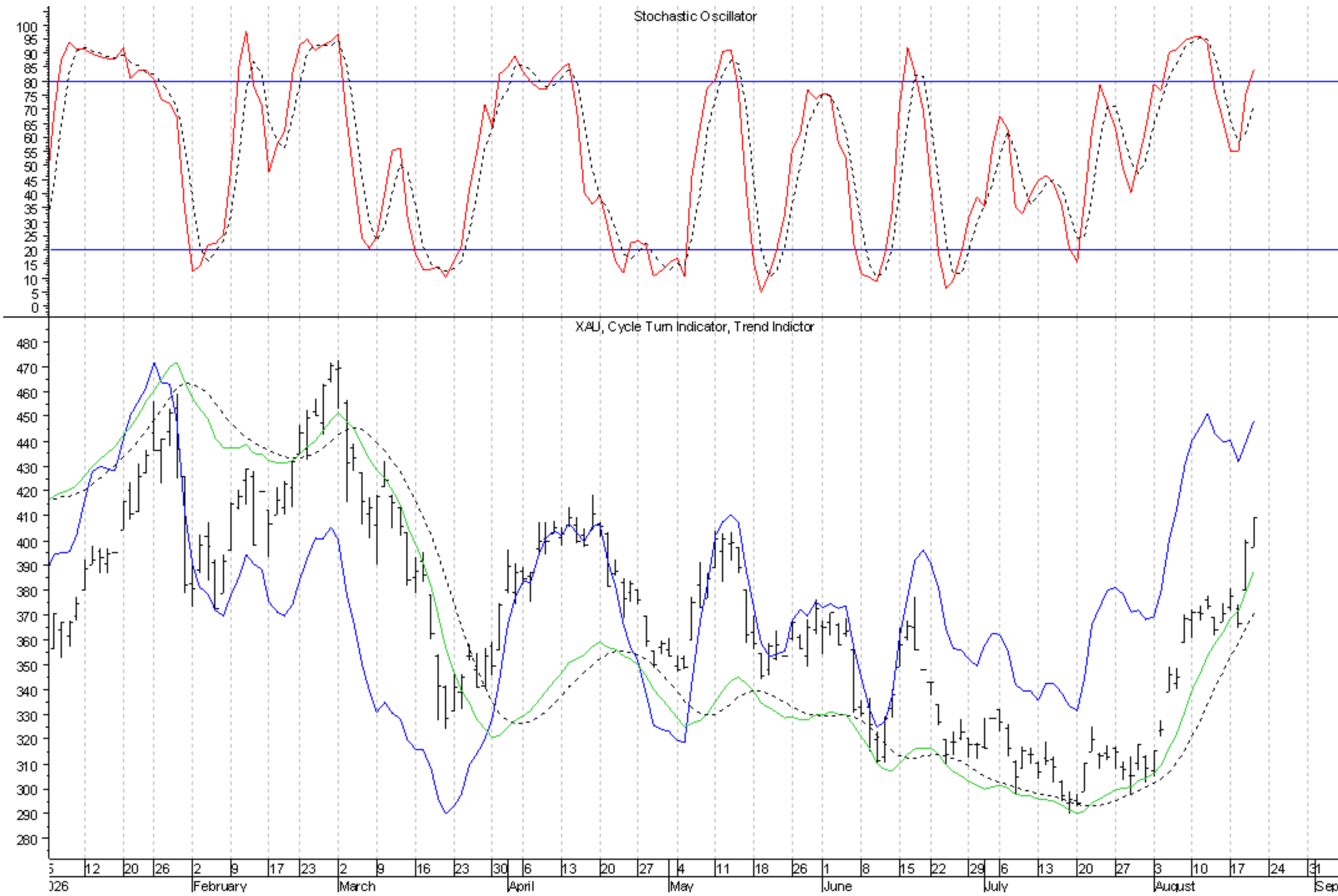
Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Buy	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

The timing band for the current trading cycle low runs between August 12th and August 26th. The price action on Monday completed the formation of a daily swing low in association with a retest of the August 13th daily swing high and on Tuesday price reversed lower. With the daily CTI remaining negative, the short-term sell signal in association with the August 13th daily swing high and what should be the trading cycle top held. On Wednesday Gold moved sharply higher, completing the formation of a complex daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered. In turn, this prompts the question as to whether the trading cycle low was seen with the August 14th daily swing low, or if we have seen an additional push up with an increasingly right-translated trading cycle top. In light of the higher degree intermediate-term cycle advance out of the June low, until Gold can prove itself otherwise, I have to assume the trading cycle low was seen in conjunction with the August 14th daily swing low. Assuming this to be correct, evidence of a left-translated trading cycle top will now leave Gold in a position to cap the intermediate-term cycle advance. More on this as it develops. In the meantime, this short-term buy signal will remain intact until another daily swing high and downturn of the daily CTI are seen. Another daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 4,540.81 is not bettered and if 4,450.08 is violated.



XAU

On Wednesday the XAU also completed the formation of a daily swing low and with the upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered. As a result, the evidence here points to the trading cycle low having been seen in conjunction with the August 13th daily swing low. As with Gold, evidence of a left-translated trading cycle top will also leave the XAU with a structural footing to cap the higher degree intermediate-term advance. For now, Wednesday's short-term buy signal will remain intact until a daily swing high is confirmed by a downturn of the daily CTI. A daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 409.38 is not bettered and if 397.21 is violated.

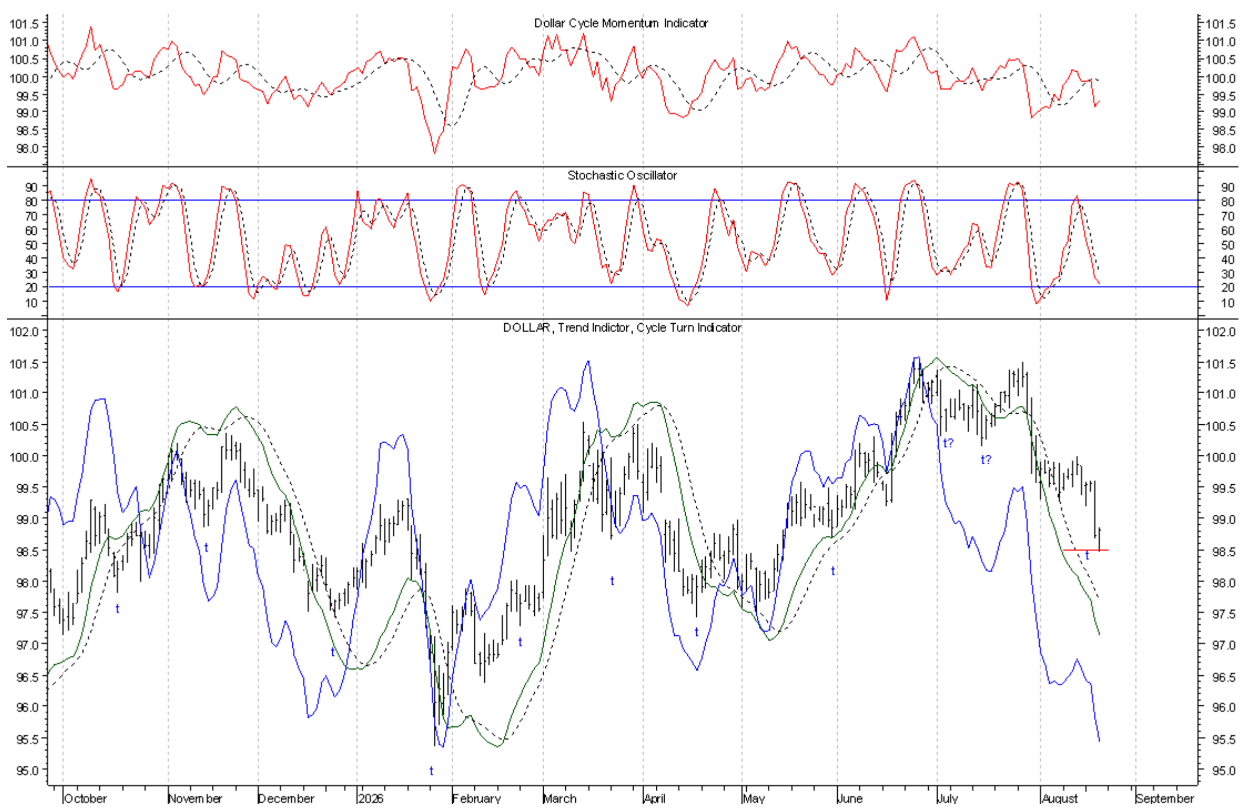


Dollar

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

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)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bearish

The timing band for the now due trading cycle low runs between August 10th and August 24th. Based on this timing band, we have known that this low should ideally still lie ahead and per the parameters given in the Tuesday night update, the price action on Wednesday completed the formation of another daily swing high in association with the continuation of the decline. We now sit at the end of the timing band and on Thursday the Dollar reversed off its low. Any further advance on Friday that completes the formation of a daily swing low will be suggestive of this low having been seen. It is with either this trading cycle low or the next we should see the higher degree intermediate-term cycle low. If the advance out of the current trading cycle low completes the formation of a weekly swing low and is followed by a right-translated trading cycle advance, then we should have the intermediate-term cycle low here. Otherwise, we should expect that low with the next trading cycle low. A daily swing low will be completed on Friday if 98.47 holds and if 98.85 is bettered.

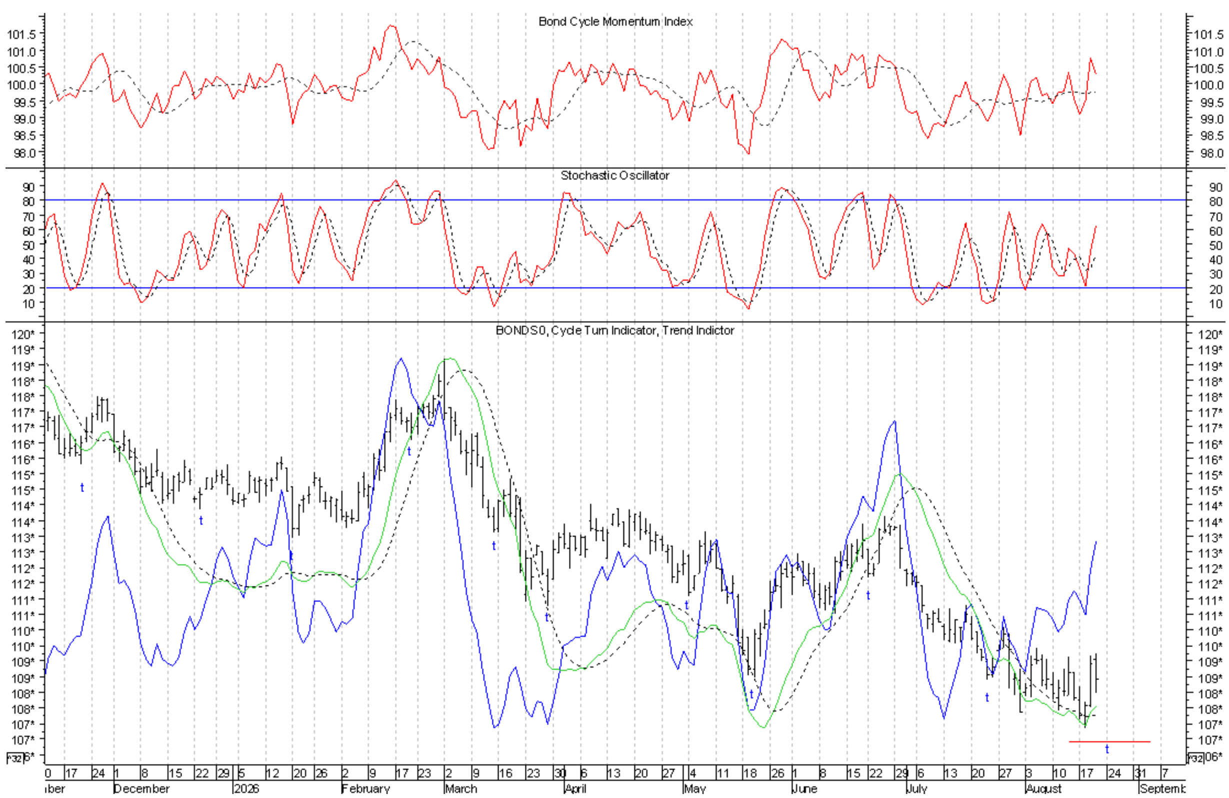


Bonds

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)	Bearish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bearish
Secondary Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

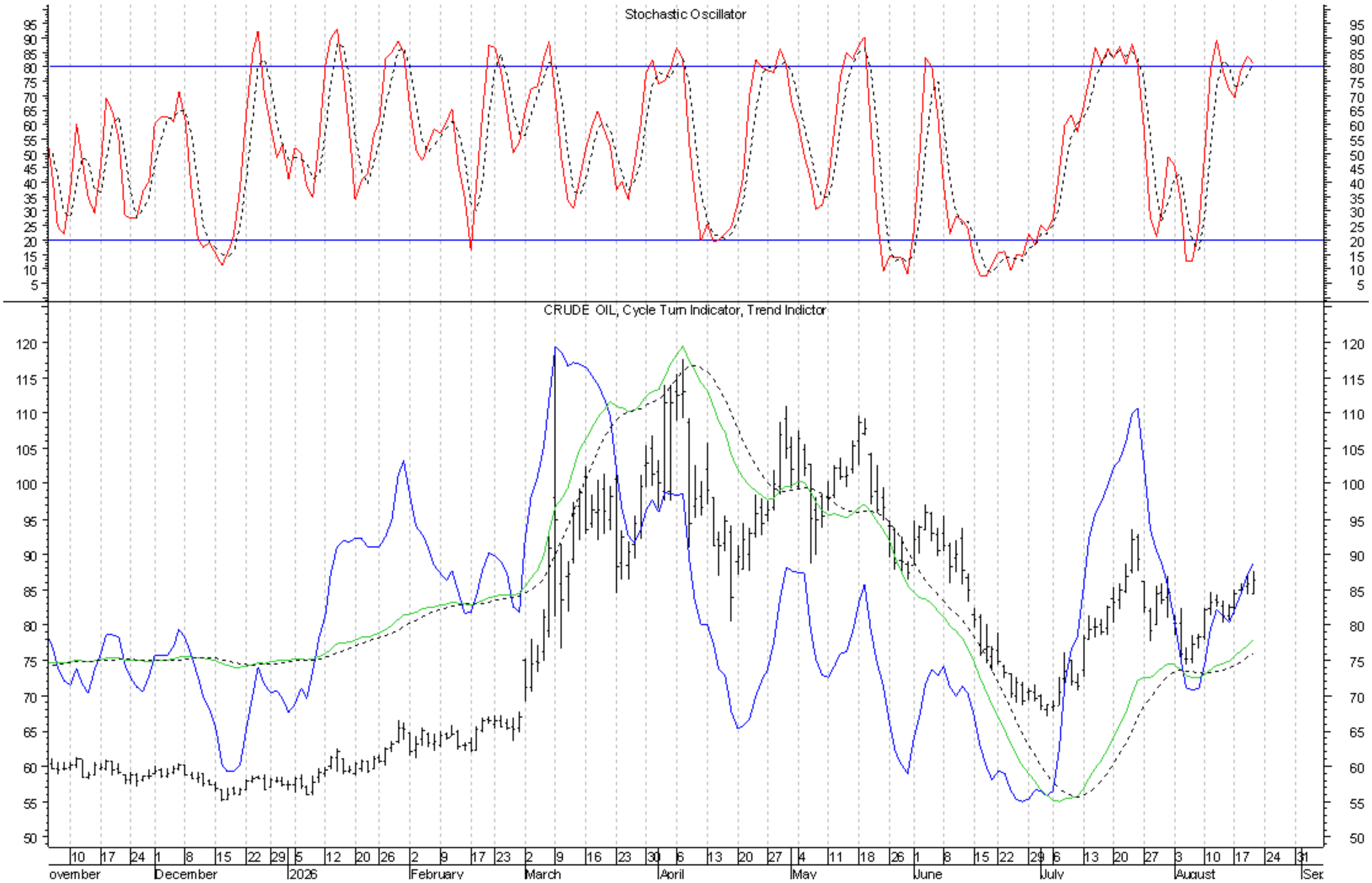
Daily Indicator Summary Short-Term Buy/Neutral	
Primary Indicators	
Formation of a Daily Swing Low	Bullish
Cycle Turn Indicator (CTI)	Bullish
Confirming Indicators	
Trend Indicator (TI)	Bullish
Cycle Momentum Indicator	Bullish
Secondary Short Term Indicators	
5 3 3 Stochastic	Bullish

Every indication continues to be that the trading cycle low last bottomed on July 23rd with the timing band for the now due trading cycle low running between August 13th and September 3rd. With the completion of a daily swing low on Wednesday and the corresponding upturn of the daily CTI, a short-term buy signal was triggered making it possible for the current trading cycle low to have bottomed on Tuesday. However, we are still within the timing band for this low and I would ideally like to see another push down into this low. To this point, Thursday's reversal lower leaves Bonds positioned for such decline and as confirmation of Tuesday's short-term buy signal I want to see a close above Thursday's high. Whether the trading cycle low has been seen or if that low should still lie ahead, with the timing band for the intermediate-term cycle low still ahead, the advance out of the current/pending trading cycle low is expected to be counter-trend and followed by at least one additional trading cycle down. More on this as it develops.



Crude Oil

With the additional strength on Wednesday and Thursday, Monday's short-term buy signal remains intact. This advance continues to serve as the structural retest of the July high and with the 5 3 3 Stochastic again trying to rollover from overbought levels, the oscillator picture is ripe for a top, but until another daily swing high is confirmed by a downturn of the daily CTI, the short-term buy signal will remain intact. A daily swing high will be completed on Friday if 87.69 is not bettered and if 84.23 is violated.



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