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Stocks surged again Monday pushing the Nasdaq 100 to new rally highs. The S&P 500 made a new closing high, but couldn't surpass the intra-day high of 956.23 set on June 11th. As we said yesterday, investors should be cautious with entry points. Momentum indicators are at high or overbought levels. There is a negative divergence in the amount of 13-week closing highs, which was 236 Monday versus 484 on June 1st.

The S&P 1500 (224.09) was up 1.177% Monday. Average price per share was up 1.46%. Volume was 101% of its 10-day average and 102% of its 30-day average. 79.95% of the S&P 1500 stocks were up, with up volume at 72.74% and up points at 89.79%. Up Dollars was 97.57% of total dollars, and was 146% of its 10-day moving average. Down Dollars was 10% of its 10-day moving average.

Percent over 10-sma: 91.00%. 13-Week Closing Highs: 236. 13-Week Closing Lows: 2.

Put/Call Ratio: 0.701. Kaufman Options Indicator: 0.95.

P/E Ratios: 60.36 (before charges), 15.37 (continuing operations), 16.31 (analyst estimates).

P/E Yield 10-year Bond Yield Spreads: -54% (earnings bef. charges), 81% (earnings continuing ops), and 71% (projected earnings).

70 of the S&P 500 have reported 2^{nd} quarter earnings. According to Bloomberg, 70.5% had positive surprises, 9.8% were in line, and 19.7% have been negative. The year-over-year change has been -26.1% on a share-weighted basis, -2.1% market cap-weighted and - 18.0% non-weighted. Ex-financial stocks these numbers are -22.5%, +1.5%, and -14.2%, respectively.

This is a bifurcated, opportunistic trader's market, with adept traders able to enter long or short. Based on the S&P 500 the short-term, intermediate-term and long-term trends are up. Traders should not hesitate to rotate out of lagging sectors and stocks and into leaders.

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