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CURRENCY MARKET TIMING SIGNALS

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SYM	TECH - LT	TECH - ST	SEAS	POWER	OI	VOLAT
DX:	to bottom. Bulls narrowly dominate but the July low must hold or a final retest of the Feb lows is most likely. Aug 6 selloff increases odds of final retest.		Jun/J is bullish but bearish N/D lies ahead	Bullish for at least a short term pop	FALLING IN JULY RALLY! Makes the rally more suspect	Falling, confirming the selloff from the May highs

EC:

Looking toppy, hugging support trendlines

Nov/D often bullish for Euro

Bearish

Very high

At a 6 mo. low

Boxed between the Apr low and the July high. Which way to breakout? Bearish power readings say any upside breakout will be very limited.

BP:

Similar to EC, with slightly stronger pattern

Ditto

Very bearish

OI FELL during July selloff (see DX)

Falling from Apr/M price low, confirming uptrend



	TECH LT	TECH ST	SEAS	POWER	0.1.	VOLAT
:	Very toppy after 3 year upside	Selling off but near rally point	Ditto	Slightly supportive, may cap selloff ST	Very low	Confirms rally to July double top
	Very toppy.				,	
:	Erratic but Apr high likely to hold	Lower highs, lower lows.	NA	Slightly supportive, may cap selloff ST	Rising into selloff, bearish.	Unc
	Official Japane high seems lik	ese policy has su cely to hold at this	pported a v s point.	veaker Yen with	massive inter	vention. April
:	Торру	Further ST downside to break Jun low		Supportive of a rally, especially near any Jun low retest	Low	Rising, confirms the selloff from Feb highs
	A short-term b probable.	ounce is likely ar	ound the J	une lows. Therea	after, further d	lownside is
:	Test of Jan highs is now likely	Test of Jan highs ahead?		Bearish	Flat	Unc.
	A marginal tes readings. We p	t of the Jan high i prefer the sideline	is our best es.	guess. Note, ho	wever, bearish	n power
:	Technical	In major		Supportive	Flat	



The peso appears to be near a major bottom after long selloff from '02 highs. Note that

the weak peso has been very good for the Mexican economy which has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the world thanks to exports fueled by the cheap ME. Also note the strong rallies in the Mexican stock markets.

NOTES:

Interest rates, fundamentals, policy, the economic cycle stage, global central bank preferences, and inflation all support a shift to a stronger dollar environment. But putting in the DX bottom has not been a smooth process. Given the 8-6 selloff we now narrowly favor our mid-July view of a mild retest of the Feb. dollar lows. This would certainly be the most tradable technical pattern.

LEGEND

TECH - LT: Long-term technical picture, usually based on weekly charts

TECH - ST: Short-term technical picture, usually based on daily charts

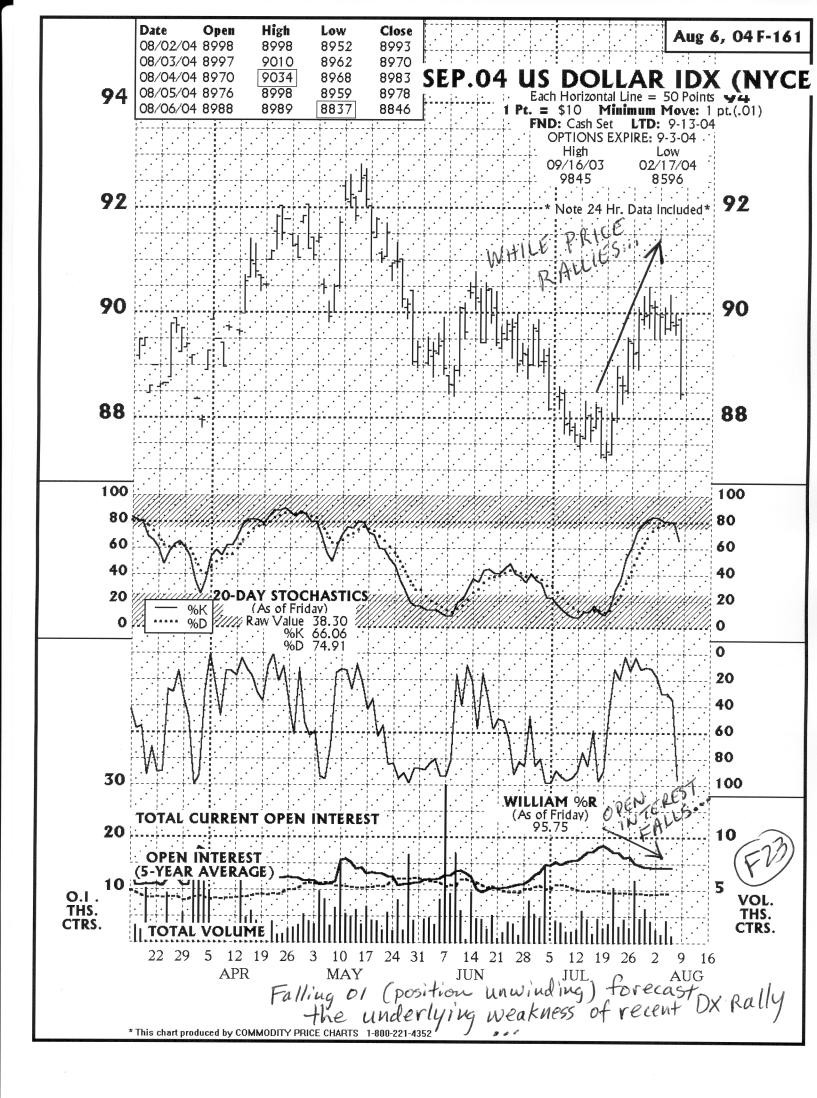
POWER: Interpretation of internal market power

OI: Open interest analysis

VOLAT: Volatility analysis

Unc: Unclear





Foreign Interest in U.S. Is Waning

Continued From Page C1 ing of Treasurys slipped, the yield on the 10-year note jumped to 4.65% at the end of May from 3.88% on April 1, though it has since fallen to 4.43%.

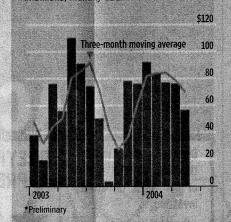
The Bank of Japan and other Asian central banks have become an increasingly important pillar of support for the Treasury market, because their currency interventions and large trade surpluses with the U.S. have resulted in excess dollars to invest. Since these central banks are concerned less about a high rate of return than a stable and easily tradable investment, U.S. Treasury debt has been a major beneficiary.

Yet if recent trends toward lower U.S. investment persist, the U.S. eventually could have a tougher time funding its current-account deficit, which reached a record \$144.9 billion in the first quarter. Any trouble financing that deficit would lead to higher borrowing costs through rising U.S. interest rates. It also could cause the dollar,

Diminishing Demand, Expanding Supply

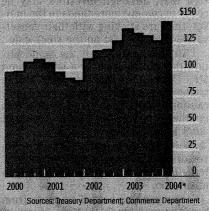
Investment from overseas dips...

Net foreign purchases of securities in the U.S., in billions; monthly data



As the pool of U.S. red ink grows

U.S. current account deficit, in billions of dollars; seasonally adjusted quarterly data

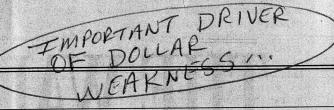


Still, foreigners now control 40% of

U.S. Treasurys was larger still: China

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

THE ECONOMY



U.S. Investors Buying Foreign Stocks at Reco

Continued From First Page asm reflects a confluence of factors that have sent investors shopping abroad. The dollar, though up modestly in 2004, has been in an extended bear market for much of the past couple of years. That is making profits from overseas stocks look better when translated back into the U.S. currency. The Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50, for instance, gained 16% last year in euros but 39% in dollar terms.

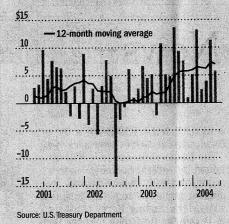
U.S. investors' burgeoning fondness for foreign markets also comes amid fears that the economic recovery here is stumbling—or at least pausing—even as other economies pick up speed. At the same time, overseas investors' interest in the U.S. has been waning. That has significant implications for the U.S. and its yawning current-account deficit.

Nearly half of this year's U.S. foreign investments were made in Japanese stocks, reflecting a popular belief that Japan's economy is on the rebound. Global portfolio managers also argue it is a disadvantage to limit a portfolio to the U.S when many of the world's best companies and fast-growing economies are found abroad.

"It pays to look more closely at other parts of the world, like Asia, where you

Americans Abroad

Net U.S. purchases of foreign stocks, in billions



stocks will be closely watched overseas. American investors are already an important buyer in some major markets like Tokyo and could provide a significant lift to other foreign markets if their interest continues to rise.

Still, at the moment, overseas invest-

net sellers of \$17 billion in foreign bonds over the first five months of this year. That could stem from several factors, including a simple preference for stocks over bonds and the fact that many foreign bonds are priced in dollars, so there is no weak-dollar advantage. Japanese bonds offer paltry interest rates, while emerging-market debt is high-yielding but too volatile for many investors.

Moreover, overseas investing often comes with additional risks and costs, from different and sometimes weaker corporate governance and poor disclosure to different and sometimes higher trading fees. If the dollar has a big rally, then returns in overseas stocks would be lower when converted back to dollars. And in an increasingly globalized economy, the performance of the U.S. stock market and most major foreign markets have become more closely correlated, so that in recent years the diversification benefits of buying foreign shares have been muted.

Yet analysts say it's impressive that the popularity of overseas shares can rise at a time when most foreign markets, while doing better than the U.S. market, aren't exactly lighting it up: While the Dow Jones Industrial Average is down a stocks (meani which is con-These purchas billion, or 37%

This year, of to slow its ecore enthusiasm for other emergin export common attention to E count for 39% Japanese stock more than coneign purchase

By some W pean stock val lower than th Asian stocks U.S. peers, by ratio. "The ri performing do it's been for a bie, president an Omaha, I firm. "And the formance look

Mr. Kubie vote 15% of the kets, but that as it has ever



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GC:	On pullback		NA now. Peak Dec/J ahead	Moving up to support at least a mild rally	Unc	Falling, confirms pullback

Captive of forex and interest rates. Stand aside.

SI:

Whipsaw

Uptrend

NA now. Peak Dec/J ahead

Supports at least a bit more upside

Rising

Falling, confirms the ST rally

Silver may tend to "snake" to the upside over the next few weeks. Keep tight stops on longs. Longs may also consider selling expensive options here.

HG:

Whipsaw / wild

Uptrend

Like June. Sep/O is often bearish.

Supports a bit more upside

Low but rising

Unc

Copper may tend to "snake" to the upside over the next few weeks. Keep tight stops on longs.

PL:

Weak

Weak

NA

Bullish, supportive of rally Very low

Unc

