



The Goldman Guide

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Well, here we are. Summer is over. The kids are back to school. One political convention is down, and one more is just starting. Unemployment results for August are due out on Friday. End of quarter attempts to slam in revenue will be starting as companies scramble to meet expectations. Investors will start to return to the market, building volume beyond the 4 billion share mark each day with those stocks that comprise the S&P 500 Index.

And if that isn't enough, we are entering the traditionally weakest period of the year where bargains can be had if you hit it just right. Or, stocks just tank for weeks on end. At least the 2012 NFL football season begins in earnest on Wednesday.

The Presidential election is exactly 2 months away and it is likely that the market will swing in the negative if the incumbent Democratic President appears to obtain a lead in swing states while it may rise in anticipation of a leadership status for the Republican challenger.

The geopolitical situation in the Middle East may also play a role in the market direction. These two factors make the September period very difficult to predict, but we can feel comfortable saying that a return to volatility should be expected.

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Key Takeaways

- ⇒ **Summer is over. Expect a lot of change.**
- ⇒ **This week's economic calendar is significant.**
- ⇒ **Commodity plays like DBLE and LBGO should be considered.**
- ⇒ **MVTG is looking great and management is bullish.**
- ⇒ **Our NFL Playoff Picks**

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While understanding what the big picture holds, the keys to success will be targeting and projecting the interim market moves. For example, since this is a short week, it is jam-packed with no fewer than 18 items on the economic calendar which will impact trading.

Bear in mind that big volume is going to return this month as portfolio managers try to position their holdings for Q4 and the outcome of the elections. Therefore, the sentiment could shift based upon the economic calendar results, along with Q3 earnings pre-announcements, and other factors.

The key reports on unemployment and nonfarm payrolls for August will be released on Friday at 8:30 AM, and are preceded by Thursday's initial jobless claims figures. Other important news will be the release of auto and truck sales, later today. Strong numbers could help rally the sobering market.

The key indices had a strong month, with returns ranging from 2-4%. Looking ahead, we expect to see gold and other commodities continue their modest upward trajectories while the market turns in a small decline, along with more pronounced volatility.

Given the inherent up-and-down nature of September, it may be wise to engage in an opposite day habit, i.e. sell on up days and buy on down days. We get the sense that microcaps are about to make a run in the not too distant future but would buy those that are primed for real change in the near term, rather than those with potential further down the road, as it still may be a trader's market.

On the bigger stock side of the aisle we recommend buying E&P provider such as Double Eagle Petroleum (NASDAQ – DBLE - \$4.45), which we highlighted in these pages last week, and is up 15%.

On the Opportunity Research side, we are reiterating our recommendation on Liberty Gold (OTCBB—LBGO—\$0.56) this morning, to take advantage of the gold surge. We would also urge investors to review a pick from late June. We identified Mantra Venture Group (OTCBB—MVTG—\$0.15) as having the most disruptive energy technology in years. The stock is up 50% and seems to be trending higher on strong volume just in the past week. It looks like additional milestones may be around the corner.

Here is a link to a recent interview with management from the Small Cap Voice website, along with a link to our initiation report.

<http://www.smallcapvoice.com/mvtg/>

<http://www.goldmanresearch.com/Popular/mvtg-the-most-disruptive-technology-in-energy-in-years.html>

Key Statistics

<u>Index</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>YTD</u>
DJIA	13091	7.1%
S&P 500	1407	11.8%
NASDAQ	3067	17.7%
Russell 2K	812	9.6%

(figures are rounded)



NFL Picks

Okay, I recognize these NFL playoff picks aren't exactly what you are looking for. But, we all have to have some fun too, right? Besides, perhaps I might be a negative barometer? Feel free to email me your picks too.

2012 NFL Playoff Selections:

AFC East: New England Patriots

AFC South: Houston Texans

AFC North: Pittsburgh Steelers

AFC West: Kansas City Chiefs

Wild-cards: Buffalo Bills, Denver Broncos

AFC Champs: Houston Texans

NFC East: New York Giants

NFC South: Atlanta Falcons

NFC North: Green Bay Packers

NFC West: San Francisco 49ers

Wild cards: Chicago Bears, Seattle Seahawks

NFC Champs: Green Bay Packers

Super Bowl Champs: Green Bay Packers

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