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Stocks- Powell Speaks-Jobs Report-Will It Move Markets?



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The Stock Market has faded off the RESISITANCE Zone we mentioned SPX 4060 and CLOSED UNDER SPX 4000 support.

We need to CLOSE ABOVE 4000 & 4060 if we hope to see a test of 4150-4200. Should we see CLOSES UNDER 3924 & more importantly SPX 3830-3800; it could be game set match on this rebound rally with a VIX at 20 and now rising.

BIG NEWS: Tomorrow we hear from Powell and let's take a stab at what he may say. The bulls want to hear about slowing the pace of hikes and waiting to see the lag effect of existing hikes PLUS a hint that 2023 could see cuts. They probably will get some of that as 400 basis point moves generally do slow and the lag effect is a concern. We would title his speech as an emphasis moderation from "Hikes to Longer". More hikes coming (maybe terminal rate at 5% to 5.5%) AND stay there until we see UNEMPLOYMENT above 4% and INFLATION at 4%....at this time it looks ASPIRATIONAL.

Consumers are SPENDING on services (travel-restaurants-experiences-shopping) not on durable goods and they are blowing up their credit cards to maintain pace. INFLATION is going to have a hard time receding with this we only live once, we all got jobs, no fear of the future attitude. RETAILERS are discounting that excess inventory NOW when buyers are out so next year that problem is gone. SOCIAL SECURITY PAY INCREASE of 8.7% starts in JANUARY with all the 1957 baby boomers (huge demographic) involved......getting inflation down with that buying power is tough....cat out of bag

The PCE numbers and the JOBS report close out the week and there maybe improvement in PCE could be there but the Labor Market remains tight. A big SURPRISE in either number could fuel the BREAKOUT of the SPX 400-3800 RANGE. Volume's been LIGHT but everyone's back and either FOMO or TAX LOSS selling could get the algos moving en masse. In a perverse way; China's troubles have started a stampede into KWEB FXI EEM ect, Travel & Energy have spiked as well

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