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# GROWTH FEARS REPLACE INFLATION FEARS!



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#### OptionProfessor Alert: 07/12/22 - Growth Fears Replace Inflation Fears!

We are coming into the start of EARNINGS season with a fair amount of trepidation. Analysts have cut forecasts

500 times in the last week in the SPX so the BAR is LOW coming into the reports especially in TECH & CONSUMER

DISCRETIONARY which are DOWN between 12% and 20% in the last 3 months. The last time we recall this occurring was last OCTOBER and was followed by a 400-500 point UPMOVE in the SPX.....that is what we around here call an UPSIDE SURPRISE! To start to be confirmed with PRICE EVIDENCE..SPX ABOVE 3900-3950/RSI +50/VIX UNDER 25-20!

RIGHT NOW! We have said that the YIELD on the 10 Yr Treasury MUST stay UNDER 3.25%-3% and close the huge gap

toward the longer term moving averages 2.60% and Fed Funds 2.50% (after July hike) to enable the rally to happen.

COMMODITIES-CONSUMER & SMALL BUSINESS SENTIMENT all tanking which helps cool the Inflation Fever notably.

We have quite a number of WILD CARDS to spoil the hand here. They include the strong DOLLAR which can hurt international firms (AAPL NKE SBUX). They include another CHINA shutdown and a new VARIANT to upset the cart. They include a slowdown in EUROPE with pressure on the ECB (meets July 21) to hike rates into a slowdown (Germany)

Of Course; the geopolitical (Russian Energy-Iran-Turkey-Taiwan) and Global INFLATION-Slowdowns-Central Bank Hikes!

REASONS to LEARN ABOUT HEDGING DOWNSIDE RISK & UPSIDE SURPRISES? Here's a few for you to ponder right now.

EARNINGS expected to be 2.20 on SPX times 17 P/E = 3740 or times 16 P/E = 3520 or times 14 P/E = 3080. Now if they were to cut SPX earnings to 2.00 (hard landing)...you do the Math....SPX/QQQ already proved they can drop!

INFLATION-ECONOMY SLOWS-LESS FED NEEDED- Short Covering-Sideline Cash-Buybacks-FOMO = 2nd Half Spike?

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