Strategy Session

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Scott noted a strong, broad market rally on Thursday, September 4th, with major indices like the **SPY**, **QQQ**, and **IWM** all posting up days and closing strong, which he attributes to the market front-running a likely Fed interest rate cut on September 17th. With a 97% probability of a rate cut and a historical trend of higher markets 12 months after a rate-cutting cycle begins, Scott remains directionally bullish. He highlighted the strength in homebuilders and financials while cautioning against chasing assets like gold at their highs, and he emphasized the importance of following technical signals, especially for speculative crypto treasury companies, advising to sell when they break down and ride the momentum when it's present.

Next Steps:

1. Consider a starter position in Charles Schwab (SCHW) at current levels.
2. Set a stop loss at around $94 to define your risk.
3. Place a breakout alert at $99.40.
4. Add to the position if the stock moves above $99.40 with good volume.

Transcript:

0:00: Hey, everybody, good evening.

0:01: It's Scott at Scottrade's on X with Stock Market mentor and your strategy session.

0:07: It is Thursday, September 4th, 2025.

0:11: I hope you had a great day.

0:12: Nice update here in the market.

0:14: You know, this morning when I was looking at the futures, I thought, OK, it'd be normal if we just kind of stay flat and grind around the eight day exponential period moving average.

0:23: But if I go intraday, Here we see that we actually had a day where the market went up and just kept going up all day.

0:32: You know, we had about an hour and a half of sideways price action.

0:36: Buyers came back and closed us strong.

0:38: And look at that nice volume into the last 30 minutes.

0:41: If I dial into a 10 minute chart, it's even better in the last 10 minutes.

0:46: So not only were the buyers coming in throughout the day, they came in.

0:50: To close it strong.

0:51: So, I actually really like this move here today and looking for some upside follow through tomorrow.

0:57: QQQ also holding up really nice if I go to a 10 minute chart, again, really big volume into the clothes, really nice to see that.

1:05: I always want to see buyers into the clothes.

1:07: If I'm swinging something, I wanna know that whoever was trying to buy the thing that I was trying to buy throughout the day, Needed to come in at the end of the day and just clean up their orders and pile in.

1:18: And so I always like to see that strong volume into the clothes on anything that I'm buying or holding.

1:26: Just through a downward sloping trend line here on QQQ, and we can see it is still in a range.

1:31: Dan mentioned that, you know, you know, the market is in a range, and so now we're looking for a break of that range.

1:38: And if it comes tomorrow, it's gonna look like this.

1:40: It's gonna look like a strong move through clear resistance, and ideally, that comes on higher than average volume.

1:46: So that's what we'll be looking for in the near term.

1:49: Doesn't mean that we can't pull back to the 50 day.

1:51: Same thing here in We did pull back to the 21 day.

1:54: It would be normal to continue to go sideways as we lead into the Fed meeting on September 17th, but right now it looks like the market, or at least market participants are front-running a potential Fed rate cut, and now today, specifically, we have a 97% probability that the Fed is going to cut interest rates.

2:14: So I think if everyone just assumes it's gonna happen, And we don't really have any negative economic data to change that opinion, it looks like a cuts coming, and the market could be pricing in a new cut rate, rate cutting cycle, excuse me, going forward.

2:31: So that is ultimately gonna be bullish for the market.

2:34: At Crypto Maret Mentor, we did a little back testing, and I looked back about 20 years, just to see how the market reacted after a rate cutting cycle started.

2:43: And historically, what happens is 12 months.

2:46: After a rate cutting cycle starts, the market is higher.

2:51: So I want to stay directionally bullish until we get a clear sign that the trend is broken, or the monetary policy or macroeconomic picture looks different.

3:01: So, so far, that hasn't happened, and so that makes me want to stay bullish into the end of the year for sure.

3:08: IWM also looking really good here.

3:10: Decent volume on the day, just off the highs.

3:13: I would have an alert on IWM.

3:15: Right around 237, and look for a strong move through.

3:19: 237 coming on volume.

3:21: You can also consider something like TNA which is a leveraged version of IWM.

3:28: This is also really good for short-term traders.

3:30: The semiconductor index is back above the 50 day moving average.

3:33: That's a positive.

3:34: I didn't look at Nvidia too much today.

3:37: Last I looked, it was still just kind of under the 50 day moving average.

3:40: Yeah, that's what we're seeing right now.

3:41: That said, I do have a handful of semiconductors, I think two to look at tonight that I think could be actionable for you tomorrow.

3:49: I mentioned XHB in my morning note today, only mentioned two stocks, by the way, because I didn't really see a lot of setups, that, that looked high probability.

3:58: XHB was one of them.

4:00: And so, mention XHB in my morning note today.

4:02: We got a really nice move here on XHB.

4:05: I was looking for a close above 114.

4:08: We got that.

4:08: 117 here on XHB and I know some of you are trading nail, which is a leveraged version of the homies, and this also looks really good.

4:17: So, whether you're playing XHB or something leveraged like nail, I think the homebuilders are definitely something you want to pay attention to, and we'll look at one home builder specifically tonight.

4:29: XLF Financials also looking really good here.

4:32: You know, one thing that keeps banging around in my head, especially because I deal with crypto so much, is the fact that I think that crypto and digital assets are really gonna play a big part to keep a bid under the financial sector.

4:45: I mean, think about it.

4:46: The more that Wall Street gets involved in digital assets and tokenizing stocks and putting everything on blockchain, which, by the way, people like Tom Lee think is an absolute certainty, they're going to be putting everything on blockchain, they're gonna be tokenizing everything.

5:03: Then that's gonna be bullish for the financial sector, especially if they start investing in some of these crypto assets like Bitcoin, like Ethereum, like Salon or, like some of the rest, and then ultimately, those go up higher, and then because these financial companies are investing and using some of these protocols, they should also go higher.

5:22: So, we'll look at a a handful of financial stocks here tonight.

5:25: I did mention Schwab from my chart of the day, but I also want to take a look at JP Morgan.

5:31: Gold actually had a bit of a bearish day here.

5:33: Don't like this price action on gold.

5:35: It went pretty high in a short amount of time, especially here on GLD.

5:39: You can see how spread out the moving averages got, and this is one of the reasons that you don't want to chase gold.

5:45: You know, for the longest time, I've been talking about Getting involved in gold and doing it close to key moving averages.

5:52: And this is exactly why, because you can get days where it just feels like gold is gonna go up forever, and then what happens, you get a bearish engulfing candlestick or you get kind of a a slow, quiet day like today.

6:04: And ultimately you chased at the highs.

6:07: So you never really wanna chase the medals at the highs, you know, just remembering this day from back in April, where it, I mean, it really looked like gold was just unstoppable.

6:17: Next thing you know, bearish engulfing candlestick, next day, boom, right back down to the eight day exponential.

6:22: So, that's really what you want to do.

6:24: If you're looking at gold or any of the metals, you know, I'm thinking of things like XME for example.

6:29: I mean, actually, that this doesn't look too bad, it's not too extended, but just thinking about the metals generally, you wanna buy them close to support.

6:37: You want to buy them at the moving averages.

6:38: So I actually think XME looks pretty interesting here because it's just sitting on that 8 day exponential, where if you look at something like silver, it's still extended above the AA and the.

6:49: the gold miners still a bit extended off that eight-day exponential.

6:52: So, you know, you really got to pick your spots when it comes to allocating to things that are already in motion, and as always, the best buys usually come as a bounce off of a key moving average.

7:04: I like the eight day, 21 day, and 50 day.

7:06: You pick what works best for you.

7:08: Bitcoin is still in consolidation right now.

7:10: I did mention a potential starter entry on iit here for my friends over at Crypto Maretmentor today, just to get a little exposure, because if we do start to see gold break down, And pull back, then that should give us a nice little bounce in BTC and move it ideally back above that 50 day moving average.

7:32: So, wanted to get a little started here on IBIT, and then add with a move back above that 50 day moving average.

7:39: That's probably a good trade idea if you're looking, you know, if you have a little sideline cash, you just wanna start small right here right now, and then add when you're right.

7:47: Add when you get that conviction move through the 50 day moving average.

7:51: I've been talking about Ethereum a lot.

7:53: Ethereum has been a big outperformer.

7:56: It's been outperforming Bitcoin lately.

7:58: ET is back down to the 21 day EMA and we can see that this has been a previous support zone before.

8:04: So wanna see that hold up and want to see that 21 day just act as a potential launch pad for a move out of a clear consolidation pattern.

8:15: I mentioned China stocks the other day and just took a look at KWeb briefly today.

8:19: KWeb is in a clear channel.

8:21: You can see how we have the tops lining up around here, and we have the bottoms lining up around there.

8:26: So it's right in the middle of the range right now.

8:29: I think that this is tradable.

8:30: You just want to watch to see when it does tip the top of the range as a potential swing target.

8:36: So if you're buying it here at 37, I think you definitely wanna think about profits around 39 or 40, at least for a short-term swing trade on some of the China stocks.

8:46: Let's take a look at the dollar.

8:48: Still breaking down here, under the 200 day moving average, not really doing much of anything, probably going to resolve lower.

8:54: I think it was Bank of America that said the dollar is overvalued, and so that ultimately is gonna be great for risk assets.

9:01: It should be good for gold in the long term, it should be good for stocks, and probably absolutely be good for Bitcoin as well.

9:07: So, if we do continue to see a breakdown in the dollar, I think we're probably gonna continue to get an everything rally in markets.

9:15: The 10 year continuing to break down.

9:17: Now, again, this is the market pricing in potential rate cuts and a rate cutting cycle, breaking under this clear downward sloping trend, upward sloping trend line, and just kind of breaking down right now.

9:29: So that is, again, bullish for markets.

9:32: I like this look here.

9:34: We want rates to come down.

9:35: We want clarity when it comes to what the rate cut.

9:38: cycle is gonna look like.

9:40: And so I think this ultimately bodes well for, for markets.

9:43: Again, just about picking your spots.

9:45: The VIXs close near the lows of the day.

9:47: It's back under all the key moving averages, so that's positive.

9:51: OK, I mentioned Schwab for my chart of the day today.

9:54: I think you can own a little swab right here and then add with the move through 9940.

10:00: Amazon gapped up and held the gap and did it on good volume.

10:04: So nice breakout potential here on Amazon.

10:07: If you bought this today, I think you just want to stop right at today's intraday low.

10:11: Google continuing to hold up.

10:13: I had someone ask me a question about calls on Google, long-dated calls on Google.

10:18: the, the number was up, a lot.

10:20: I think a couple 100%, and they said, I got time, you know, imagine, you know, that you are in this position, what would you do?

10:28: And this was a question I had yesterday, and I just said, hold it, let it work.

10:33: When you get a move like this that is news driven, comes on volume, and again, offers a lot of clarity.

10:41: Investors like clarity, right?

10:43: And so if Google doesn't have to sell off Chrome, or doesn't have to sell off Android, and, and that's a positive for their business, maybe that's a cap that's been holding the stock down.

10:52: Maybe that's something that people have been not wanting to put money into Google because of, and now we see Google gaping and holding the gap.

11:00: And so they're piling into Google on that news, and so that clarity is here.

11:05: That cloud of uncertainty is gone, and Google's working great here.

11:09: So I would just make sure you have a stop on any trend on Google right at yesterday's intraday low, that's around 22,470.

11:17: ANET is continuing to work its curling higher here, coming out of a short-term consolidation.

11:23: Clear support down near that 21 day EMA.

11:25: It did run into a bit of resistance here, but I would look for some upside follow through on AET with a move above today's intraday high.

11:33: Consider having an alert just above 14,250.

11:36: 14,250 on ANET, look for a move through that level, coming on volume.

11:42: Let's move on to some semiconductors.

11:43: Start things off with Micron Technologies, Ticker MU.

11:47: Now, Micron does have earnings coming up in a couple of weeks, but nice move here, breaking out of a clear, down or sloping trend line, doing on a on a heavier than average volume.

11:56: I think this is a good spot.

11:57: You get some micron here, maybe for a potential earnings run, you could consider a stop rate under yesterday's intraday low, that's around 11,730, and that would be just under the 50 day moving average, and then add with a move above 12,870, something like that.

12:14: So you're getting some started here within this range, and then adding with a move higher coming on volume.

12:21: Taiwan's semiconductor is not as extended as Micron.

12:25: It's still in and around the 50 day moving average.

12:27: You can see I drew this clear downward sloping trend line resistance, upward sloping trend line support.

12:32: I would watch for a move out of this pattern, something like that, maybe have an alert on TSM at 24,070, 24,070 on TSM and I'll set one there too.

12:48: Dan added Robin Hood to his active trade list.

12:51: Robin Hood just under the 50 day moving average.

12:54: I think it makes sense to use this level here, 97.90 as a stop loss, getting some started a bit early here in Robin Hood, but you can see that this is under clear down or something 29 resistance, and today is a good starter day, and then you wanna add, with a move above.

13:13: 105, 30, coming on volume.

13:15: That's just above that 21 day EMA.

13:18: Tesla is holding up above the 50 day moving average.

13:21: It's not really in a great pattern.

13:22: You can see that it is consolidating, but I like the fact that it did close green on the day, especially after yesterday's kind of gross, ugly whoop dee doo bar here that we have, where it went all the way up to 2, 343, and then pulled back and closed under the 8 day.

13:37: Like that it's back above the 8 day.

13:39: It's still in a bit of a range.

13:40: So I would just keep my expectations in check.

13:42: This does not look Like it's threatening a breakout anytime soon, unless something fundamental happens with Tesla.

13:49: But it is holding up above the 50 day moving average, so you can at least define your risk at the 50 day and look for some potential swing resistance up around 355.

13:58: So if you're in this right now, I would assume 355 is near-term resistance until it isn't, but that could give you at least a good near-term trade here on Tesla.

14:09: Dan added JP Morgan to the active trade list as well.

14:12: Check your email for that one.

14:14: This one is looking great, holding the eight day exponential.

14:17: It's been one that I've been watching for a while.

14:19: It's finally getting going today.

14:21: Clear support down near the 21 day.

14:23: Every dip down to the 21 day so far has been bought.

14:27: I like this short range of, buyers.

14:30: Coming in to buy the dip, buy the dip, buy the dip.

14:32: You can see how they're holding up, holding it up above that 50 day moving average.

14:36: Every dip is getting bought and then ultimately, the buyers have to reach higher because there's no more stock for sale at that low level.

14:43: So that's what's allowing the stock to move higher today.

14:46: So I like this set up here.

14:48: I think it's a good trade.

14:49: And like I said before, I think XL.

14:52: especially as these companies get more involved in crypto, that sector rises and and and the whole financial system gets an upheaval where everyone has a chance to make way more money than I think that's ultimately going to be good for the banking sector and the financials.

15:09: So definitely keep an eye on XLF.

15:12: Here's a sterolab sticker ALAB.

15:15: Really good volume today on AAB.

15:17: Closed right near resistance.

15:19: I think today is a good starter day, and then you can add with the move above 19,130 coming on volume.

15:25: I would have an alert at 19,130, look for a move through coming on volume on AAB.

15:30: Here's C Limited, it's ticker SE.

15:33: Now, I remember C Limited in 2020 and 2021.

15:36: This was a mass performer.

15:38: It went up from the bottom at 2018 to the high in 2021.

15:42: It went from $10 to $300 and all you had to do was respect that 200 day moving average, and you were able to make monster, a monster amount of money in this.

15:52: Now, I didn't make a monster amount of money.

15:53: I did pretty good, but this is a stock that I've been watching for a while, and you can tell, it's kind of in that same sequence.

15:59: We have support down near that 2008, every Buy at the 200 day has been profitable.

16:04: So that's a pretty clear line in the sand for a long-term trend trade.

16:08: Now, I would watch for a breakout here on Sea Limited with a move above 191.

16:12: You can see in the near term we have clear support down there that 21 day.

16:16: Decent move today.

16:17: The volume was OK, but I would look for a higher high above 191 here on Sea Limited for a potential breakout buy.

16:26: Now, I did mention XHB nail, and the homebuilders.

16:30: Not gonna look at all the homebuilders, but this is Toll Brothers Ticker TOL.

16:34: Really nice volume today on Toll, higher than average volume, a break higher within an uptrend that's being respected by that 21 day exponential period moving average.

16:44: Now, this is a bit extended above the moving averages.

16:46: I'd probably wait for a pullback bounce to the eight day or the 21 day to get involved.

16:50: But as Dan mentioned, keep an eye on the homies XHB NAIL.

16:56: These have all been big winners today, and I think we just need to look for that pullback bounce, to get sized in.

17:04: Here's Palantirer, ticker PLT R.

17:07: Pallanter holding up near that 50 day moving average kind of reminds me of JP Morgan in a way where JP Morgan was just going sideways, holding really tightly near these moving averages, and those dips were viable.

17:18: Looks like Pallantirer is a little similar here.

17:21: Dips under the.

17:22: so far being bought.

17:23: Every time it goes under the 50 day moving average, except yesterday, the buyers are showing up.

17:28: So I think that this is a pretty interesting stock here.

17:30: Keep an eye on Palantirer, maybe have an alert on PLTR at 16,120, 16,120.

17:40: On PLTR, look for a move above that level, coming on volume.

17:45: Couple more for you.

17:46: This is Next Tracker Ticker NXT.

17:49: I think I talked about this one last week.

17:51: It's still just basing here.

17:52: Clear support down near that 21 day.

17:54: Again, we're finding a lot of stocks right now, guys, finding support at the 21 day.

17:59: So give your stocks, if you have a cushion, give them a little room at least of the 20.

18:03: One day, if they breach and close under the 21 day, you have an excuse to sell it.

18:07: But if it doesn't, it could be a buy opportunity, as we're seeing a lot of stocks pull down to their 21 day and the buyers show up again.

18:15: That's exactly what happened here with Next Tracker.

18:18: Now, I would look for a breakout here on NXT.

18:21: I have an alert on this stock at 6935, 6935 on NXT.

18:27: And last one here, this is Bitmine Immersion, Ticker BMNR.

18:32: Now, this is Tom Lee's Ethereum Treasury company.

18:36: This stock has been giving a lot of its gains back.

18:40: It went from 30 to 70, and today, I think it hit a low of 40.

18:45: So, here's the thing with these treasury companies, whether it's micro strategy, bitm of immersion, something.

18:52: Like, Sharplink, gaming, SBT, these are all digital assets, treasury companies.

18:59: Now, here's the thing, when you're trading these companies, you wanna ride that upside momentum.

19:04: You wanna just take it for a ride until It kicks you off.

19:09: As soon as you see it break under a key moving average, you have to get out of the way.

19:14: You have to sell at least a partial and get out of the way because these companies are, so it's so early, it's so speculative that they trade so technically, and when they, when they are in, you know, a down trend or under all the key moving averages like Bit mine is here with under the 50 day moving average, they can really Punish you.

19:35: And so you just want to respect the technicals on these, these treasury companies.

19:41: Whether it's a Bitcoin treasury company or an Ethereum treasury company or a Salon treasury company.

19:46: It doesn't really matter.

19:47: What you have to understand is that they are still very early stage ideas, right?

19:52: People are still trying to wrap their head around crypto, let alone a company that just owns crypto and tries to make money with that crypto.

19:59: So, just be very cognizant about, risk management on any of these treasury companies.

20:04: And so for that reason, I think it makes sense to watch for Bitmine to get above that 50 day moving average.

20:10: I would have an alert on Bitmine at around 4715.

20:16: That's where the 50 day moving average is right now on the stock, 4715.

20:20: I think it makes sense to look for that, because if this can get above the 50 day moving average, it could be actionable.

20:27: But until it does that, It's still printing lower lows and lower highs, and that's not bullish at all.

20:34: So, that's all I got for you today, my friend.

20:36: Thank you so much for watching.

20:37: I'll see you next time.