Chart of the Day
Here's your (non)trade on Tesla ($TSLA).

October 22, 2025

Dan discussed Tesla's earnings report and trading strategies, expressing frustration about a risky investment decision and emphasizing the importance of avoiding speculative trading. He shared insights on Rivian's performance and delivery records, noting the impact of expiring tax credits on consumer decisions and showroom activity. Dan concluded by analyzing Tesla's current market position and stock performance, suggesting investors look for stocks with upward momentum and encouraging listeners to join Stock Market Mentor for further insights.

Next Steps:

1. Dan: Set an alert for Tesla stock to start watching when it runs up
2. Dan: Look to buy Tesla stock at $450 level

Transcript:

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Dan Fitzpatrick: All right, hey everybody, Dan Fitzpatrick here, StockMarketMentor.com, and let's, do some full self-driving on Tesla here. So, company reports earnings after the bell. This is what it looked like.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: During regular hours. Okay, could go either way. I don't like to play, particularly when it comes to Tesla. I don't like to play with, stocks over earnings unless, I don't know, maybe if I have a super…

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Dan Fitzpatrick: A super profitable position, I wouldn't in this, I haven't traded this at all, but if I have a real profitable position in a stock, and I still think strong earnings would push it higher, then I would, like, sell half, or something like that. And that's a classic Mark Minervini deal.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Where he goes, hey man, if you're… you don't know whether to hold it over earnings, as long as you have a good profit, sell half.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: you're always happy. If the stock continues, if it pops, you're happy you held some. If it drops, you're happy you sold some. It's one of the few times in trading where no matter what happens, you're still feeling okay. So I might do something like that, but in this case, for Tesla, it didn't give you that kind of opportunity, so the company reports earnings.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: And it falls… not… I mean, not a lot. It's enough to get your attention if you're long, but… and if you did happen to buy it just in anticipation of earnings.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Don't ever do that again, okay? Just don't do that again. If… oh, I'm buying it, I'm gonna get it just before earnings, because I know it's gonna pop. Dude, you don't. You don't know. So don't think that you do. If you want to do that, go to Vegas,

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Dan Fitzpatrick: put a blindfold on yourself, sit at the blackjack table, and just hit whenever you want to, but you're just shooting in the dark here. We can see, even as I'm recording this, the stock continues to fall. Maybe that's a conference call thing. I don't know. But the deal is, so they're, they're,

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Their earnings were weaker than expected, but their deliveries hit, a record. Now, and that's due to the U.S. tax credit that was expiring. It did expire at the end of, I guess it was at the end of September.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: And I know about that because I bought a Rivian. I don't do Teslas. My wife does. But I bought a Rivian, and I bought it,

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Dan Fitzpatrick: because, at least in part, because of the tax credit. Like, it's cool to get a tax credit for whatever it was. And there were a lot of people doing the same thing.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: It was kind of similar over in Tesla's showroom, though I will tell you it was not as busy as Rivian's.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Still, this stock is something that I look at every once in a while, but I'll probably only start watching it when it runs up.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: I'll set an alert. When my alert goes… goes off, then I'll start watching.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: This stock. And I will tell you where I live, which is not on the wrong side of the tracks, it's on the right side of the tracks, I'm starting to see a hell of a lot of Rivians driving around.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: So they got the goofy front, eyeball headlights, but back to Tesla. So, Tesla's the one, though, that still does have a cap- has a potential

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Dan Fitzpatrick: to break out here. But guys, I don't know what the catalyst would be.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Musk continues to be, quote, upbeat about robo-taxis and Optimus. Okay, well.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: when has he not been? Like, this is not news. And so, as I see this, there's… there's no catalyst that's gonna push Tesla higher. And so, for the time being, I look at this as just kind of dead money. It's holding, it's holding the… it's holding its gains here, but I don't want to be in a stock just because it's holding its gains. I want to be in a stock

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Dan Fitzpatrick: because the stock is moving higher. We were in that… we were in that category in the Bitcoin mining stocks, the gold and gold miners, and… and also the quantum computing stocks, but those trades, and if you're a member, you know this, or you will when you watch today's strategy session, those trades are over.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: And you need to move on. Right now, we're still waiting for the leaders, and I don't really… I don't really see any.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: I don't really see any that, are really getting my attention, so I'm just gonna stand pat. The reason I decided to cover Tesla, because I know there's still a lot of Teslonians out there, maybe not as many as there used to be because of the whole Doge thing. We hate it when somebody comes in and tries to make our dear government, more efficient. Like, how could you do that? The government's everything.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: But yet, that's what Elon did, and at least now, it's kind of recovered. The bloom has actually come back on the rose there. But as far as the stock.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Baby.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: 450.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: is…

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Dan Fitzpatrick: where I would be looking to buy this stock, alright? If you're not a member of Stock Market Mentor, $7. Dude, 7 bucks. I guarantee you, you wasted more than that today just on buying something that you didn't really need. So, check it out, hope you do, and if you do, I'll see you on the other side.