Chart of the Day

Credit cards are showing good RS. $MA $V

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Scott McGregor analyzes the relative strength displayed by payment network giants Mastercard ($MA) and Visa ($V) against a deteriorating broader market backdrop. Speaker Scott McGregor highlights that while the S&P 500 finished at the low of the day beneath its 8-day, 21-day, and 50-day moving averages, and the Nasdaq-100 ($QQQ) closed near its 200-day moving average on heavy selling volume, both Mastercard and Visa staged high-volume breakouts. Noting that equities demonstrating strength during broad market downturns typically become future market leaders when conditions reverse, Scott McGregor advises against chasing their currently extended momentum above the 8-day exponential moving average (EMA), recommending instead that traders wait for buyable pullback bounces to the 8-day and 21-day EMAs while avoiding positions entirely if prices close below the 21-day or 50-day moving averages.

Next Steps:

 Watchlist Tracking & Relative Strength Monitoring:

- Monitor Mastercard ($MA) and Visa ($V) for continued market leadership as they hold up against broader index weakness.
- Connect with Scott McGregor on X (@scottrades) and visit StockMarketMentor.com for nightly technical updates.

 Pullback Execution Criteria:

- Stalk pullbacks and subsequent bounces into the rising 8-day and 21-day exponential moving average (EMA) ribbons rather than buying extended momentum.
- Verify that any pullback into the 8-day or 21-day EMA holds support and rebounds before executing an entry.

 Risk & Trend Invalidation Rules:

- Step aside and avoid touching the stocks if either closes below its 21-day moving average.
- Treat any daily close below the 50-day moving average as a fully broken trend.

Transcript:

[0:00] Hey everyone, good evening. It's Scott

[0:02] at scottrades on x with

[0:04] stockmarketmentor.com

[0:06] and your chart of the day. Want to take

[0:08] a look at two companies. We'll start

[0:10] things off here with Mastercard, ticker

[0:12] MA. Now, the S&P 500 closed ugly today

[0:17] at the low of the day and is under most

[0:20] of its key swing moving averages, the

[0:22] 8day, 21-day, and 50-day moving average.

[0:25] The QQQ closed close to the 200 day

[0:28] moving average and sold off today on way

[0:31] heavier than average volume. Meanwhile,

[0:34] we have Mastercard and Visa breaking out

[0:38] and doing it on high volume. And so, I

[0:41] certainly think we should be watching

[0:43] the credit card companies because they

[0:45] seem to be holding up well in a crappy

[0:47] market and typically that shows a lot of

[0:50] good relative strength. And the idea is

[0:52] if and when the market turns around, the

[0:54] stocks that are strong now are going to

[0:56] be leading later. And so I would

[0:58] certainly watch Mastercard and Visa for

[1:02] some leadership here. Now, they are

[1:04] extended above their 8-day exponential,

[1:06] which means it's already a high momentum

[1:09] trade, but I'd certainly look for

[1:11] pullbacks and bounces to the 21-day and

[1:15] 8-day exponential period moving average.

[1:17] the last couple of sessions, those

[1:19] pullbacks to the 8day and 21day have

[1:22] been buyable. Now, if the stock pulls

[1:24] back and closes under the 21-day or even

[1:27] under the 50-day moving average, you

[1:29] don't want to touch it. The trend is

[1:31] broken, but I'd certainly watch Visa and

[1:35] Mastercard here. Both of them are strong

[1:37] in a weak market, and we're watching

[1:39] them tonight over at

[1:41] stockmarketmentor.com.

[1:43] So, I hope that's helpful. Give me a

[1:44] follow on Twitter if you don't already

[1:46] scottrades. I'll see you next time.