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Chip stocks soar — plus, why this lagging industrial is due for a catch-up trade

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An aircraft engine is being tested at Honeywell Aerospace in Phoenix.

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Every weekday, the CNBC Investing Club with Jim Cramer releases the Homestretch — an actionable afternoon update, just in time for the last hour of trading on Wall Street. (We're no longer recording the audio, so we can get this new written feature to members as quickly as possible.)



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the economy doesn't need them," Jim said.

The stock market doesn't seem to care that the first rate cut isn't expected until June. The <u>S&P 500</u> made a new all-time high in Thursday's session, the latest in a series of records for the stock index this year.

Semis soar: There's a jailbreak in semiconductor stocks of all kinds Thursday, regardless of their end markets. Jim said he does not like these kinds of moves. "But I am struck that the cellphone semis are very, very strong: Qualcomm and Skyworks are two good examples," Jim said. "Broadcom has cellphone exposure, too."

<u>Broadcom</u> is a Club holding.

Some recent research on the chip stocks drew the ire of Jim, too.

"Nvidia is going to \$1,000. Again, now analysts are playing leapfrog to be highest man, I don't care for this," Jim said, referring to Mizuho's new price target on shares of Nvidia. The firm also boosted its price target on chip designer Arm Holdings, Advanced Micro Devices and Broadcom.

"I like when numbers [earnings estimates] go up," Jim said.

Shrugging off the competition: Club name <u>Eli Lilly</u> rebounded from its early losses tied to rival <u>Novo Nordisk'</u> s strong early trial results for its <u>next-generation</u>



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cybersecurity. There is room for more than one winner. But stick to the leaders," Cramer thinks.

Quick hits: General Electric "said great things about aerospace at its Investor Day, and I keep thinking when will people realize how big Honeywell is in aerospace. Drives me crazy," Jim said.

Aerospace is expected to make up nearly half of Club holding Honeywell's 2024 operating profits. Honeywell's attractive adjusted earnings-per-share "growth algorithm" of 8% to 12% per year — at 20 times forward earnings — is why analysts at Berenberg upgraded Honeywell to a buy rating Wednesday.

Could Honeywell be primed for a catch-up trade? Its stock is down more than 3% year to date in what has been an otherwise strong period for industrials. In fact, about half of the S&P 500's industrial stocks have hit records high since the start of 2024.

"The reindustrialization of America has really paid off," Jim said.

Fellow Club industrial, <u>Eaton Corp.</u>, is on that new high list. Although <u>Linde</u> is technically considered a materials stock by S&P's standards, we would include the industrial-gas giant on there, as well. Linde made a fresh all-time high Thursday before slipping back slightly.



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has owned TJX Companies since August 2022.

Later: A pair of Club holdings report after the close: Broadcom and <u>Costco</u>. During the Morning Meeting earlier, we discussed <u>what we want to see from both companies</u>. A few other reports of interest are <u>Marvell Technology</u>, <u>MongoDB</u>, <u>Gap Inc.</u>, and <u>DocuSign</u>. Friday morning, we'll get the nonfarm payroll report for February. The economy is expected to have added 200,000 jobs, with an unchanged unemployment rate of 3.7% and a 4.3% year-over-year increase in average hourly earnings, according to Bloomberg data.

(See <u>here</u> for a full list of the stocks in Jim Cramer's Charitable Trust.)

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