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MARKETS UPDATE WEB ONLY U.S. Stocks Again Ease In Afternoon Trading

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Stocks again pulled back after nearly hitting their morning highs Thursday, but still enjoyed strong gains.

The Nasdaq and NYSE composite gained 2.5% each. They had been up as much as 2.8% and 2.7%, respectively. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 rallied 2.2% and Dow 2.1%.

Turnover was again tracking higher across the board.

Venoco (VQ) rallied 2% to a near two-year high. The stock found support at its 200-day moving average earlier this month. Venoco has a highest-possible Accumulation/Distribution Rating of A+, up from an E in late trade. In May, the oil and gas producer reported a 43% rise in Q1 sales — the first increase in six quarters.

Adtran (ADTN) rose 4% to its best levels in more than four years. The stock gapped past a 30.02 buy point from a cup base July 14. Adtran makes networking and communications equipment. It recently reported a 47% rise in Q2 sales, the second straight period of accelerating year-over-year growth.

First Cash Financial Services (FCFS) rose 3% and followed through from the prior session's breakout. It's now 3% past a 23.57 buy point from a cup-with-handle base. The pattern is a first-stage base since the stock undercut the low of a prior pattern in late May. Late Wednesday the pawnshop operator raised its full-year profit outlook to between \$1.58 and \$1.62 a share vs. views of \$1.60.

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