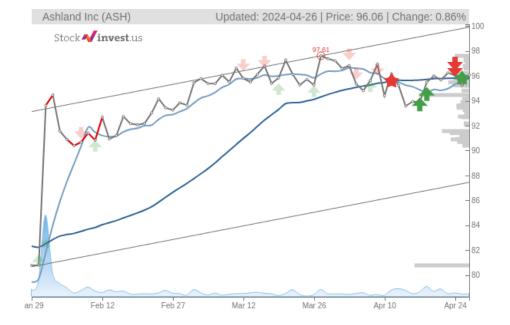
Ashland Inc (Fri, Apr 26, 2024)

Hold candidate since Apr 26, 2024

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Trend:	Buy
MV Long:	Buy
MV Short:	Buy
Pivot:	Sell
Volume:	Buy
MACD:	Buy

Tech commentaries:

The Ashland Inc stock price gained 0.90% on the last trading day (Friday, 26th Apr 2024), rising from \$95.20 to \$96.06. During the last trading day the stock fluctuated 1.29% from a day low at \$95.63 to a day high of \$96.87. The price has been going up and down for this period, and there has been a 0.87% gain for the last 2 weeks. Volume has increased on the last day along with the price, which is a positive technical sign, and, in total, 10 thousand more shares were traded than the day before. In total, 246 thousand shares were bought and sold for approximately \$23.66 million.

The stock lies in the middle of a wide and weak rising trend in the short term and a further rise within the trend is signaled. Given the current short-term trend, the stock is expected to rise 7.28% during the next 3 months and, with a 90% probability hold a price between **\$93.81** and **\$107.18** at the end of this 3-month period.

The Ashland Inc stock holds buy signals from both short and long-term Moving Averages giving a positive forecast for the stock. Also, there is a general buy signal from the relation between the two signals where the short-term average is above the long-term average. On corrections down, there will be some support from the lines at \$95.81 and \$95.81. A breakdown below any of these levels will issue sell signals. Furthermore, there is a buy signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD). Volume is rising along with the price. This is considered to be a good technical signal. Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. A sell signal was issued from a pivot top point on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, and so far it has fallen -1.59%. Further fall is indicated until a new bottom pivot has been found.

Ashland Inc finds support from accumulated volume at \$94.46 and this level may hold a buying opportunity as an upwards reaction can be expected when the support is being tested. On the upside the stock meets some resistance just above today's level from accumulated volume at \$96.11, \$96.16 and \$97.61.

In general the stock tends to have very controlled movements and with good liquidity the risk is considered very low in this stock. During the last day, the stock moved \$1.24 between high and low, or 1.29%. For the last week the stock has had daily average volatility of 1.69%.

Ashland Inc holds several positive signals, but we still don't find these to be enough for a buy candidate. At the current level, it should be considered as a hold candidate (hold or accumulate) in this position whilst awaiting further development. We have upgraded our analysis conclusion for this stock since the last evaluation from a Sell to a Hold/Accumulate candidate.

Risk: Low

Evaluation: Hold/Accumulate

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