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THRASHER ANALYTICS MARKET DASHBOARD



Sector Rotation: February			
Technology	XLK		
Financial	XLF		
Communications	XLC		

Fixed Income Rotation: Q1			
20+ Treasury	TLT		
Aggr B ond	AGG		

Notable Breadth Data:				
SPX >50MA	45.35%			
SPX >200MA	67.79%			
Nasdaq >50MA	55.34%			
Nasdaq >200MA	74.76%			

Ind	Index & Sector					
Adaptiv	Adaptive Trend Models					
	Up	Down				
	Trend	Trend				
SPX	X					
QQQ	X					
IWM	X					
XLF	X					
XLY	X					
XLK	X					
XLV	X					
XLU	X					
XLP	X					
XLI	X					
XLRE	X					
XLE		X				
XLB	X					

Daily Sentiment Index						
	% Bullish	5-day MA				
S&P 500	51%	62%				
Nasdaq 100	52%	63%				
Nikkei	52%	63%				
VIX	24%	23%				
10yr Treasury	72%	69%				
5yr Treasury	60%	56%				
CRB Index	25%	26%				
Gold	88%	87%				
U.S. Dollar	66%	72%				

^{*}Green<25% Red>80%

SECTOR DASHBOARD

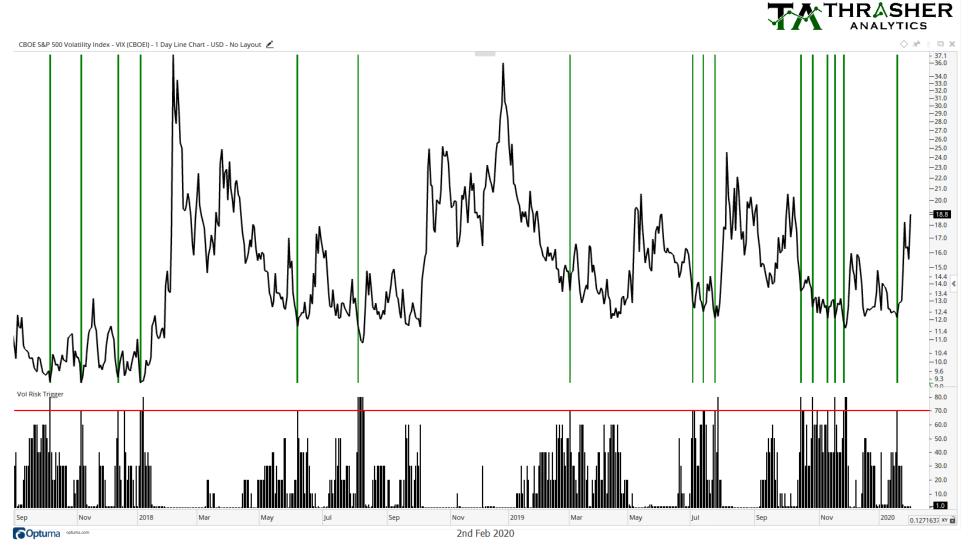


1 Day - Watch List - No Layout

	Sector	> 50MA	> 200MA	1wk Perf	1mo Perf 🕶	3mo Perf	12mo Perf
~	SPDR Utilities Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	0.91%	6.75%	7.36%	25.97%
•	SPDR Technology Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	-2.16%	3.99%	13.94%	43.83%
~	SPDR Real Estate Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	-1.9%	1.45%	-0.25%	14.27%
~	SPDR Communication Services Select Sector ETF	True	True	-3.2%	0.52%	6.5%	16.87%
~	SPDR Consumer Staples Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	-0.64%	0.32%	3.3%	18.34%
~	SPDR Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	-0.5%	-0.08%	3.7%	15.21%
~	S & P 500 Stock Index	True	True	-2.12%	-0.16%	6.19%	19.28%
~	SPDR Industrial Select Sector Fund ETF	False	True	-2.92%	-0.44%	3.31%	13.01%
~	SPDR Financial Select Sector Fund ETF	False	True	-1.41%	-2.66%	4.39%	15.5%
~	SPDR Health Care Select Sector Fund ETF	False	True	-3.24%	-2.67%	4.63%	9.34%
~	SPDR Materials Select Sector Fund ETF	False	False	-3.53%	-6.17%	-0.96%	8.02%
~	SPDR Energy Select Sector Fund ETF	False	False	-5.62%	-10.99%	-7.8%	-16.21%

Utilities, technology, and real estate were the best performing sectors in January with energy and materials being the worst sectors for the month.





Many traders were caught off guard by the rise in volatility over the last two weeks, fortunately readers of this letters were not (or at least shouldn't have been!) one of them. The VRT did an excellent job at triggering volatility risk at the low just before the VIX started moving from 12 to above 19. On Friday, the VIX made a slightly higher-high close but it was not matched by VVIX, so that divergence is something to watch this week if we don't see VVIX confirm the strength in spot volatility - it could signal a short-term high in the VIX as traders back off VIX options.

Note the DSI chart later in the letter for VIX, it has stayed stubbornly low, not breaking above 30% during this move higher. Finishing Friday at just 24%, which is quite surprising and suggests there's not enough traders chased out of the bearish vol camp just yet.





The S&P 500 dropped to test the 50-day moving average last week, with its 14-day RSI making a new multi-month low. Volume was well above average on Friday, the highest down day since September. If we see the equity index continue lower I'll be watching the pivot high in late-November as possible support, then we have the 3,000 which was the high in July and September and just above the 200-day MA. There hasn't been enough sign of capitulation in the data to suggest a low has been formed just yet, and we don't have any bullish diverges to highlight so the best bet is to be patient and wait for support to hold until the data gives some kind of edge



Semiconductors are an area of the market I talk a lot about because they were such strong market leaders and gave great insight into risk appetite for the market, especially in technology. The relative performance of both the ETF and the Index have broken down recently, underperforming the broad market.

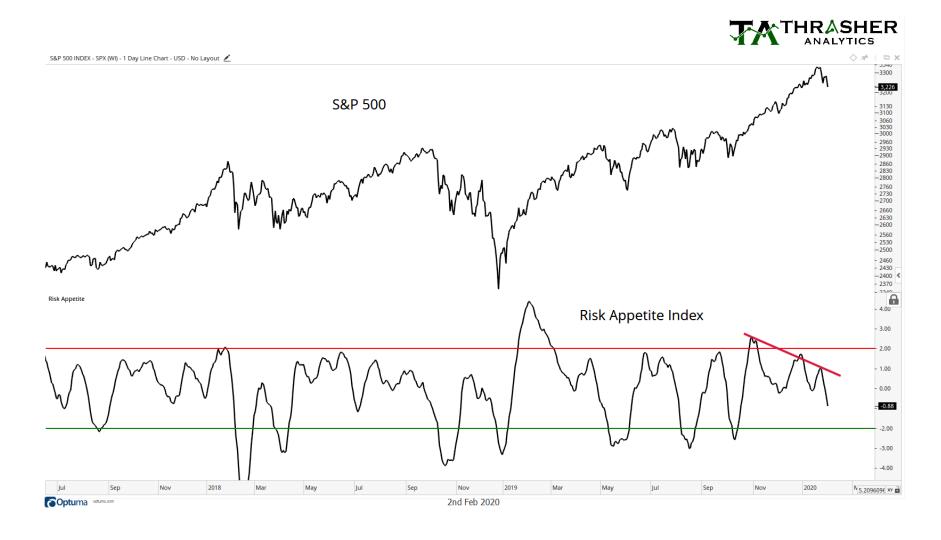
This is not a bullish development as the strength that brought the market higher has now been abandoned, likely as traders take profits off the table during the broad market weakness. This is still a place I turn to in order to find leadership, if we start seeing sems regain relative strength then we can potentially start getting bullish again on stocks, but that's not the sign we're getting just yet.





The Composite of Risk On/Off Assets has continued to decline, this provided a bearish divergence for about two months before equities peaked. This indicator is not yet to 'oversold' levels like we saw in November and December 2018 or in may and July of last year.





The Risk Appetite Index also did a good job at telling us that the internals of the market were not performing as bullish as the broad index was suggesting, making lower highs as the S&P 500 inched higher. Like the Risk On/Off Index, the Risk Appetite Index has not reached 'oversold' levels like we've seen at most major lows.





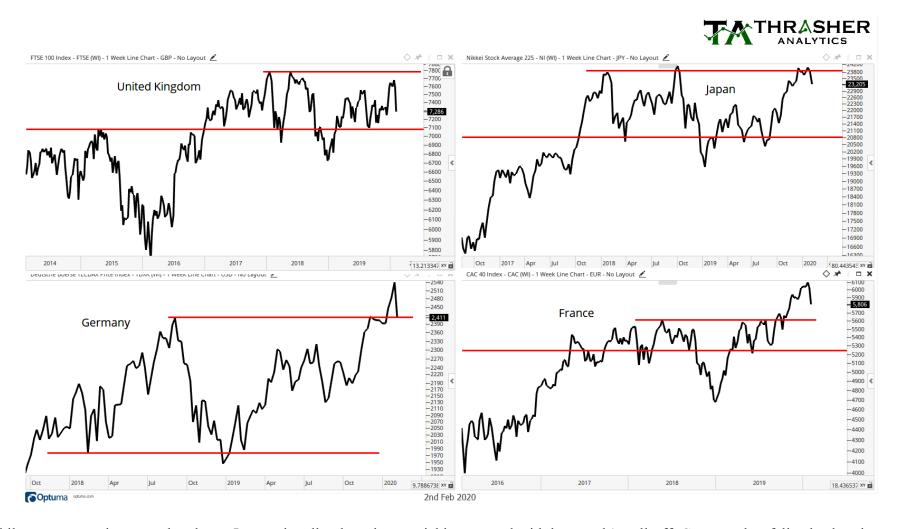
While the relative performance of offensive vs. defense sectors diverged into the high in stocks, during the selling we actually saw this index turn up, with offense showing some strength. I'll watch if this continues this week and if we see sectors like consumer discretionary and technology continue to show strength or if it was just a blip due to Amazon's earnings and Apple's earnings. We get Google reporting On Monday, so that will have an impact on how well Tech holds up for this week.



Copper has been one spot that's just gotten beaten up hard due to the Coronavirus and the slowing down if many major Asian countries. If China is on lockdown then they aren't needing to buy a lot of raw materials like copper, thus the price drops along with the expected fall in demand. That's taken copper prices back near the low-end of the multi-year range, giving a potential level of support around \$2.5. The 14-day RSI has fallen to 20.33, the lowest level in multiple years, a sign that momentum has practically been left for dead. When coming off a low level like this, momentum will often put in a series of higher lows before price finally bottoms. It doesn't HAVE to follow that game plan, but that's historically what we see happen vs. just a straight V-shaped bounce. Sentiment, based on the bottom panel Daily Sentiment Index (DSI), for copper has fallen to 22% bullish. This has bottomed out near single digits at recent lows but there's clearly few bulls left in the copper market.

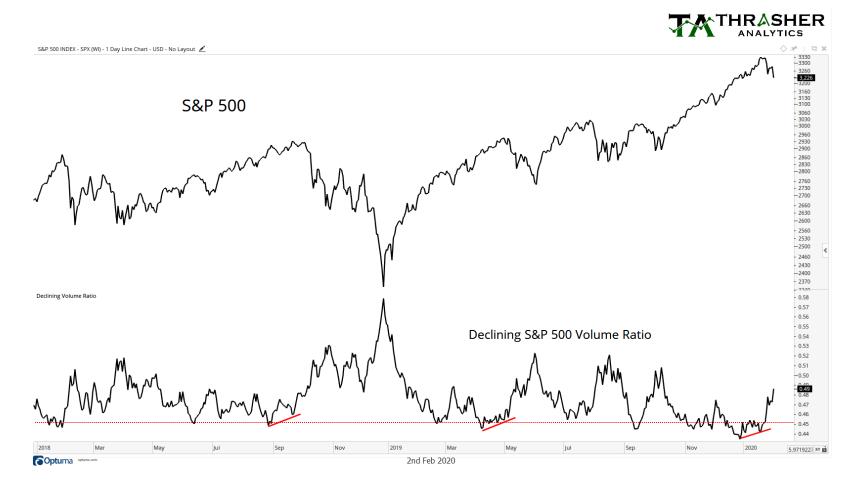
If China comes out with a big infrastructure plan (as they've done in the past to stoke economic growth) then copper will likely catch some buyers and we could see a snapback rally. Keep an eye on copper and industrial metters.





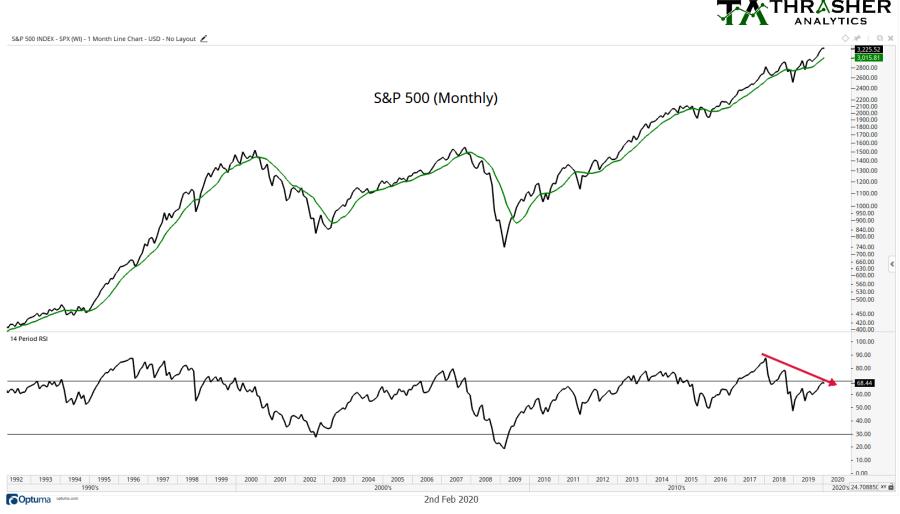
While we were seeing some breakouts Internationally, those have quickly reversed with last week's sell-off. Germany has fallen back to its breakout point and Japan's break has failed. The UK is moving lower as it digests the Brexit that's finally taken place at the end of January. France has also weakened but is still above its 2018 breakout point. Internationally, things don't look too hot until we see these levels regained in Germany and Japan.





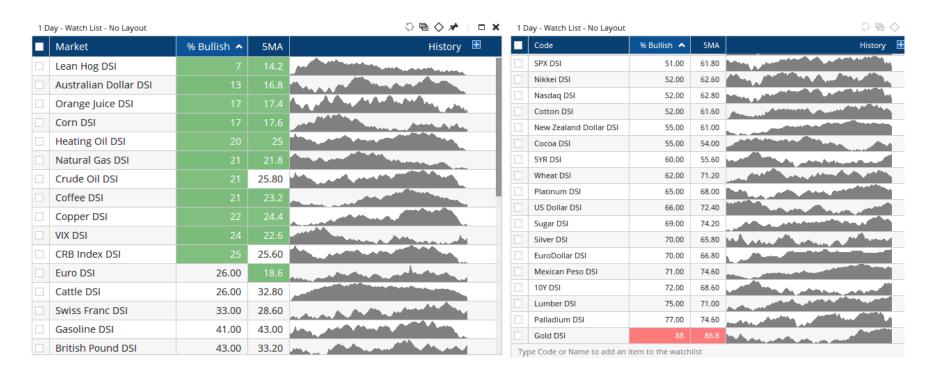
The ratio of declining volume vs. advancing volume for the S&P 500 began picking up in mid-January, a sign of weakness internally. This ratio has typically peaked out around 0.54 and got up 0.57 at the bottom in Dec. '18. I share this chart to show we haven't seen a major move higher from a declining volume perspective in this short-term sell-off. Suggesting we may still have some pain to endure.





As we close out the first month of the year, there's been many calls for "as January goes, so goes the year" which may have some historical significance but the data shows that January has just as much (or as little as) predicative power as just about any other month, so I don't put a lot of weight on this metric. What I do put weight, is the continued decline in monthly momentum. The 14-month RSI continues to make lower-highs, a bearish divergence with the index. Historically, when this type of divergence develops with the RSI under 70 (as it did in 2000, 2007, and 2015) it was the break of the 10-month moving average (green line) that was the final straw to end the up trend. We remain above this level right now and still have some price 'cushion' before a break occurs, but the RSI has begun to roll over with January's tick lower, hopefully it doesn't continue in February - we'll see.





Above is the DSI score for each of the futures markets.

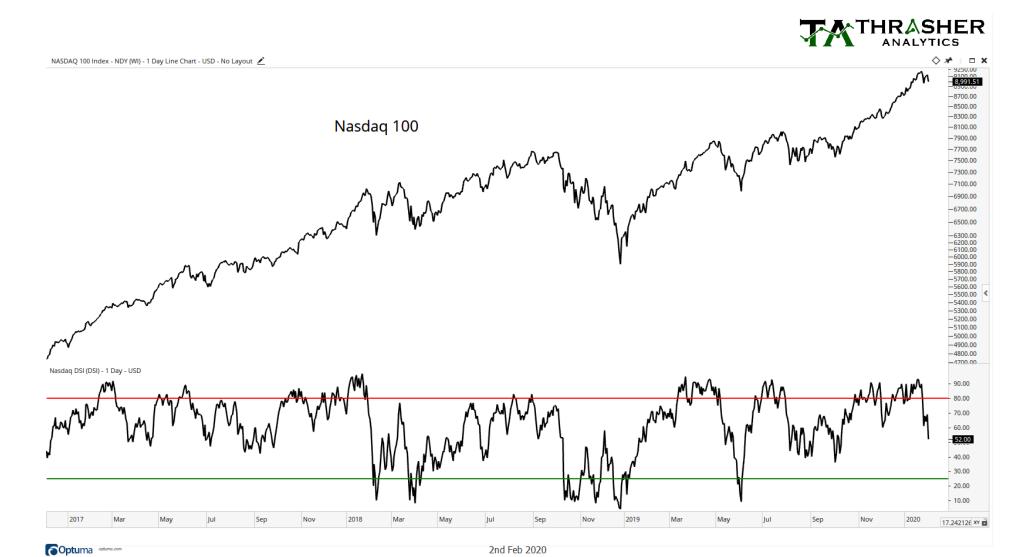










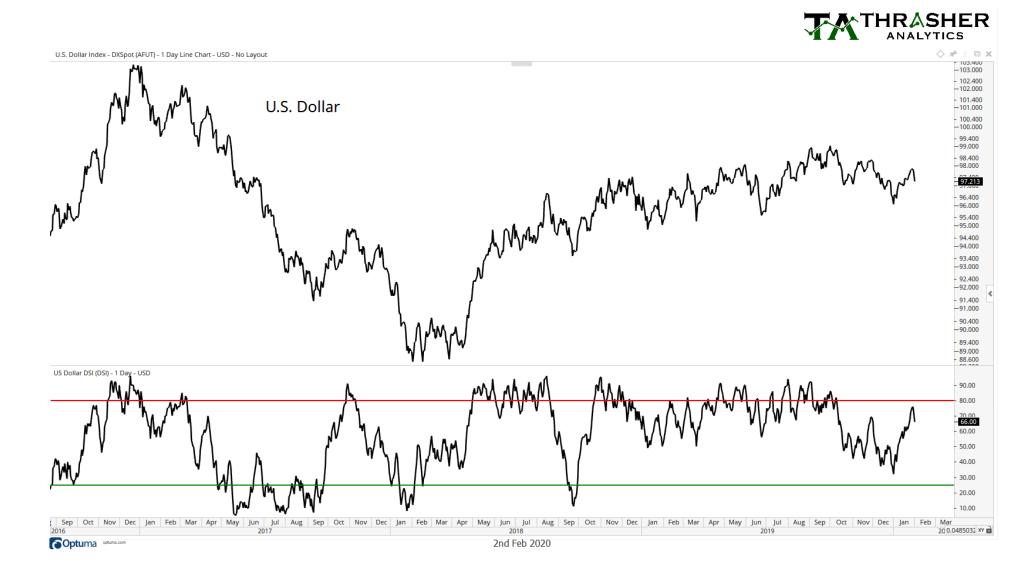


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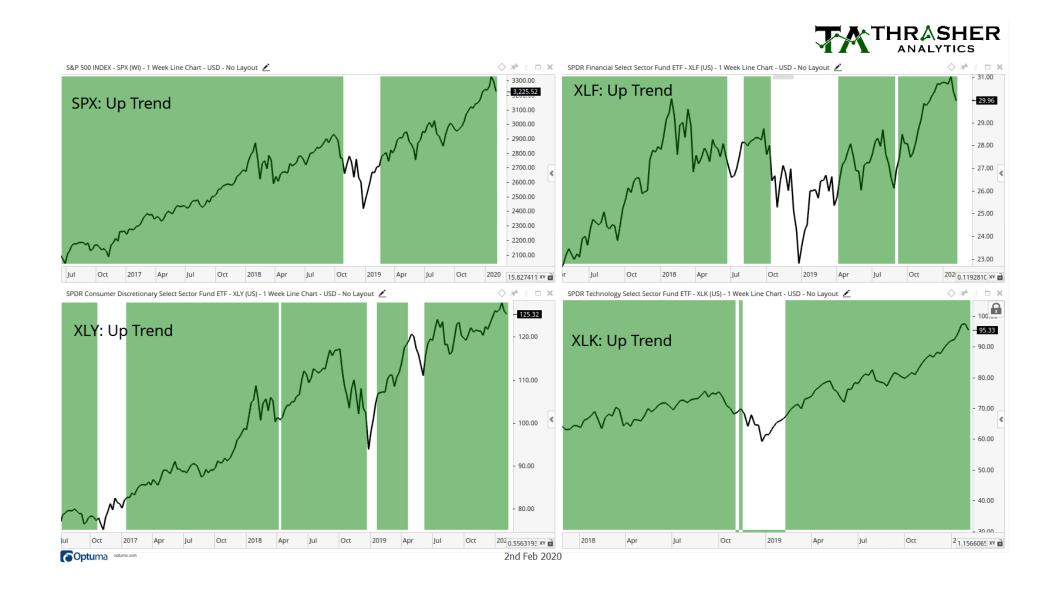






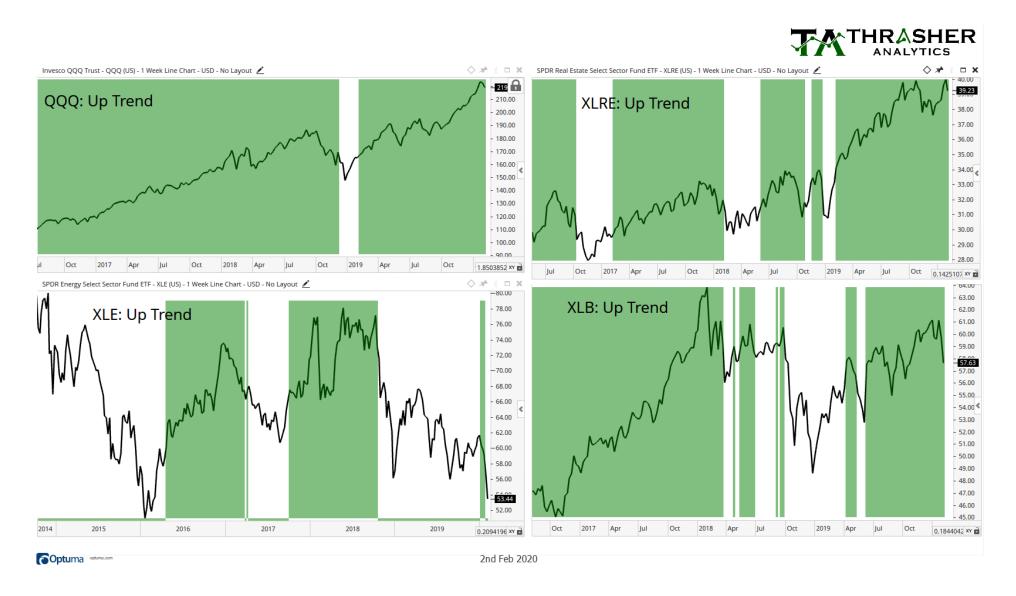








XLV, XLU, XLP, and XLI are all in up trends.



QQQ, XLRE, XLB, and XLE are in up trends. XLE has a new positive trend reading, hopefully we see it hold on.

Daily & Weekly Asset Mean-Reversion Charts

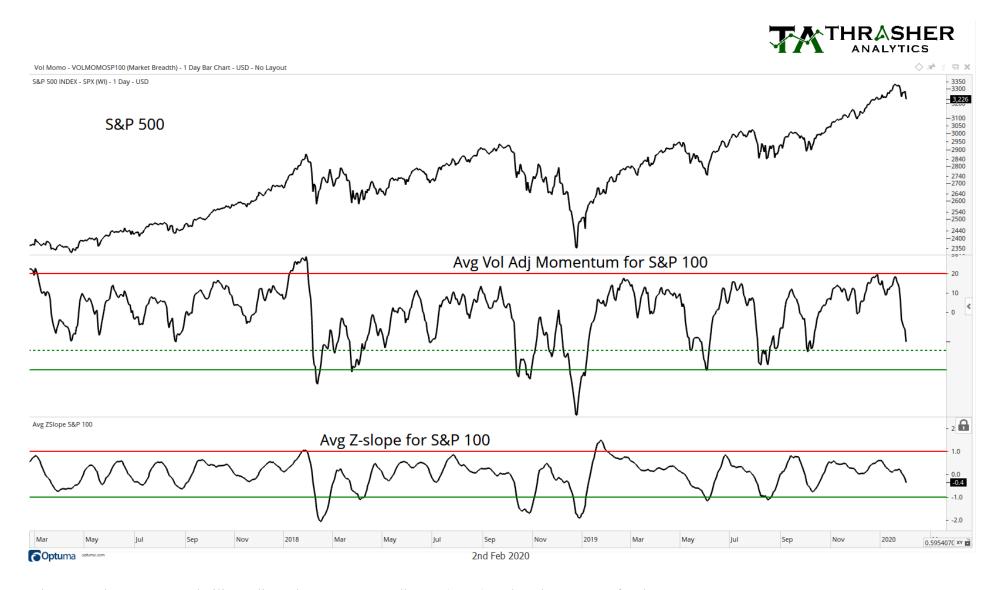


The following charts will become a regular installment for this, and future letters. Each page will include a daily and weekly chart with two indicators that are unique to Thrasher Analytics. With a focus on risk mitigation, the focus of these charts is on potential mean-reversion of each asset through the analysis of the two indicators described below.

Volatility-Adjusted Momentum (VaM: This is a spin on the traditional measures of momentum, taking into account the volatility of the underlying asset into the calculation. By adjusting for volatility we can get a better look at potential mean-reversion signals when risk/reward becomes unbalanced towards 40 as 'overbought' or -40 as 'oversold.'

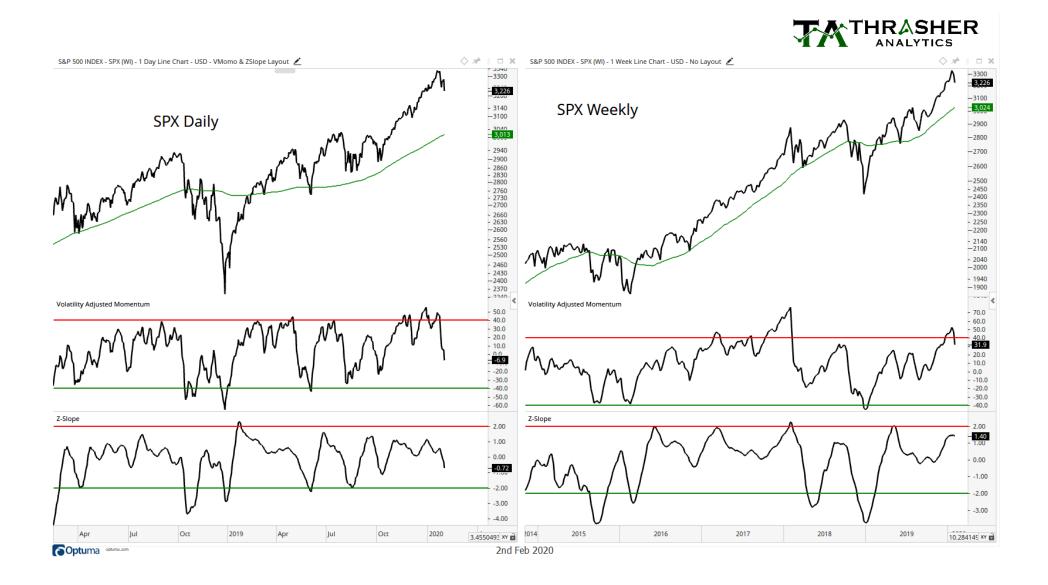
Z-Slope: This indicator takes two lookback periods, one long and one short, for calculating the slope and evaluates the z-score of the difference. This provides insight into whether the current slope of the trend fits within the long-term price history of the security. If a z-score breaks above 2, then the slope has gotten to upward sloping compared to its history. And the opposite is true when we get readings below –2, that the downward sloping trend has gotten 'oversold' compared to the asset's price history.

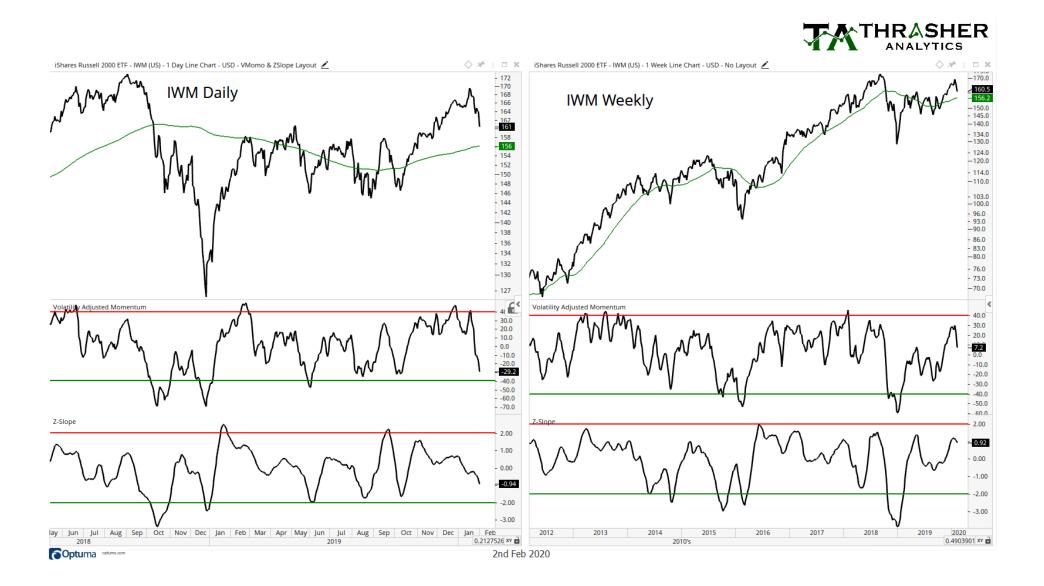




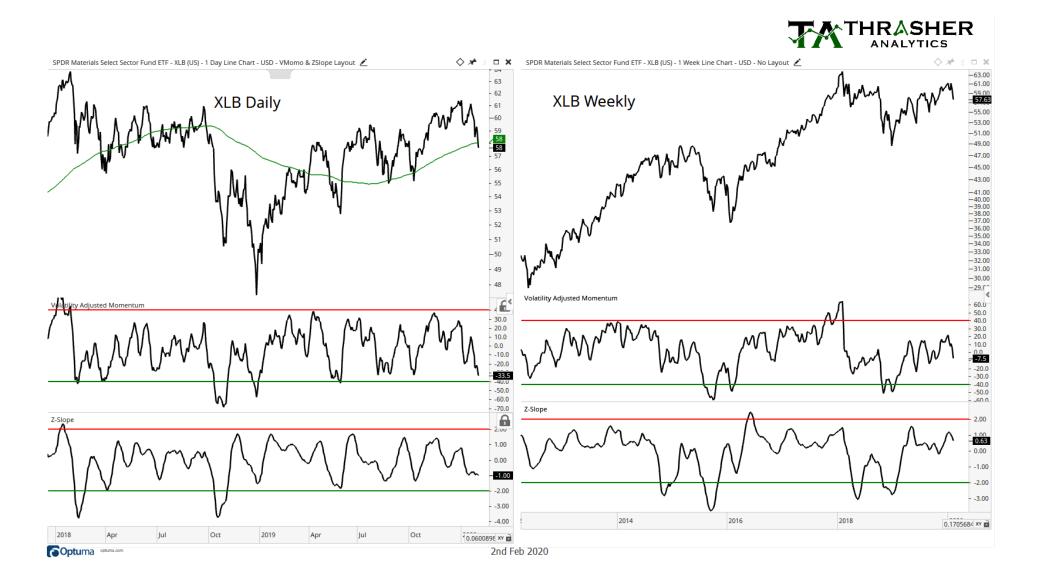
Above are the average Volatility Adjusted Momentum Indicator (VaM) and Z-slope scores for the S&P 100.





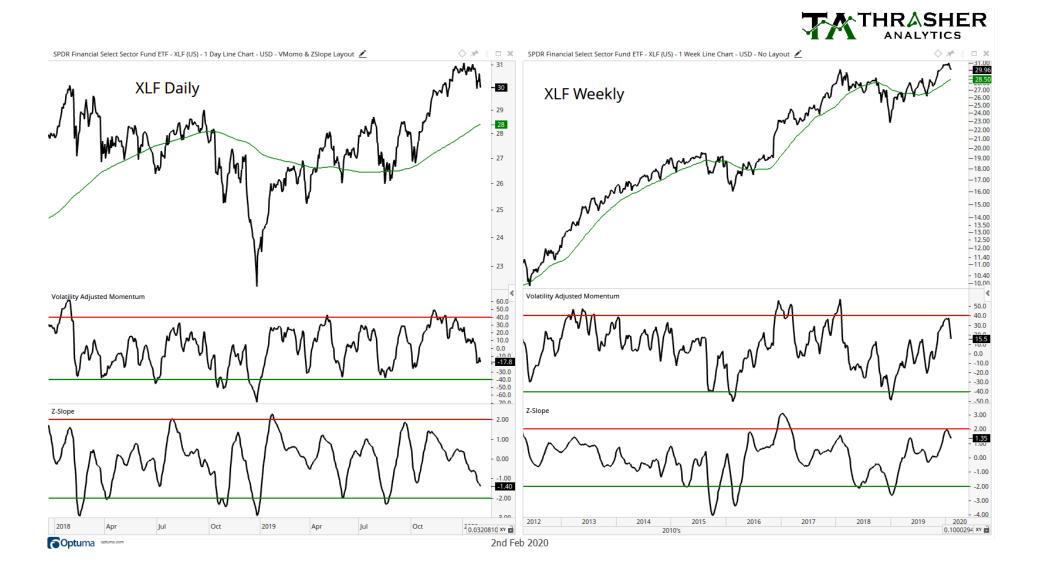




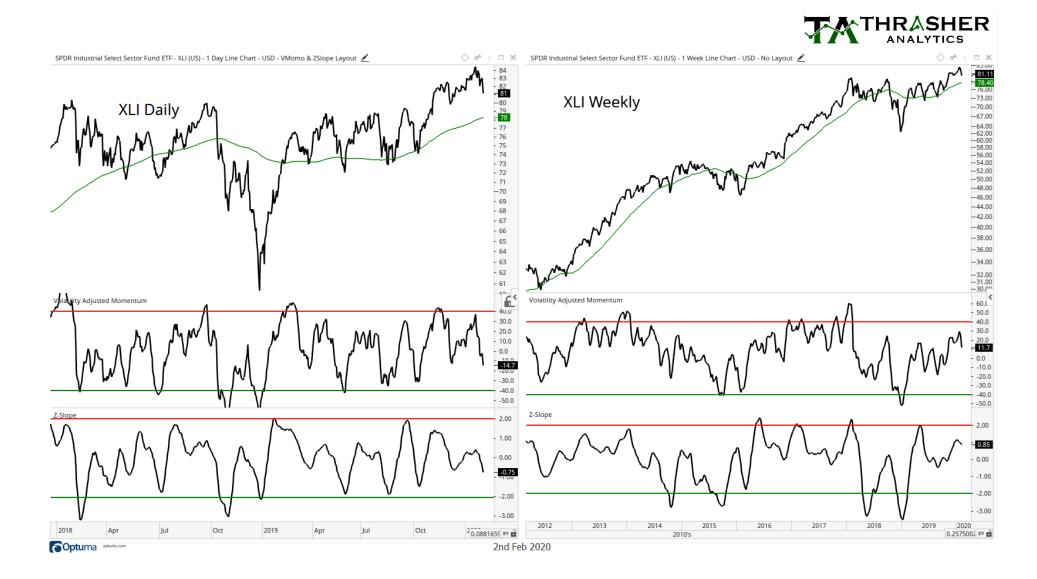


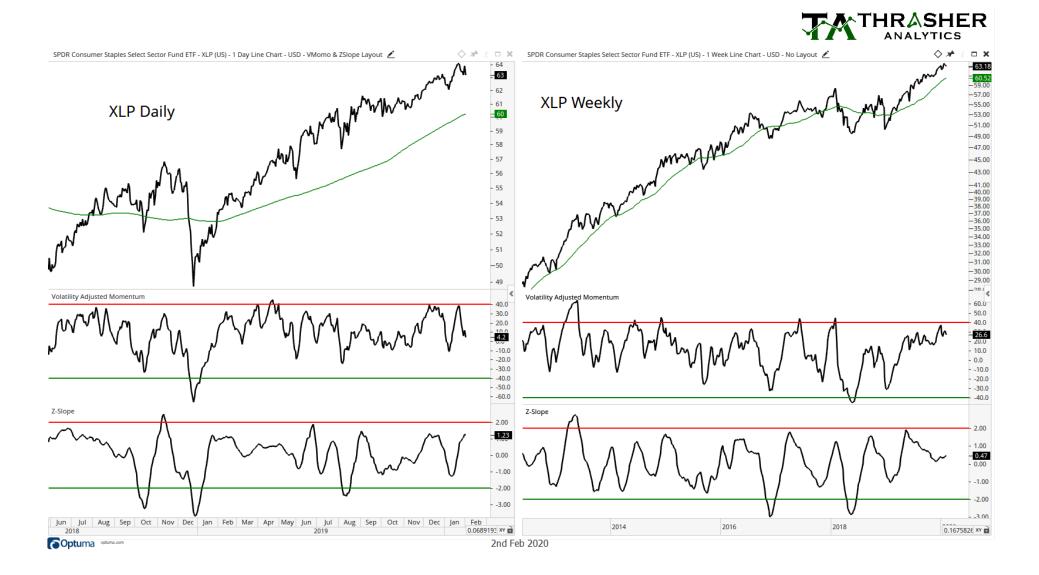


























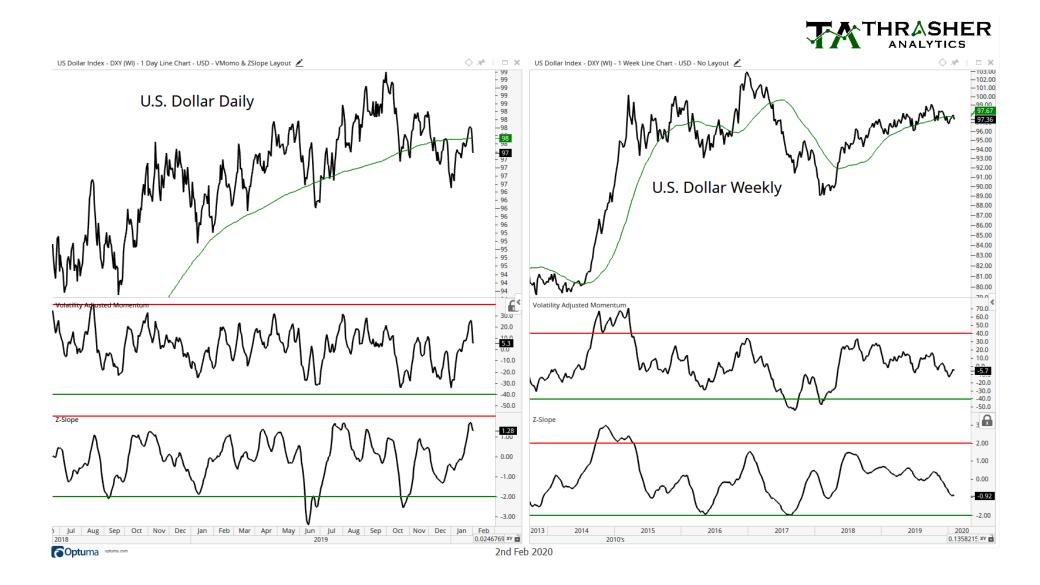
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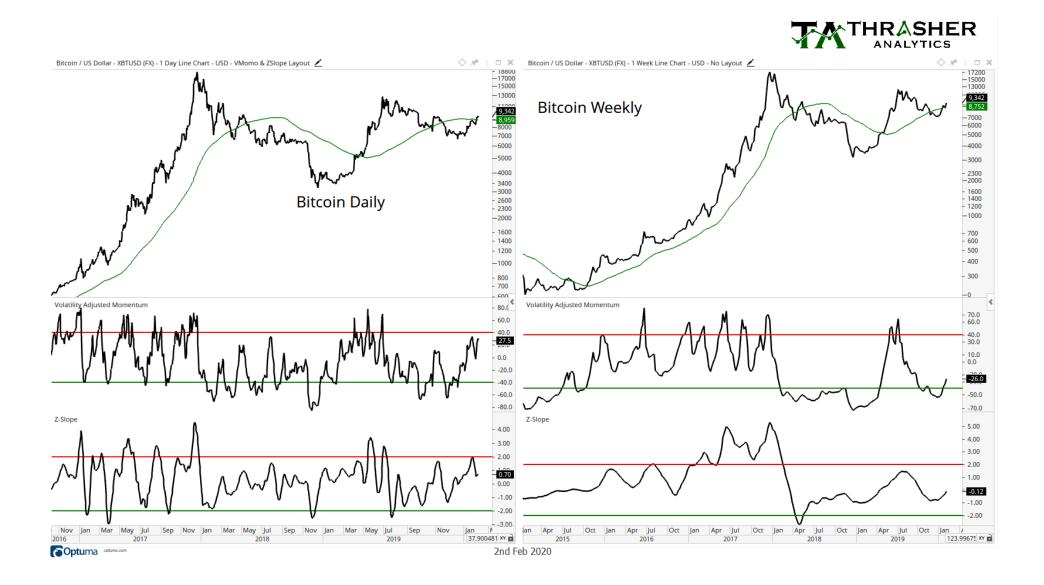








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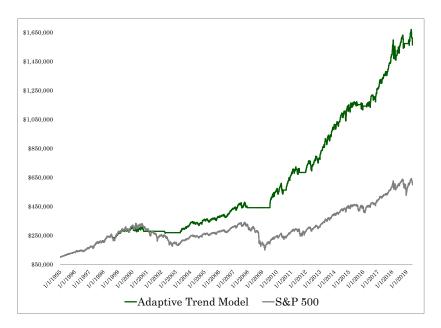


Trend-based analysis is a process built on the idea of enduring minor pullbacks in the anticipating of avoiding protracted drawdowns in financial markets. With a focus on stepping out of the market during large down trends, the Thrasher Analytics Adaptive Trend Model (TAATM) pursues to minimize the "whipsaws" of signals during highly volatile periods of market activity. To accomplish this, TAATM incorporates multiple look-back time periods and incorporates volatility gauges in its evaluation of the equity market's overall trend.

Thrasher Analytics analysis concludes the market's trend is led by the resulting trend of its individual stocks. This means, if the majority of stocks are trending in one direction, then the broad index will be persuaded to follow that trend as well. By incorporating the individual stock trends, volatility, and multiple time periods, the TAATM provides a data-focused look at the overall trend of the U.S. equity market.





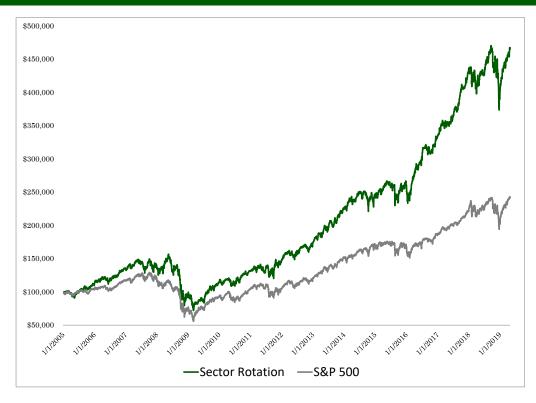


	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe	Maximum Drawdown
Adaptive	12.5%	10.3%	0.47	0.97	14.1%
S&P 500	8.9%	15.3%	1	0.42	56.6%



hrasher Analytics holds the belief, resulted from an in-depth examination of the performance of the primary S&P sectors, that they historically cycle through periods of strength and weakness. In order to move towards capturing the alpha from this rotation, a mean-reversion model is deployed with a monthly rebalance of the lowest scoring sectors. Using proprietary methods of systematic technical analysis, Thrasher Analytics sector rotation model focuses on equity sectors that are most heavily showing signs of volatility and trend exhaustion and likely to be exposed to a positive shift in investor sentiment. By pairing this mean reversion approach towards sectors with the Adaptive Trend Model for the broad index, a layer of risk management can be achieved through strategy diversification.



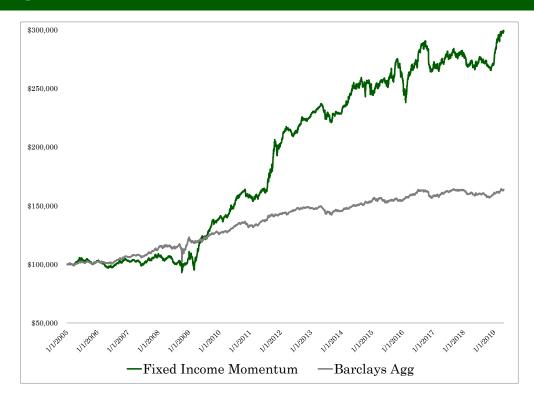


	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe	Maximum Drawdown
Sector	12.7%	15.9%	0.96	0.64	53.9%
S&P 500	7.5%	14.8%	1	0.34	56.6%



Lf equities are the speedboats in the sea of financial markets then fixed income securities are the tanker ships. While stocks can move violently in both directions, Thrasher Analytics research has shown that fixed income markets historically show consistent trends. Because of the tanker-like movements displayed by bonds, a quarterly rebalance method is used for the Thrasher Analytics Fixed Income Momentum Model, with a pursuit focusing on the strongest performing corners of the fixed income market. By evaluating the risk adjusted momentum of both longand short-term momentum, the Fixed Income Momentum Model also incorporates a proprietary indicator that acts as a throttle of the momentum score of each fixed income ETF. This indicator penalizes those ETFs that have moved too high and too fast in short-term trading while still allowing overall positive momentum to be the guiding principle of the model.



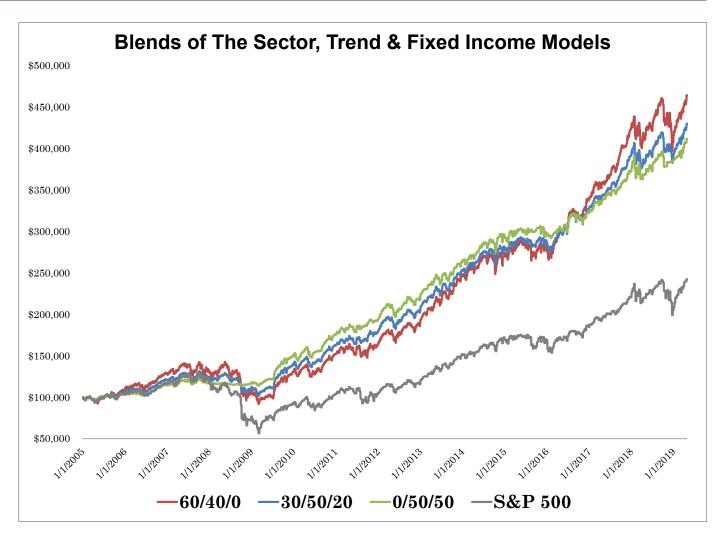


	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe	Maximum Drawdown
Fixed Income	8.3%	8.2%	1.04	0.7	14.9%
Barclays Agg	3.6%	3.7%	1	0.29	11.0%



The concept of diversification is not new to financial markets. While many market participants focus on the diversification of the underlying holdings. This procedure is can be vastly skewed during periods of high market turmoil, in which correlations across asset classes tend to historically rise. Thrasher Analytics believes in diversifying in strategy styles. By using multiple investment philosophies, specifically trend following, mean-reversion, and momentum, a blended model is created that has the ability to adapt to changing market environments and volatility. For example, when equity markets show a strong trend preference, the adaptive S&P 500 trend following component benefits but if there's a shift favoring a range-bound market the sector rotation strategy based on mean-reversion should provide favorable performance.





The above chart shows examples of blending the sector, trend, and fixed income models. Ranging from an all equity approach of 60% in sector rotation, 40% trend and 0% in fixed income; 30% in sector rotation, 50% in trend, and 20% in fixed income; 0% in sector rotation, 50% in trend, and 50% in fixed income.

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Trend (weekly)	Sector Rotation (monthly)	Fixed Income Momentum (quarterly)
Positive	XLF XLK	TLT AGG
	XLC	

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