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Sector Rotation: May					
Technology	XLK				
Health Care	XLV				
Consumer Staples	XLP				

Fixed Income Rotation: Q2					
Emerging Mkt Sovereign	PCY				
Convertible Bond	CWB				

Notable Breadth Data:				
SPX >50MA	82.18%			
SPX >200MA	30.30%			
Nasdaq >50MA	90.29%			
Nasdaq >200MA	56.31%			

Index & Sector						
Adaptive Trend						
Up Down						
	Trend	Trend				
SPX		X				
QQQ	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	63%	64%				
Nasdaq 100	71%	72%				
Nikkei	79%	74%				
VIX	31%	33%				
10yr Treasury	65%	58%				
5yr Treasury	55%	53%				
CRB Index	77%	77%				
Gold	84%	83%				
U.S. Dollar	65%	61%				

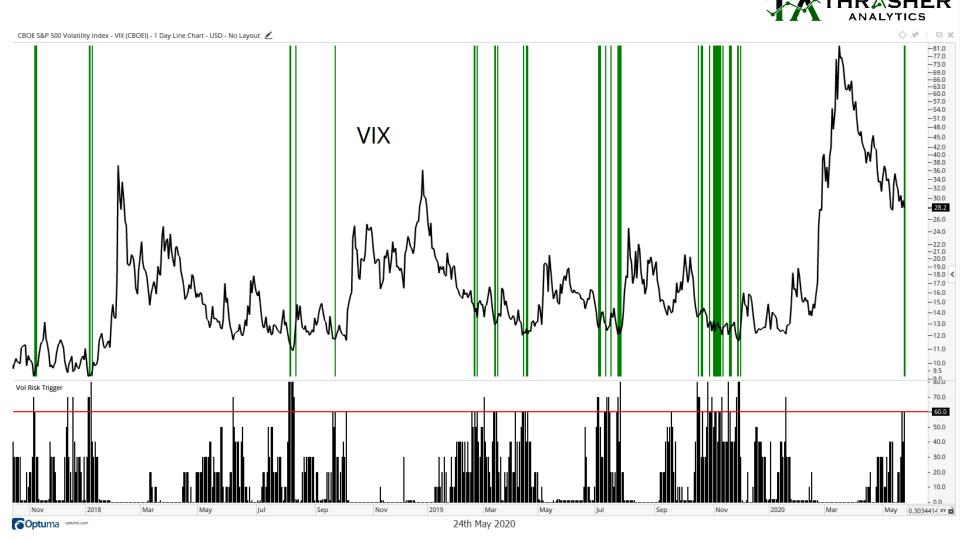
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SECTOR DASHBOARD



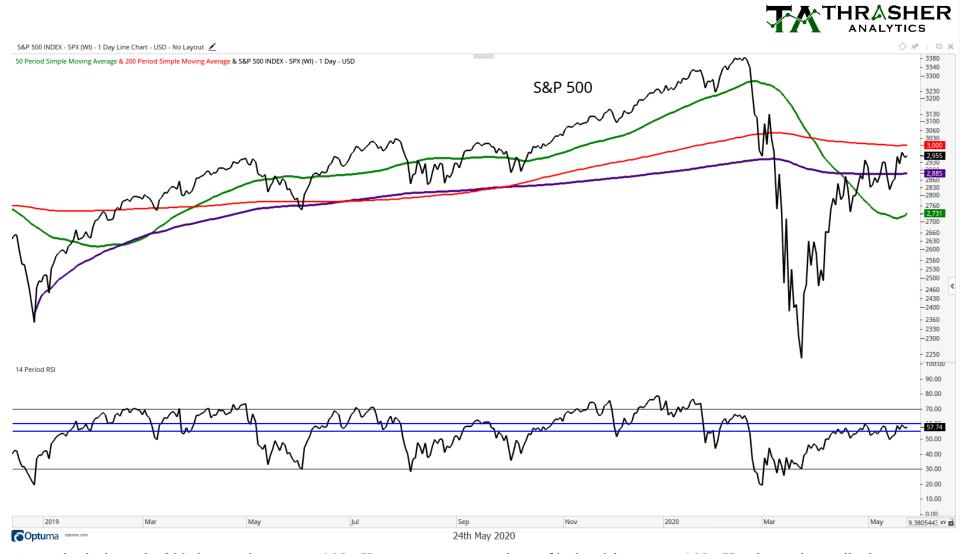
Sector	> 50MA	> 200MA	1wk Perf 🕶	1mo Perf	3mo Perf	12mo Perf
SPDR Industrial Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	7.37%	5.35%	-23.63%	-14.68%
SPDR Energy Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	6.92%	15.00%	-28.93%	-39.64%
SPDR Real Estate Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	5.55%	-1.92%	-22.01%	-10.75%
SPDR Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	4.98%	9.80%	-6.96%	4.59%
SPDR Communication Services Select Sector ETF	True	True	4.8%	12.58%	-4.29%	9.61%
SPDR Financial Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	4.13%	1.86%	-28.76%	-18.45%
SPDR Materials Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	4.05%	8.57%	-12.28%	-3.15%
SPDR Technology Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	3.23%	10.41%	-2.97%	28%
SPDR Utilities Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	3.05%	-4.19%	-19.69%	-3.91%
SPDR Consumer Staples Select Sector Fund ETF	True	False	0.14%	-1.95%	-11.11%	-0.48%
SPDR Health Care Select Sector Fund ETF	True	True	-0.8%	1.22%	-3.68%	12.64%





The VRT triggered twice last week, Wednesday and Thursday. As volatility has moved off its March peak it's also started to see its daily dispersion drop along with the other components of the indicator meeting their threshold. However, I will note that when the VRT as triggered while the VIX has been above 25 in the past, something we saw it do in early 2009 and 2011, volatility continued to move lower. I prefer to see this trigger with volatility at lower levels. Also, weekly dispersion is still extremely elevated, a big difference from November '19 through February '20. Typically when weekly dispersion accompanies daily dispersion (and the other components) we get a stronger signal. This doesn't mean there isn't elevated risk in volatility, but I want to note these important caveats.





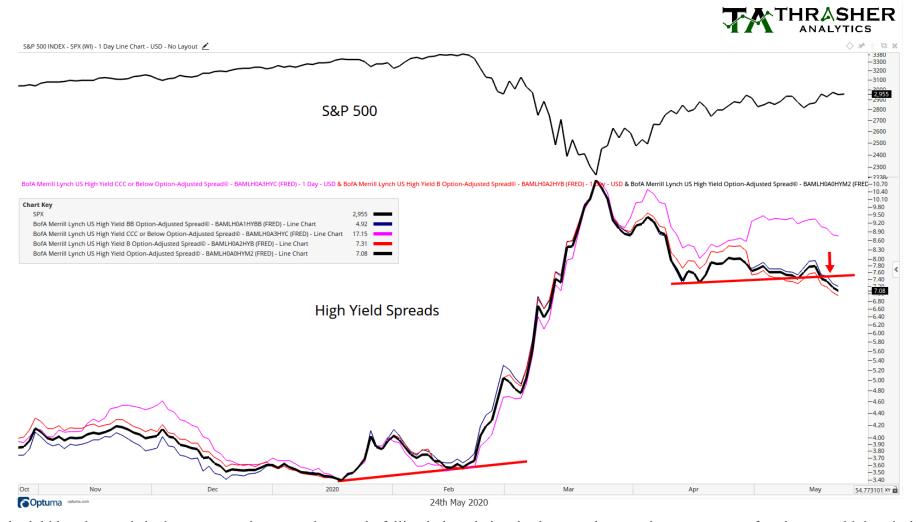
Are we back above the 200-day moving average? No. Has momentum moved out of its bearish range yet? No. Has the market really done anything in three weeks? No, not really. As I wrote last week, I'm siting on my hands until we clear the 200-day MA and breadth meets my threshold. More on this on the next page.





I've written about this chart before and shared it in a <u>blog post as well</u>. Historical bear markets or major corrections were confirmed to have ended when we had the S&P 500 above its 200-day MA and at least 85% of stocks trading above their 50-day Moving Average, a "breadth thrust" to signal the strength in equities. We're at 81% of stocks above their 50-day MA, still below the 85% threshold and price remains below its long-term MA. With that, this advance since March remains a possible bear market rally. We'll see what this next week brings.





High yield bond spreads had an encouraging move last week, falling below their prior lows as they continue to narrow after the move higher during the bear market decline in February and March. This is a positive development from fixed income land.



The equity put/call ratio has been steadily declining, a sign of bullish equity sentiment. There are reports that individual investors are accounting for an above-average level of option volume. Goldman said one contract volume accounts for 13% of volume (compared to less than 8% before the downturn). The same linked article above states TD Ameritrade has seen a 280% increase in their "education center" which teaches about options, using the trading app, and fundamentals.

For those long-time readers of my letter note, I look for when the put/call ratio begins to move higher as signs of trouble. The fact that it's fallen to this low of a level is a bit worrisome but the timing has been better when that trend reverses and moves with stocks, which is a result of traders becoming more cautious picking up puts.



Consumers that received stimulus checks made stock trades

Categories which saw highest week-over-week changes in bank account transfers, from households which received stimulus checks compared to those that did not

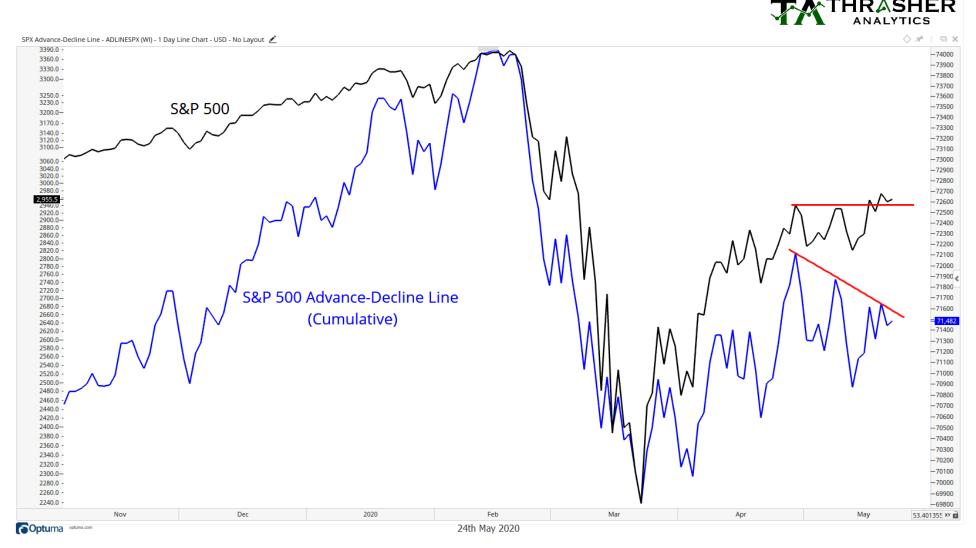
Rank	<\$35K	\$35K-\$50K	\$50K-\$75K	\$75K-\$100K	\$100K-\$150K	\$150K+
1	Savings +250%	Savings +197%	Savings +188%	Savings +234%	Savings +223%	Loans +84%
2	ATM/Cash Withdrawals +199%	ATM/Cash Withdrawals +137%	ATM/Cash Withdrawals +102%	ATM/Cash Withdrawals +111%	Securities Trades +82%	Insurance +69%
3	Home Improvement +129%	Securities Trades +93%	Securities Trades +90%	Home Improvement +90%	ATM/Cash Withdrawals +76%	Savings +57%
4	Transfers +126%	Home Improvement +93%	Home Improvement +80%	Education +86%	Loans +70%	Travel +52%
5	Utilities +111%	Transfers +85%	Utilities +68%	Loans +70%	Home Improvement +69%	Home Improvement +52%
6	Electronics/ Gen. Merch. +100%	Uilities +75%	Travel +63%	Utilities +66%	Insurance +66%	Entertainment/ Recreation +48%
7	Education +99%	Electronics/ Gen. Merch. +67%	Electronics/ Gen. Merch. +61%	Rent +64%	Education +61%	Securities Trades +46%

SOURCE: Envestnet Yodlee



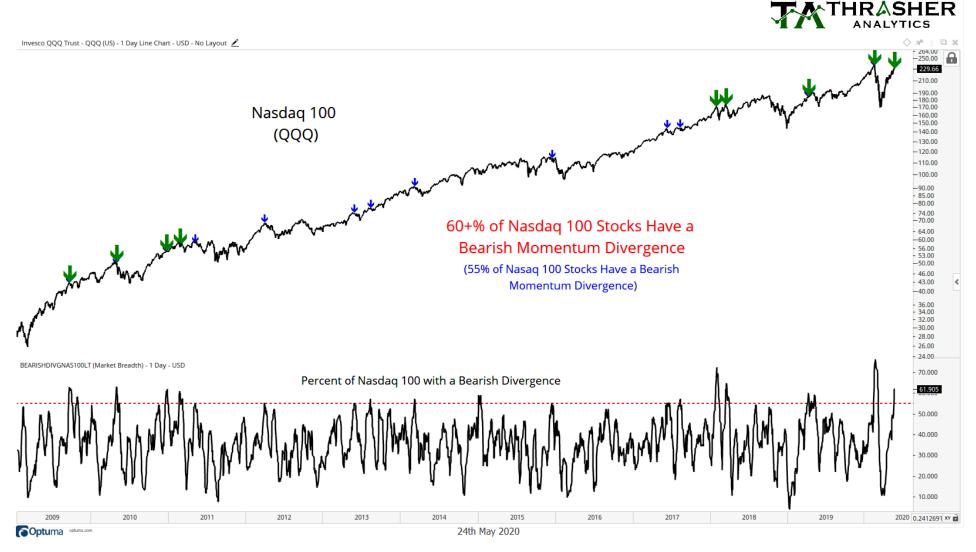
Based on the results of survey by Envestnet Yodlee, many Americans that received a stimulus check threw it right into their investment account, accounting as their second or third most common use of the cash. Gamblers have also turned to the market now that there's no sports to bet on and casinos closed. Three of the four largest brokerage firms saw a record number of new accounts opened in April and March, with 780,000 new customers. Now that trading can be done with no commissions, retail investors are throwing caution into the wind and jumping into the market. Seeing the large swings in beaten down stocks like Carnival and Delta. Meanwhile, institutional investors remain standoffish from equities, focusing more on the economic landscape that's been destroyed by the coronavirus. Who will win out with the next leg in stocks? We basically have a duel between a pellet gun (retail) vs. a bazooka (inst'l).





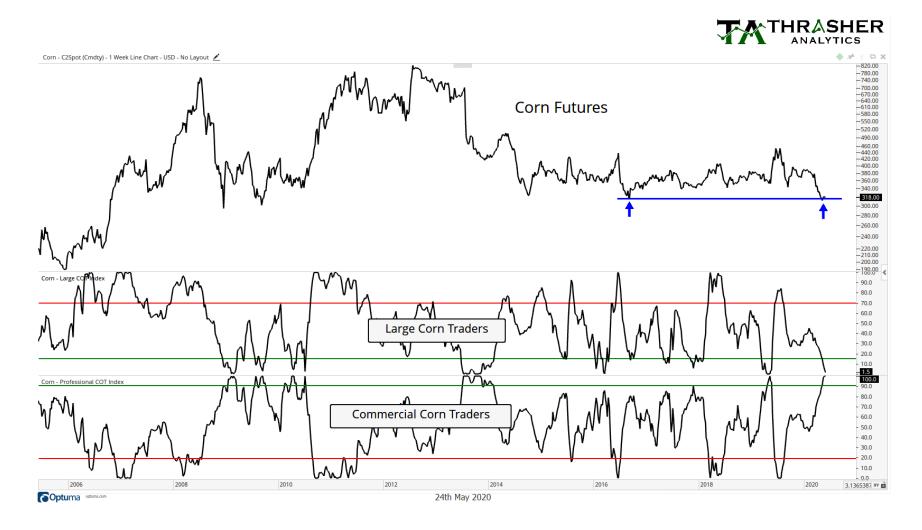
The cumulative advance-decline line doesn't get a lot of attention as its often just confirming the trend in equities. But when it divergences, especially a negative divergence, we want to pay attention. As stocks have traded sideways for the back-half of April and start of May, the S&P 500 A-D Line has been making lower highs. The Mega Cap 5 (FAAMG) are unable to have an impact to the A-D Line and that's being reflective here with the many stocks declining cumulatively.





Later in the letter I'll be sharing this chart for all the S&P sectors as well as the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 along with some other tools. But I wanted to highlight the rising number of bearish momentum divergences in the QQQ, which as of Friday sits at 61% of the stocks with a bearish divergence. This last occurred in February and just seven other times in the last ten years. I've also shown blue arrows when it got to 55%, which has also not been a bullish development. While just a few stocks are holding the index higher (FAAMG), just like the S&P 500 A-D Line, there's some break down happening within the at least 61 of the other Nasdaq 100 stocks.

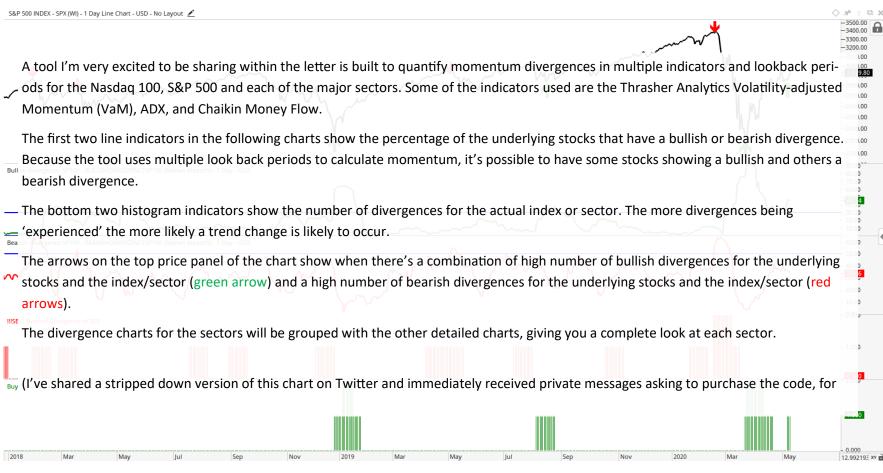




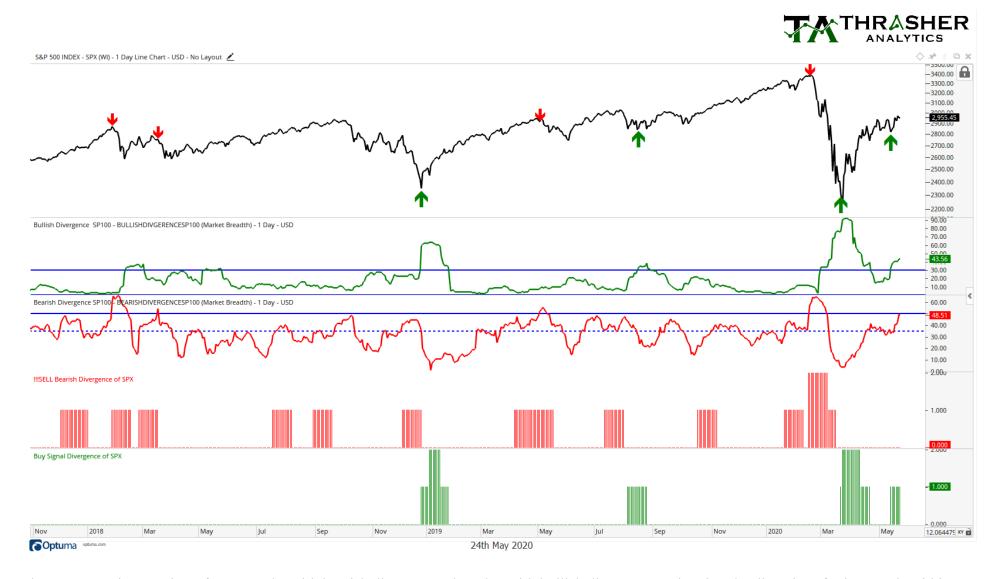
Commercial Traders are now holding a very large net-long position in corn futures which is being matched by a large net-short position by Large Traders. Commercial Traders are typically actual users of the commodity while Large Traders are hedge funds, banks, and other large institutions. Corn currently is sitting near its 2016 low, if this level holds then we could see corn make a move higher from here like it did in 2018 when commercials were last very bullish on corn and prices jumped from \$350 to \$450 in just a few weeks.





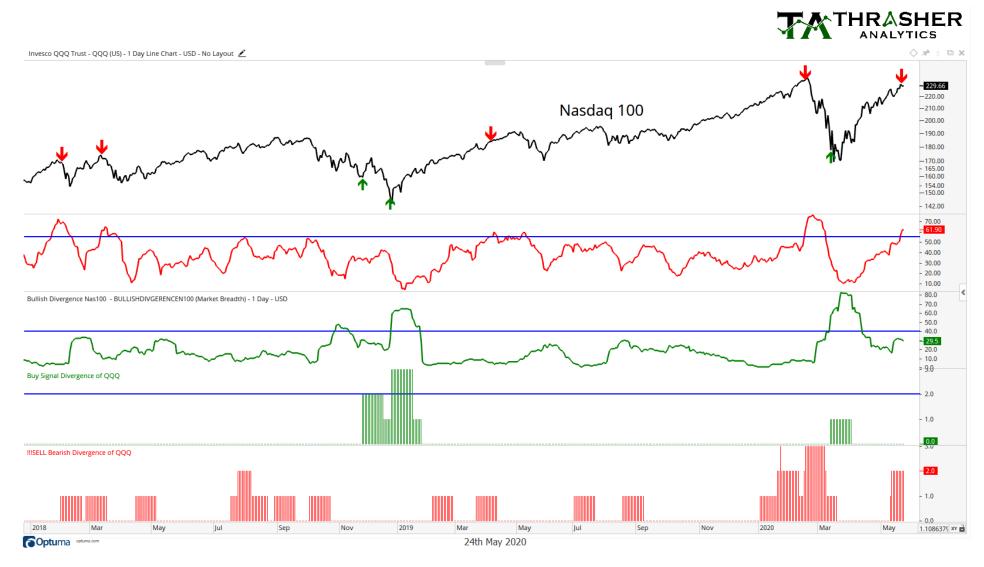






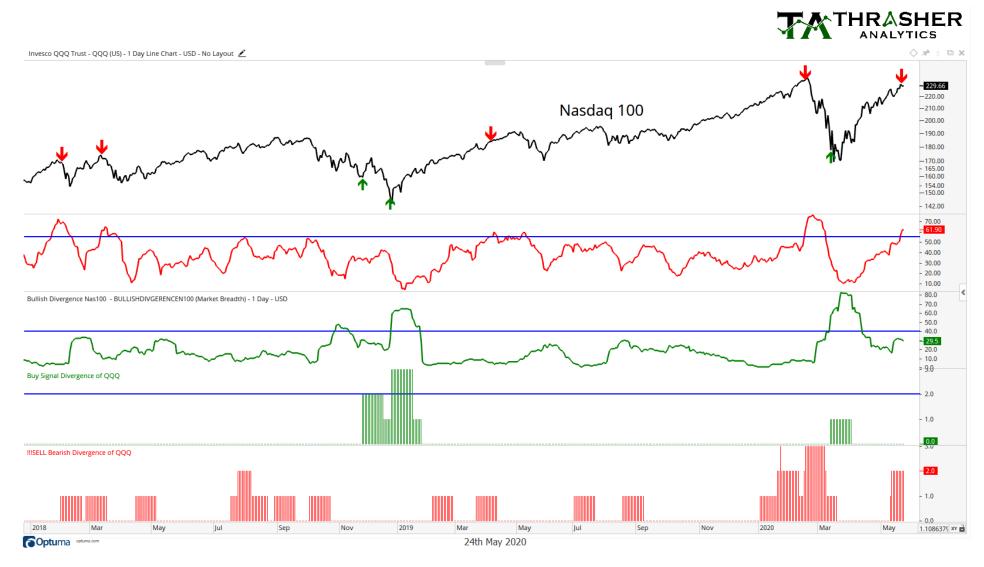
There's a growing number of SPX stocks with bearish divergences but also with bullish divergences, showing the disparity of price trends within the index.





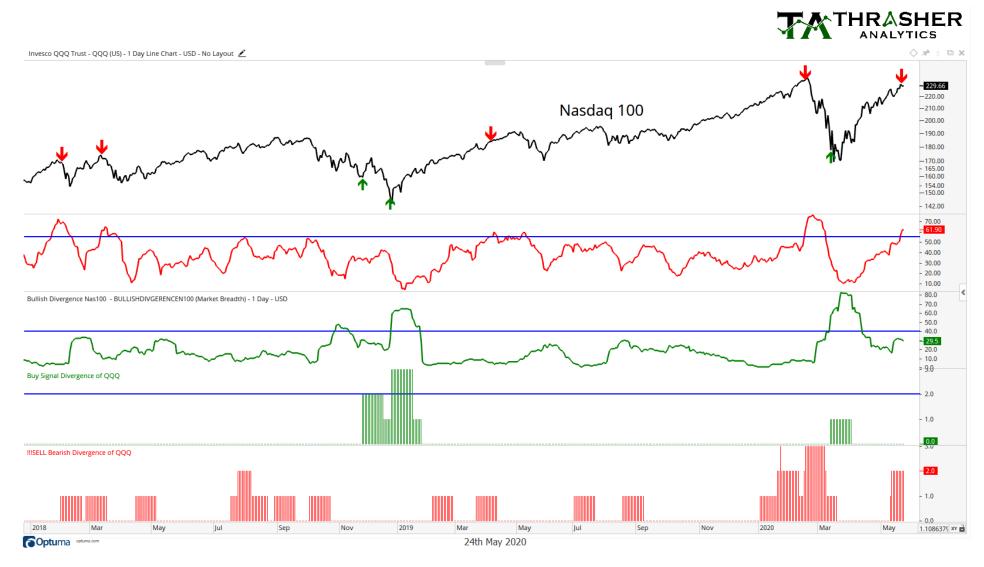
Previously addressed QQQ divergence chart.





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One of the new sections of the report will include a more detailed look at the primary S&P sectors. This section will develop over time but initially will include two pages (three when the divergence data launches in the next report).

The first page will show a daily and weekly chart of the sector with two proprietary indicators. The first is a **Momentum Composite**, which allows momentum indicators to be viewed from a overbought and oversold lens as the indicator evaluates the z-score of multiple momentum indicators with varying lookback periods. When the underlying indicators are at historic extremes, they often are prone to mean-reversion price action, especially when grouped together as I've done with the Momentum Composite

The second tool is a Volatility-Adjusted Momentum, which uses a custom gauge of volatility applied to a traditional momentum indicator.

When used together, a great detail can be gleaned from what momentum is showing for the daily and weekly charts of each sector and I'll of course provide brief commentary to accompany them.

On the far right are **two watchlists**, showing stocks that make up each sector broken down by momentum and mean-reversion. The momentum list is the same tool used for the sector rotation model, a custom built indicator (different than the Momentum Composite) that evaluates the trend of a security and provides a score based on the attractiveness and sustainability of that trend. The higher the score the better.

The second watchlist is the individual stocks of the sector sorted by respective Momentum Composite reading, shown as a z-score. Scores less than 2 are significant.

These watchlists can provide an excellent starting point for further research and analysis. Feel free to use these as idea generation. I'll have more details and example back tests in the future. These lists aren't intended to be buy/sell signals on their own.

The second page will show several standard breadth gauges for each sector, providing additional insight into the individual stock participation in the sector's price action.

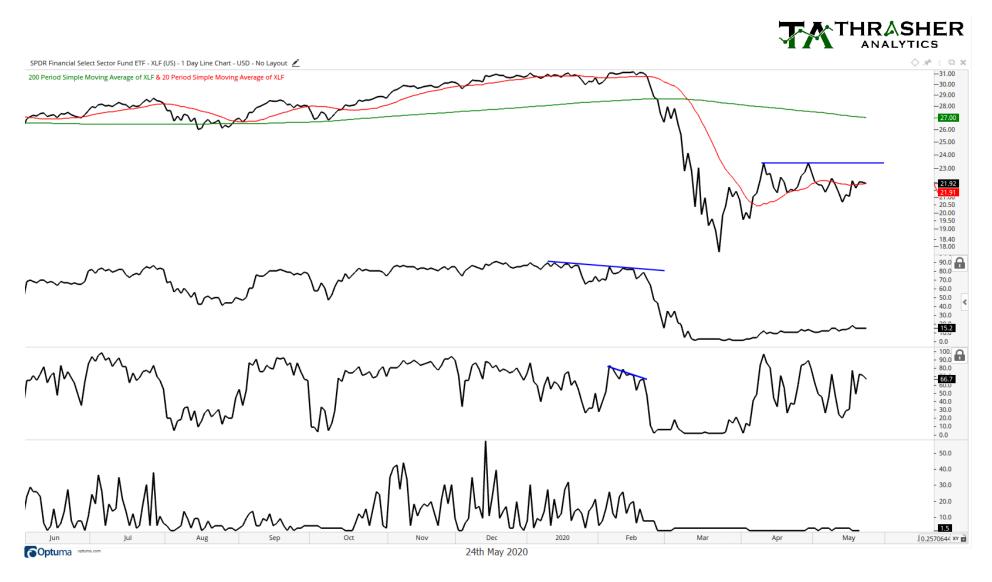






XLF has broken above its 50-day MA with improvement in VaM and the momentum composite.





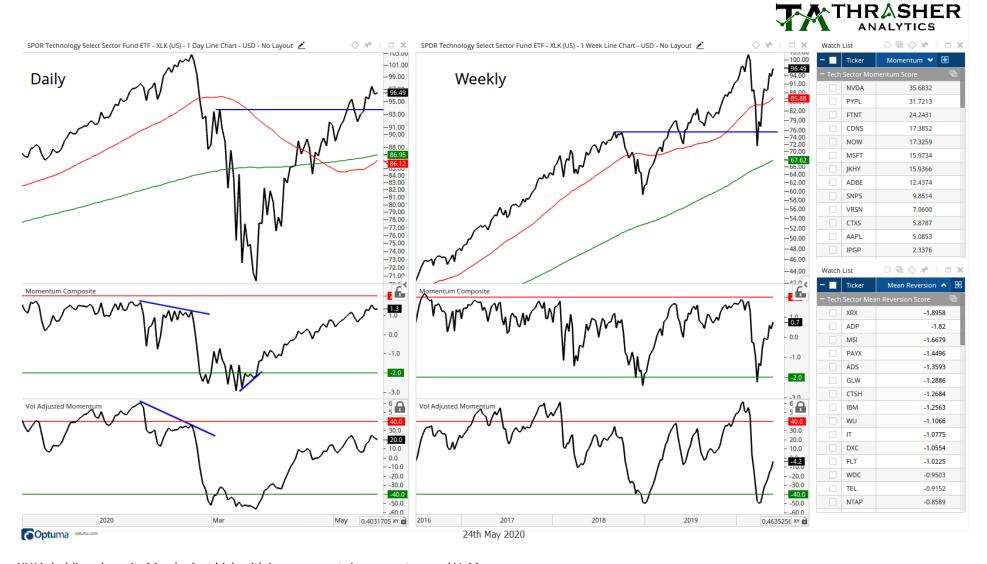
Breadth remains supportive.





Large number of stocks have a bullish divergence with 4 divergences for XLF itself.





XLK is holding above its March pivot high with improvements in momentum and VaM.





A continued trend of more stocks rising above their respective 200-day MA with 50% now above their long-term average.



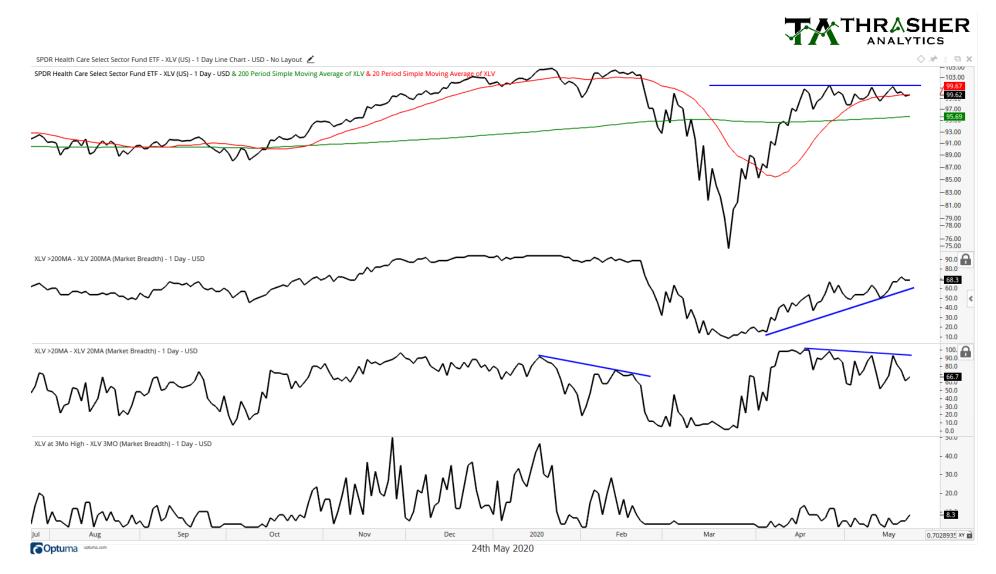






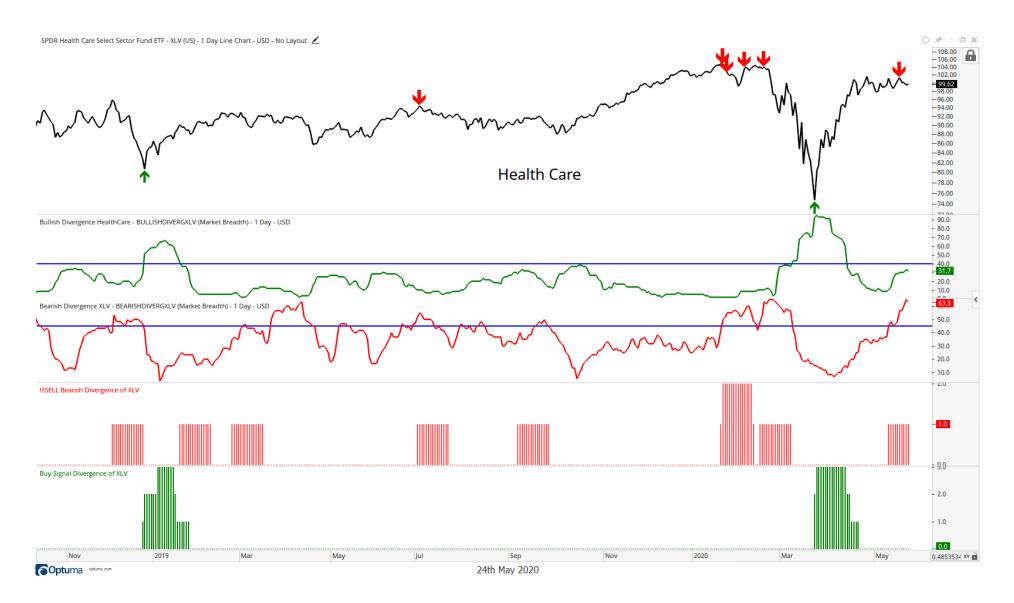
XLV has consolidated in recent weeks, watching for a break above the prior highs.





Continued improvement in L/T breadth but a slight divergence has developed with % above 20-day MA.











Watching the pivot low in January as the next level for XLC to clear.





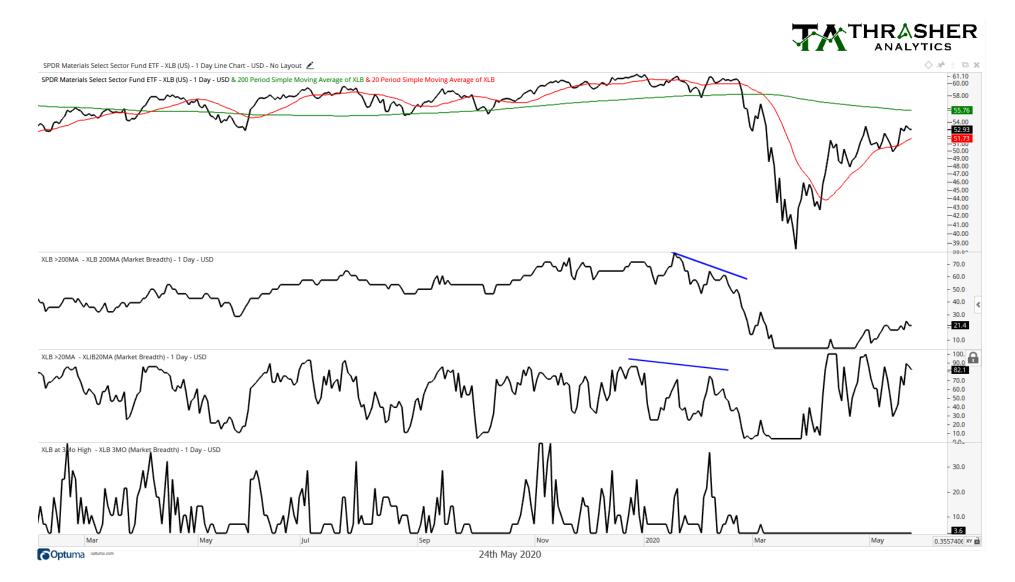
A slight drop in % of stocks above 20-day MA with XLC making a higher-high and no recent additions to the % above 200-day MA.





XLB continues to consolidate after its 50-day MA breakout.





Breadth improves.



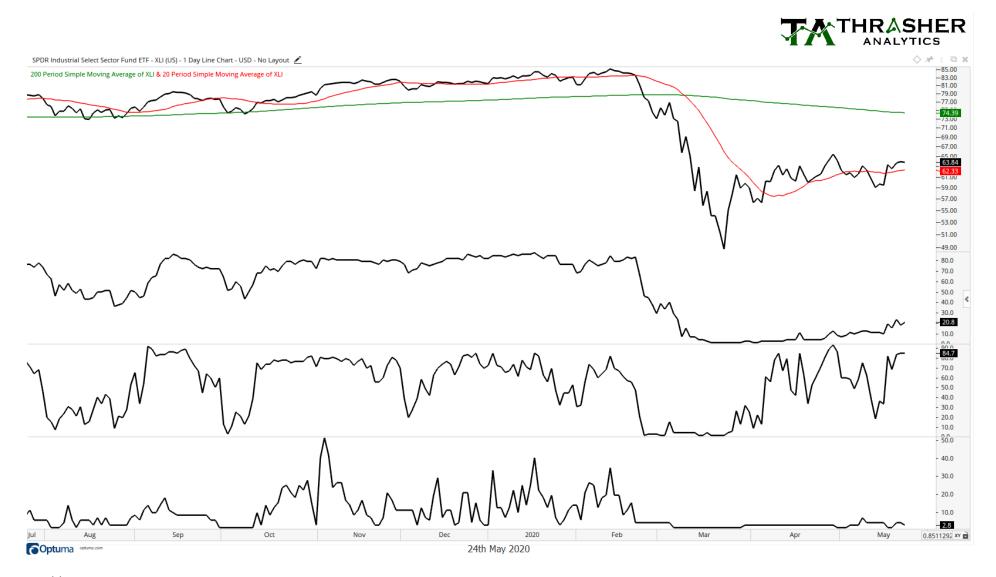






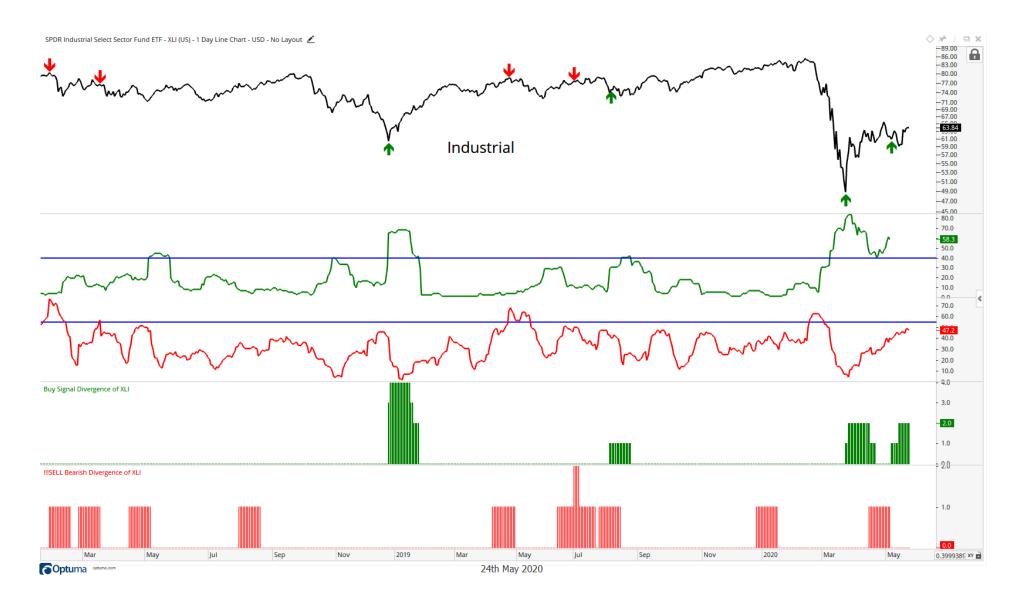
XLI has moved above its 50-day MA and sits below its prior short-term high.





Breadth improves.



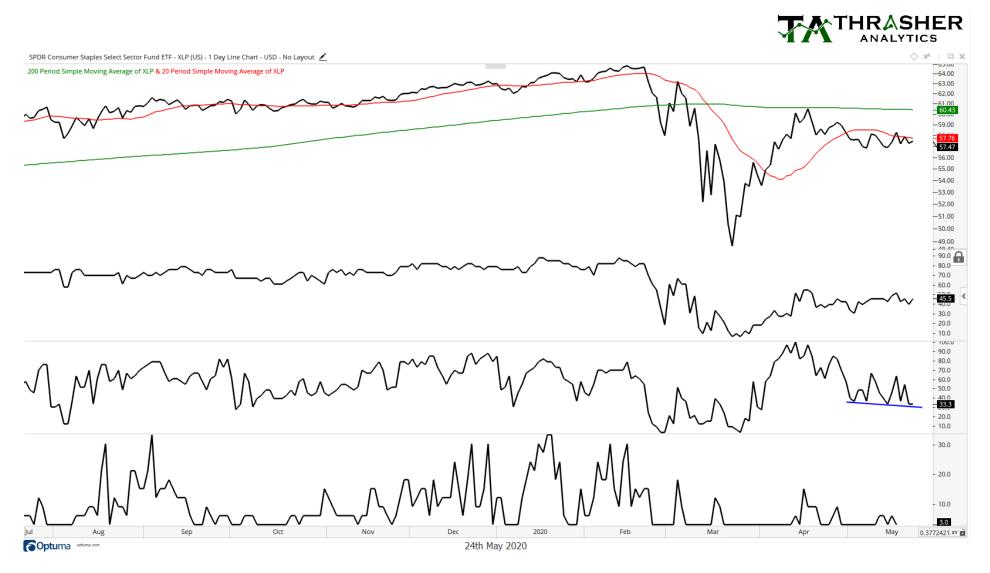






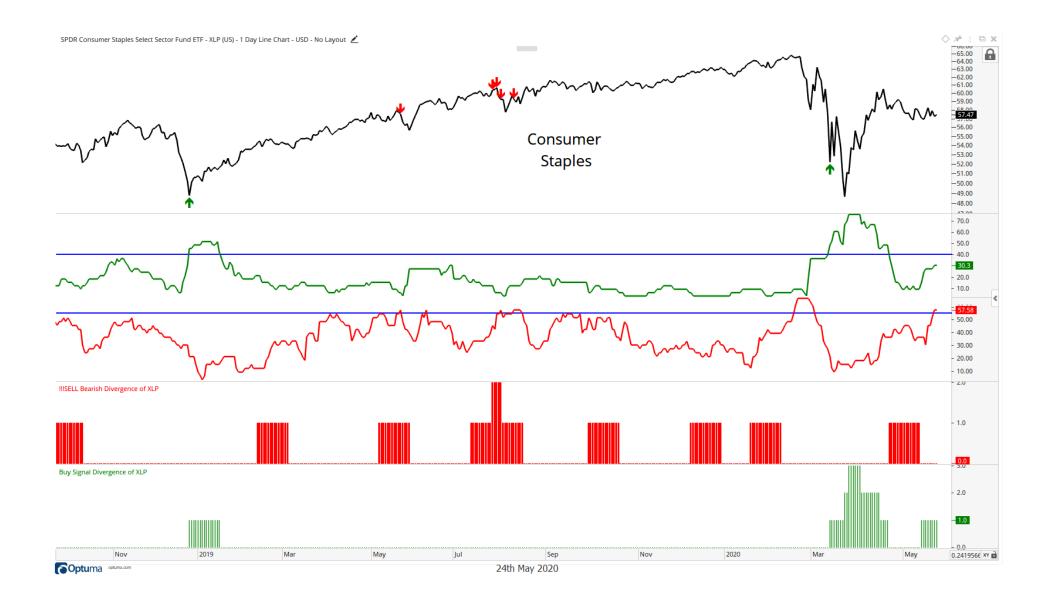
XLP has weakened, making some short-term lower highs.



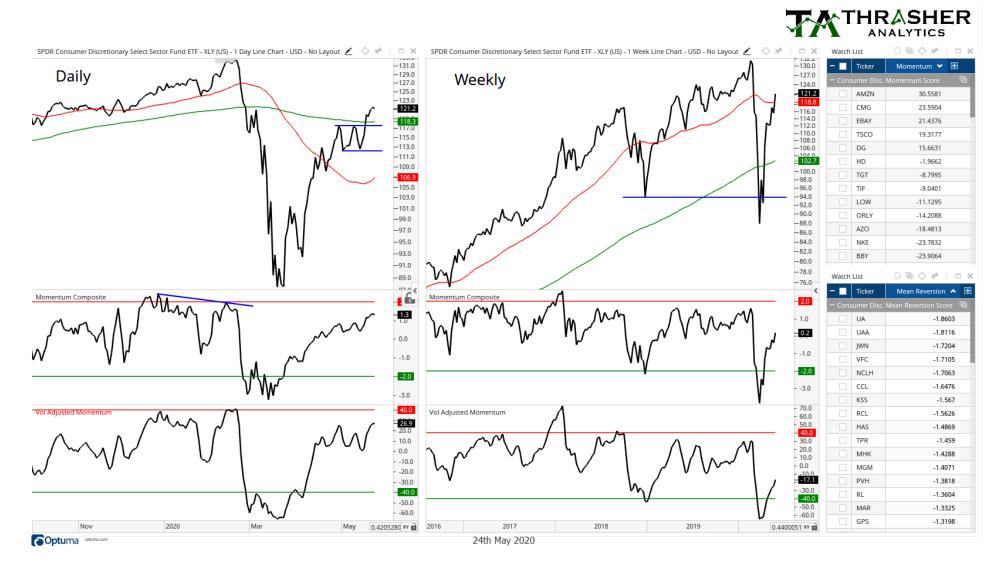


Lower lows in the % of stocks above their 20-day MA.









XLY has cleared its 200-day MA breaking out from its consolidation.





Breadth improves.

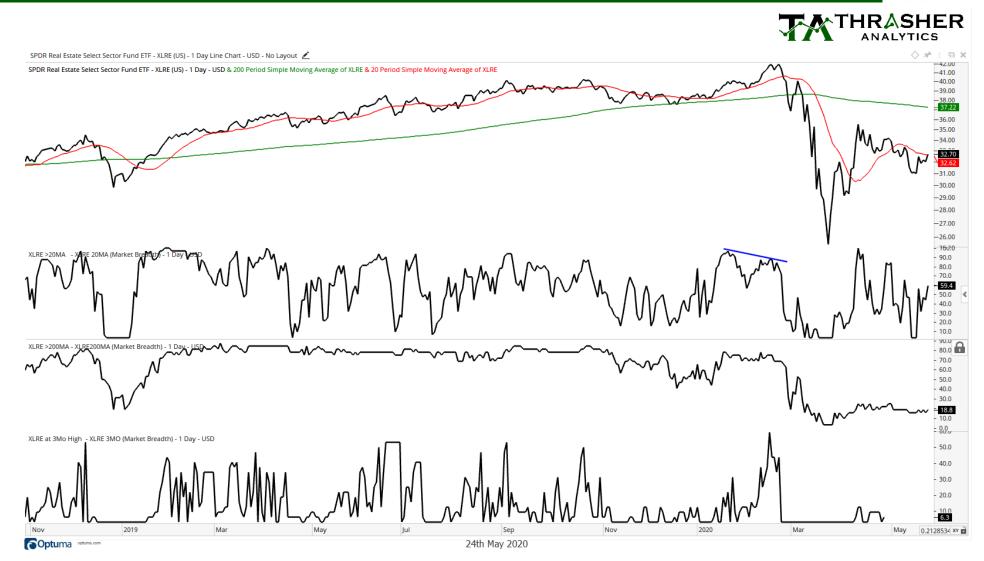






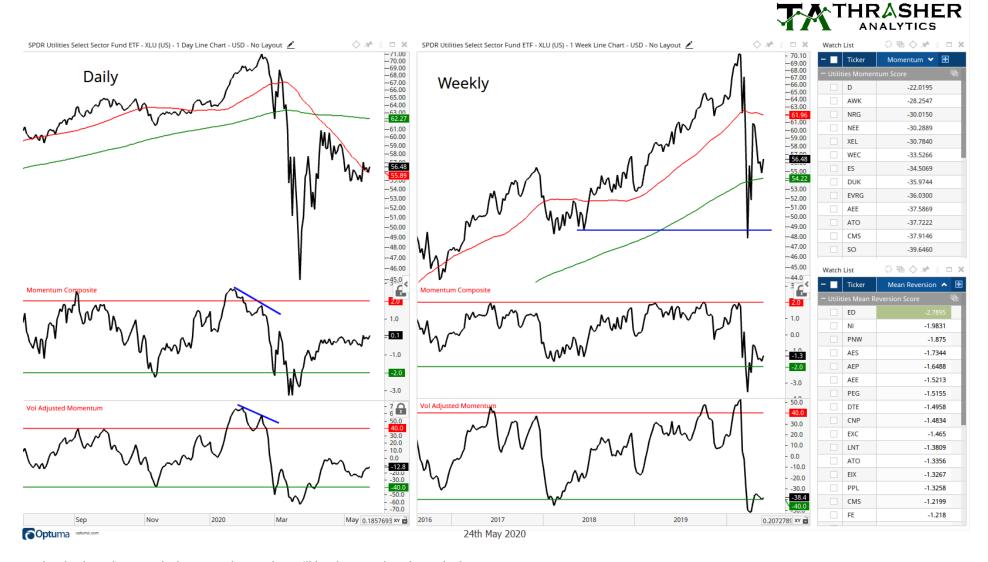


Recent break above the declining 50-day MA.



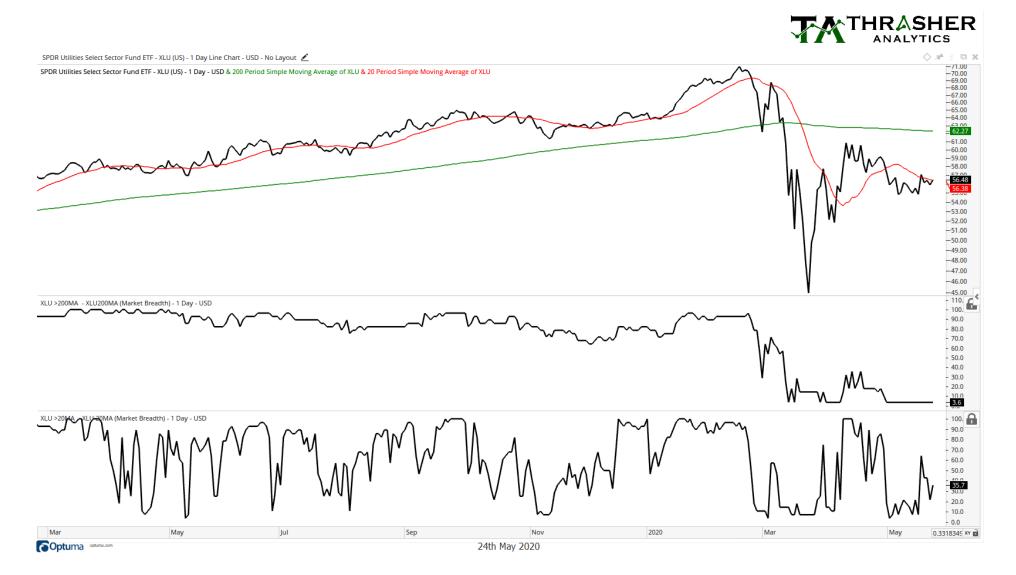
Breath has improved but tracks price which has been making lower highs.





XLU has broken above its declining 50-day MA but still has been making lower highs.





Breadth uninspired.



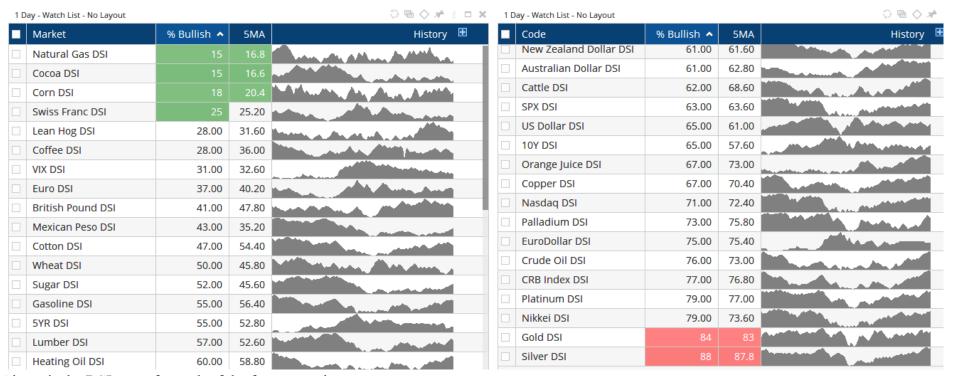






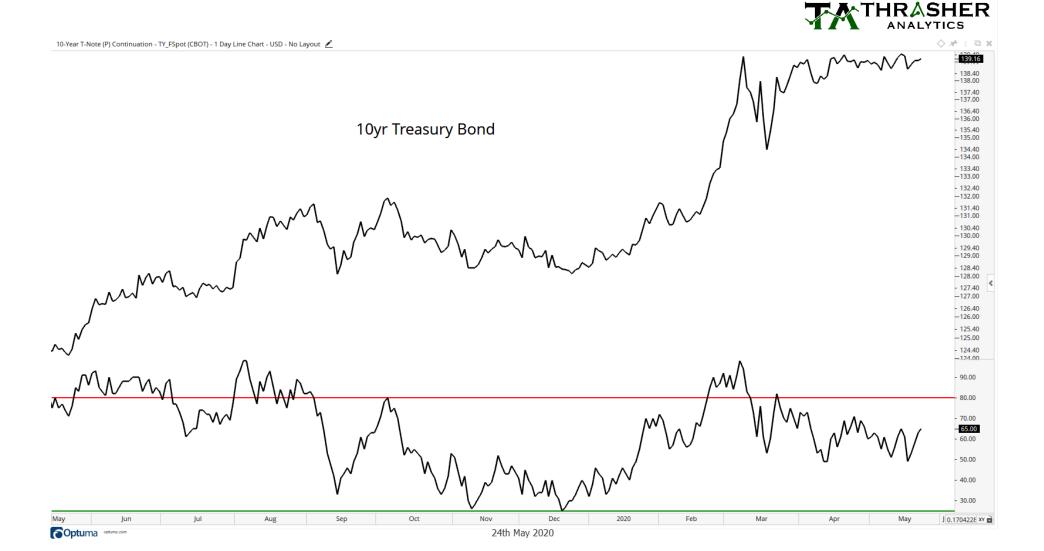
EFA remains below its prior short-term high.



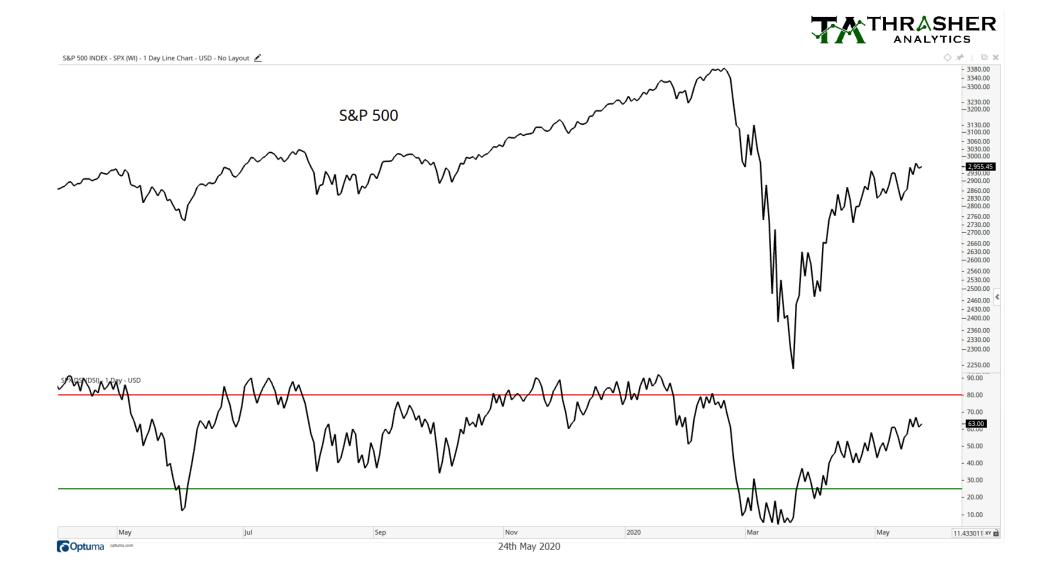


Above is the DSI score for each of the futures markets.

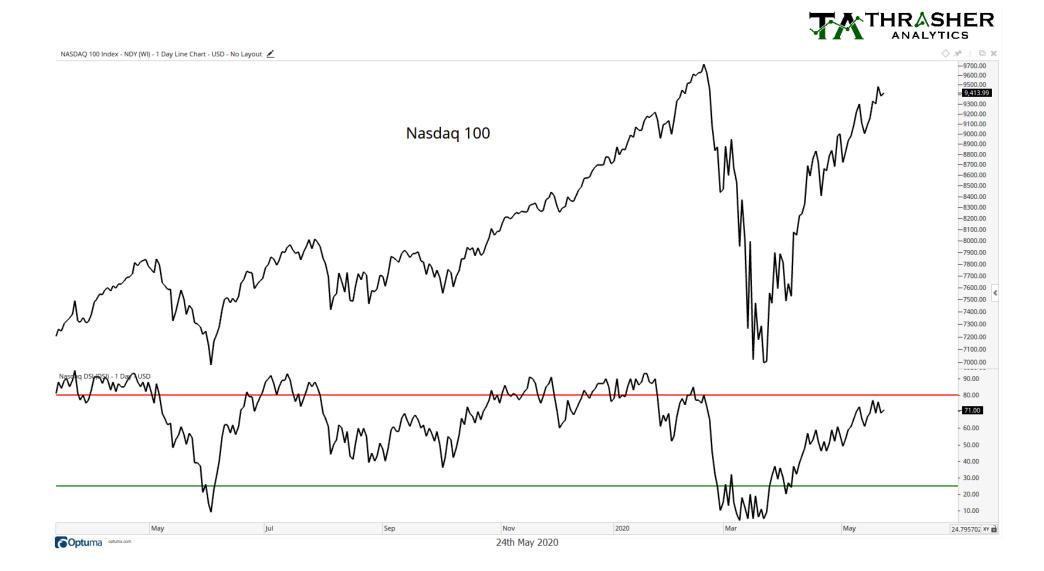








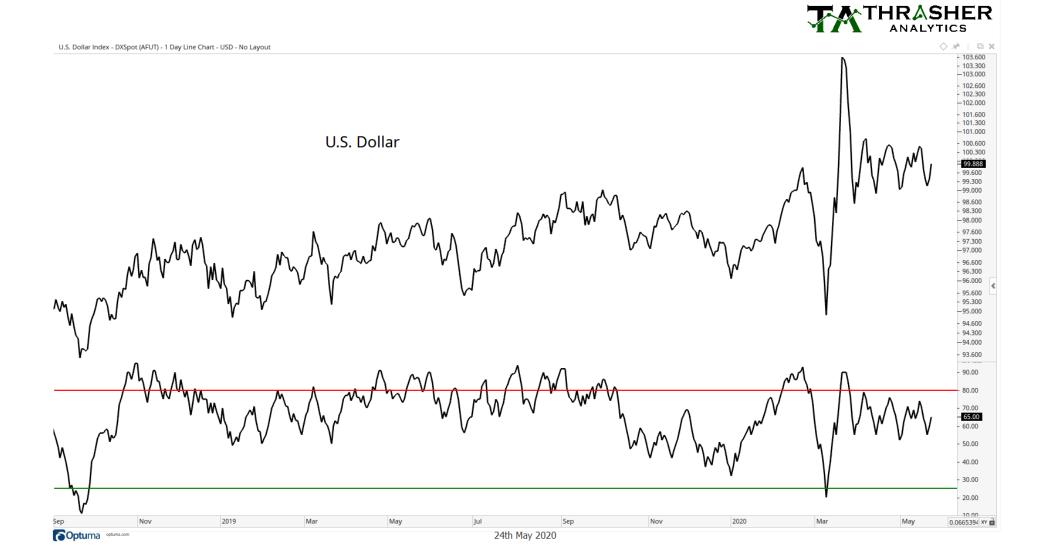










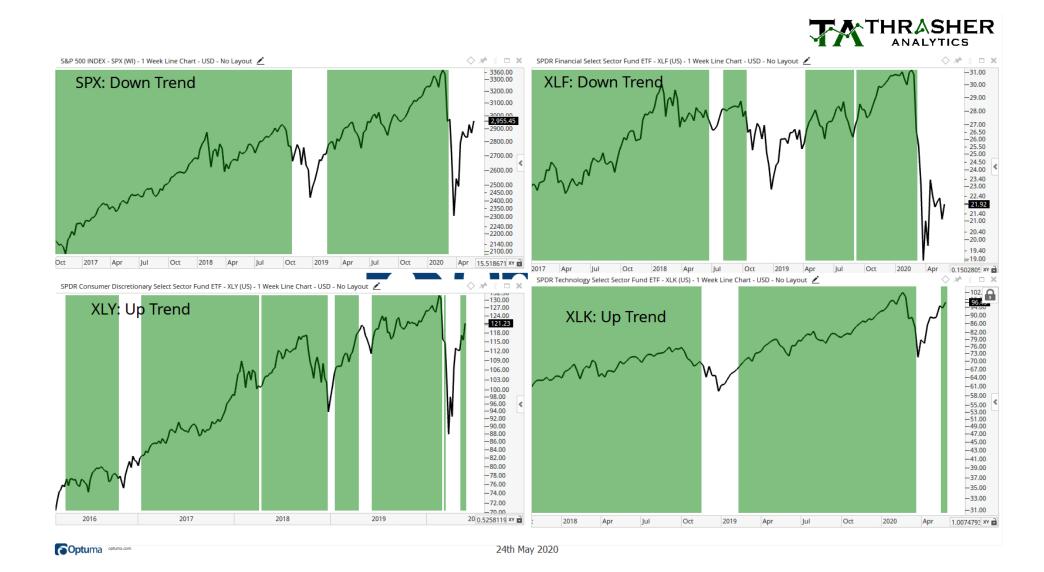


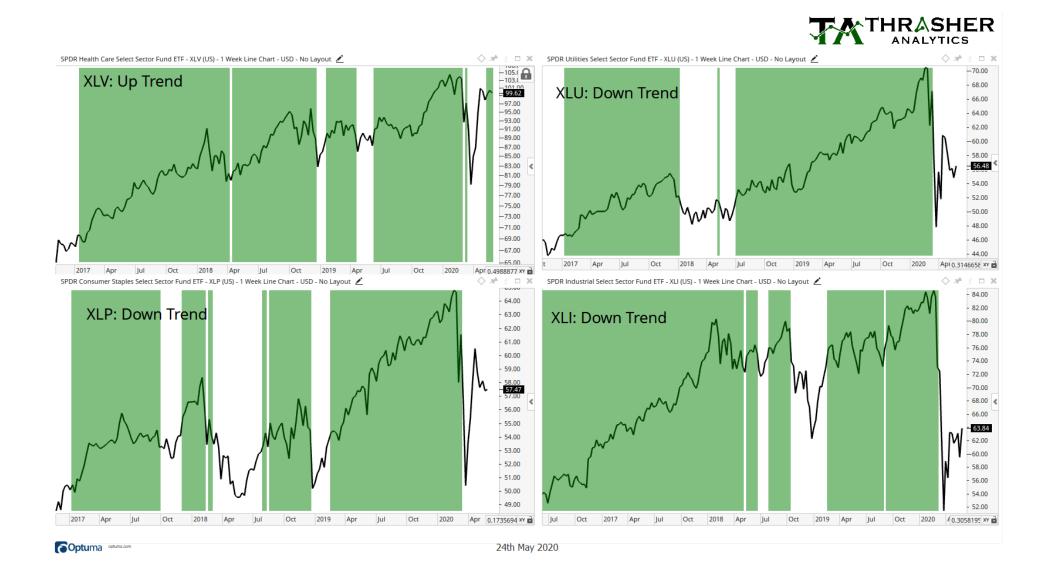


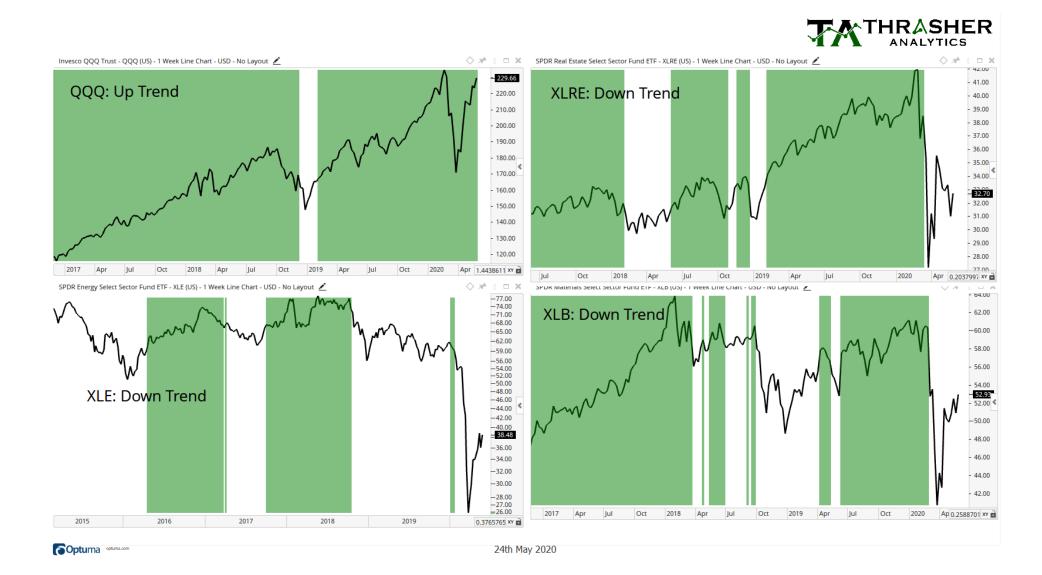












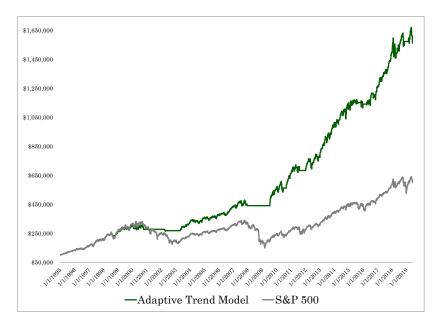


Trend-based analysis is a process built on the idea of enduring minor pullbacks in the anticipating of avoiding protracted drawdowns in financial markets. With a focus on stepping out of the market during large down trends, the Thrasher Analytics Adaptive Trend Model (TAATM) pursues to minimize the "whipsaws" 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.





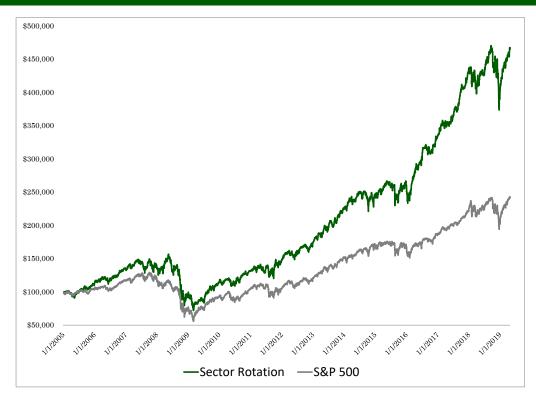


	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown
Adaptive Trend	12.5%	10.3%	0.47	0.97	14.1%
S&P 500	8.9%	15.3%	1	0.42	56.6%



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.



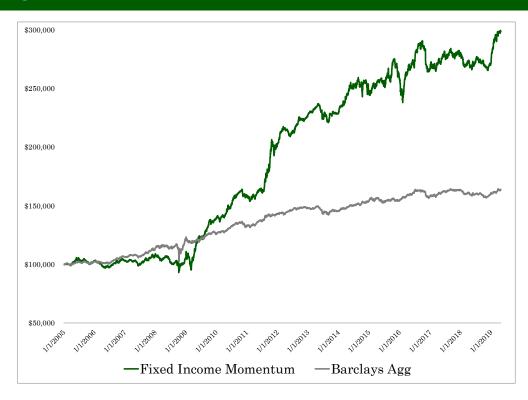


	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown
Sector Rotation	12.7%	15.9%	0.96	0.64	53.9%
S&P 500	7.5%	14.8%	1	0.34	56.6%



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.



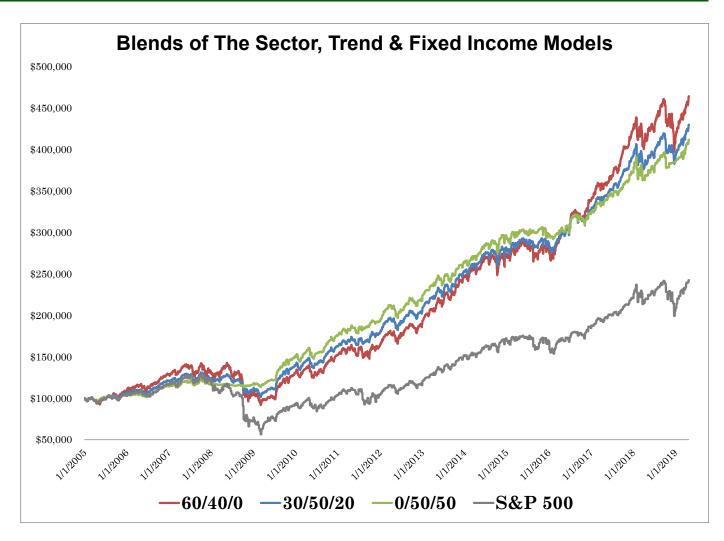


	Annualized Return	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown
Fixed Income Momentum	8.3%	8.2%	1.04	0.7	14.9%
Barclays Agg	3.6%	3.7%	1	0.29	11.0%



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)
Negative	XLV	PCY
	XLK	CWB
	XLP	

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