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**WEEKLY RESEARCH & ANALYSIS** 

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#### Bullish

- Trend Model remains positive for all sector.
- MRH improves with all categories positive.
- Cyclical stocks make higher-highs.

#### Bearish

- Poor long-term breadth.
- MOVE-VIX divergence.
- Rise in VIX with SPX.
- Rising average drawdown.

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#### MARKET DASHBOARD



Sector Rotation: November									
Financials	XLF								
Energy	XLE								
Technology	XLK								

Fixed Income Rotation: Q4									
Emerging Market Debt	PCY								
Muni Bond	MUB								

Market Health Report							
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Trend	1						
Volatility	2						
Total	12						

Inde	x & Se	ector
	Up	Down
	Trend	Trend
SPX	X	
QQQ	X	
XLF	X	
XLY	X	
XLK	X	
XLV	X	
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XLP	X	
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XLE	X	
XLB	X	

Daily Se	entiment In	dex
	% Bullish	5-day MA
S&P 500	80%	81%
Nasdaq 100	87%	82%
Nikkei	75%	73%
VIX	14%	16%
10yr Treasury	65%	61%
5yr Treasury	57%	56%
CRB Index	70%	74%
Gold	36%	41%
U.S. Dollar	57%	56%
Bitcoin	79%	78%
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\*Green<25% Red>80%

source: trade-futures.com

#### **Brief Summary:**

Last week all eyes were on earnings with each of the FAAMG stocks reporting along with GDP announced. Some of the data disappointed but by the end of the week the market didn't care and closed at a new high. This week the focus shifts to the Federal Reserve and the other major Central Banks as we go from over a decade of global stimulus and support to a move to taper QE, raise rates, and battle inflation concerns.

While the major index made a higher-high, breadth data did not join the party nor did drawdown data. More stocks moved lower with the aver large cap now down almost 10%. Volatility did join the fun in going higher, something we don't see very often and has typically been followed by about 0.46% decline in stocks the next week. Health care is a sector everyone seems to have dismissed but I think is worth watching as its internals improve and seasonality turns bullish in November. Small caps are also an area to watch with seasonal strength and the growth vs. value ratio at an important inflection point.

## VOLATILITY: VRT



As a reminder, the below chart shows both the old Volatility Risk Trigger (VRT 1.0) as well as the new Volatility Risk Trigger (VRT 2.0).

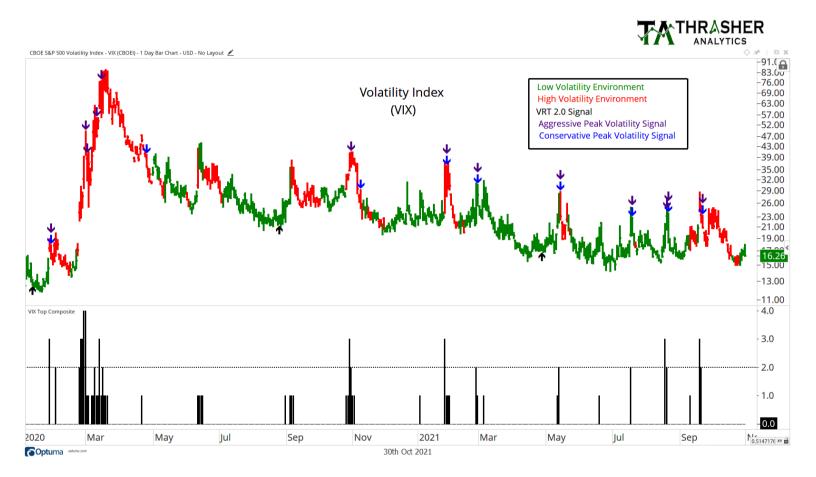
VIX rose about 1 point last week, getting up to 18 before finishing at 16.3 on Friday. I mentioned last week, the 'oversold' ratio of VIX vs. VVIX, which suggested VIX should rise, making the slight uptick in spot VIX less of a surprise for those paying attention. We'll see if we get any continuation this week.



# VOLATILITY: TOP & ENVIRONMENT



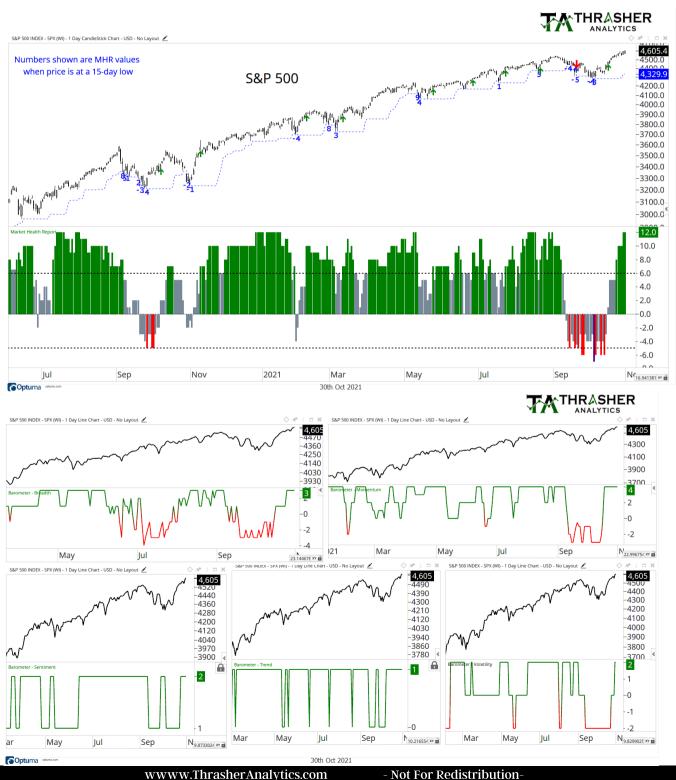
The VIX ticked higher last week but did move into the Low Volatility Environment by the end of the week.



#### MARKET HEALTH REPORT



The Market Health Report (MHR) moved higher, finishing the week at +1. This is the highest level since the summer and we now have all five categories back in positive territory. While there are a few concerns for equities, having all five categories being supportive of stocks is a bullish sign for the current up trend and continues the climb since the MHR gave its dip buying signal a few weeks ago (green arrow on top chart).



## EQUITIES - S&P 500 DAILY



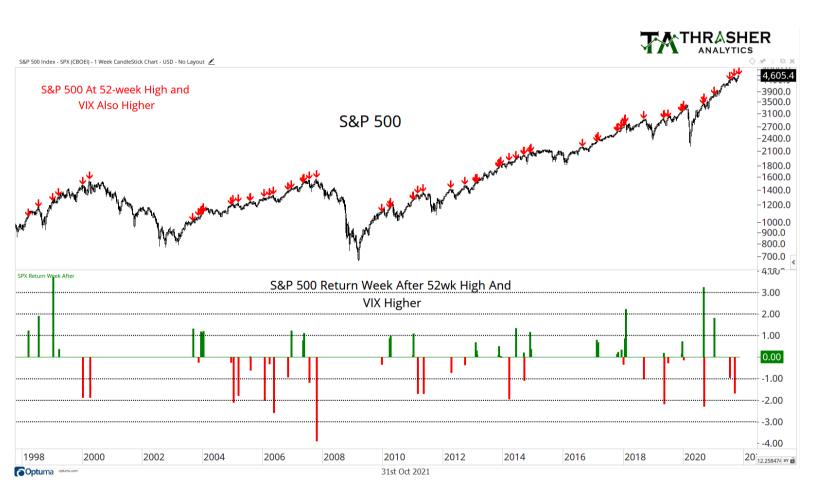
The S&P 500 bucked all kinds of bearish news last week to finish the week at a new high. Economic (Q3 GDP miss) and corporate earnings (Amazon and Apple) disappointments couldn't fire up sellers to take down the broad indices, which is pretty bullish price action. Momentum was also able to squeeze out a higher-high week, eclipsing the prior September level. There's a boat load of macro events this week with several major central banks (including the Fed) reporting as well as ISM data coming out. Bearish data hasn't derailed price action just yet, we'll see if any of that changes this week.



## **EQUITIES - SPX & VIX HIGHER**

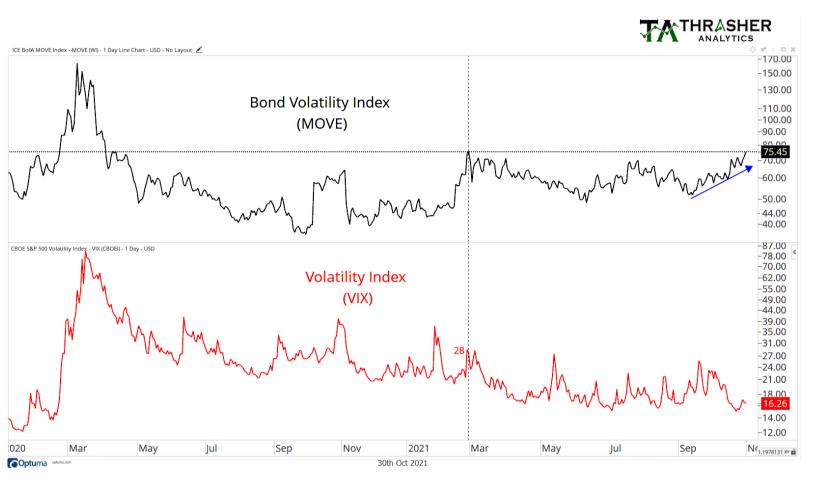


Something we don't see too often is a rise in volatility the same week the S&P 500 makes a new 52-week high. Below is a chart showing the prior instances and the weekly return for the S&P 500 the following week. Since 1998 the median return for SPX is -0.46% and it's been positive 42% of the time. The last time this happened was recently, at the September high before a brief 5% dip that was bought coming into the current new high.



# VOLATILITY - BOND VS. EQUITY VIX 不然

Here's an updated chart showing the growing divergence between bond and equity volatility. The MOVE Index is now at its highest level since Feb 26th when spot VIX was at 26 compared to its current reading of 16. The big news this last week has been the massive moves in the short-end of the bond curve and that's likely to continue to be a focus this week with the FOMC and BoE reporting policy updates.

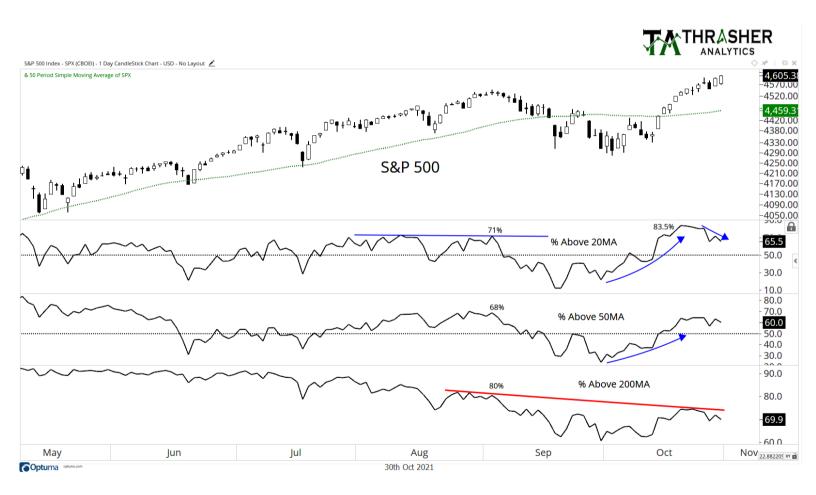


# **EQUITIES - BREADTH**



Even though the S&P 500 advances to a new all-time high on Friday, breadth told a much different story.

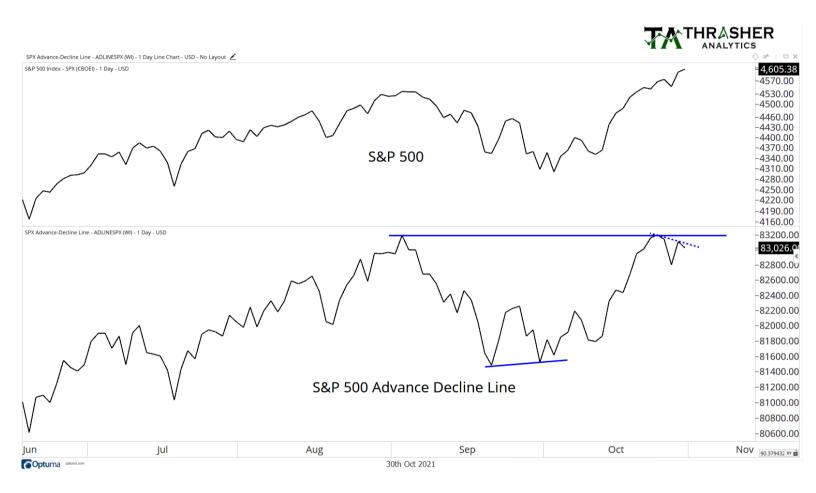
% of stocks above the 20-day, 50-day, and 200-day all moved lower. The index shrugged off disappointments from Apple and Amazon but it appears there was still some sympathy selling in other names that caused a move lower in breadth data.



# EQUITIES - ADV-DEC LINE



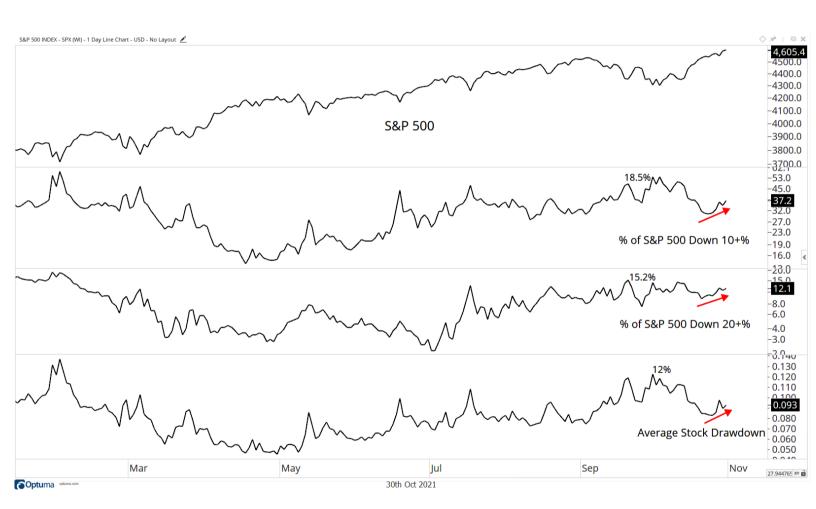
A similar weakness in breadth is found in the Advance-Decline Line for the S&P 500. The A-D Line had initially risen with the equity index to the prior September high but then moved lower and made lower-high as there just weren't enough rising stocks to keep the cumulative A-D Line staying in lock-step with the SPX.



# **EQUITIES - DRAWDOWN**



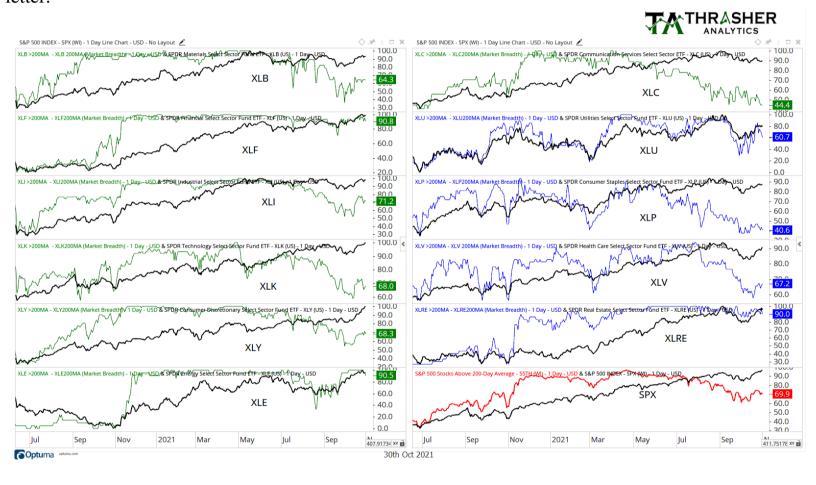
Following the pattern of breadth weakening last week, drawdown data also wasn't supportive of the new all-time high in equities. We're now back to 37% of large cap stocks down double-digits, 12% are off by at least 20% and the average stock is down 9.3%. As I've said before, we don't want to see the average drawdown creep back to 10% and the way breadth data is shaping up, it looks like that's a possibility.



## **EQUITIES - SECTOR BREADTH**

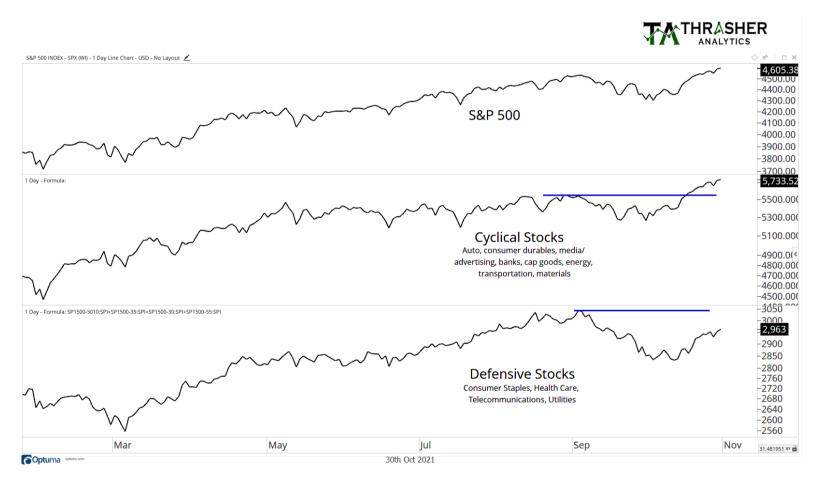


While we're talking about market internals, lets take a look at the % of each sector that's above the 200-day moving average. Top sectors include XLF (91%), XLE (91%), and XLRE (90%) while the rest of the sectors have less the broad market above the long-term MA. Many sectors are showing a growing divergence, including XLK, XLY, XLP, XLC, and XLB. One sector that it seems everyone hates right now is health care and while "just" 67% of XLV are above the 200-day MA, the sector is showing a recent improvement . I'll be talking more about health care in the Sector section of the letter.



## EQUITIES - CYCLICAL VS. DEFENSE 不然

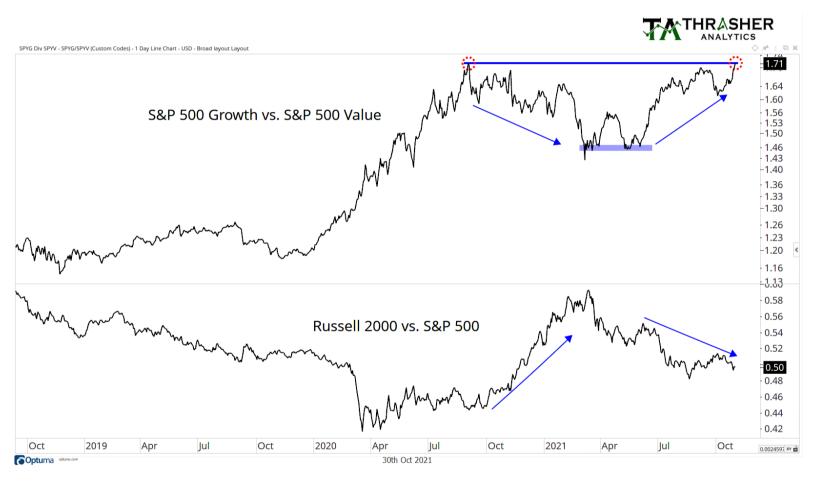
One chart that is confirming the rise in equities are Cyclical stocks, the specific industries are listed on the chart below. Meanwhile, the Defensive group is still trending under the September high.



#### EQUITIES - GROWTH VS. VALUE



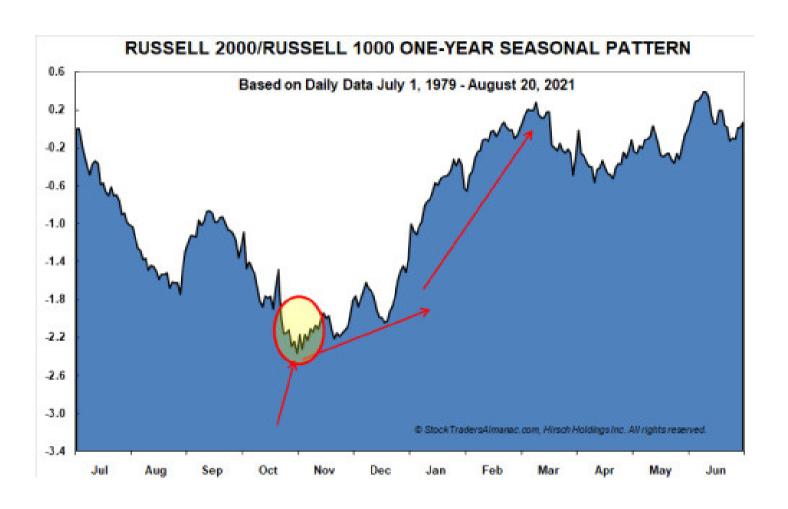
The ratio of S&P 500 Growth vs. S&P 500 Value has risen back to the prior high. Will we see a sustained breakout higher as growth leads or a major double top as value takes back the reigns? We'll find out in the coming weeks but one group that's hoping value takes control is small caps. In the bottom panel of the chart we have the ratios of Russell 2000 vs. S&P 500. When Growth is leading (top panel ratio rising) then small caps have typically struggled relative to large caps. On the flip side, when value leads small caps have done well. Seasonality for small caps improves in November which would be bullish for value.



## EQUITIES - SMALL VS. LARGE



Seasonality suggests we should start seeing small caps improve in relative performance based on the data from <u>Jeff Hirsch at Stock Trader's Almanac</u>. If this seasonal pattern plays out this year then we need to be watching small caps and value stocks into year-end.



## **EQUITIES - FED BALANCE SHEET**



There's been big news coming out of Central Banks across the globe and more is expected this week with the FOMC on Weds. and Bank of England also scheduled to report. Coming into this week we've had the BofE hint at rate hikes in November and/or December, Bank of Canada ending its QE program, Bank of Australia ending its yield curve control, and Lagarde at the ECB saying its "not for me to say" whether markets are correct in pricing in a rate hike by the ECB. Around the world banks are becoming less accommodative and the all-important U.S. Fed is expected to announce the start to its tapering of its QE program this week. Goldman Sachs came out with a big call at the end of the last week, calling for two rate hikes next year. GS cites the unemployment falling to 3.7% and inflation staying above the Fed's target in 2022, as the cause for more aggressive Fed action.

Below is a chart is a chart of the Fed's balance sheet along with the 10-yr Yield and S&P 500. I've noted the prior peaks in the Feds assets when they've ended QE in the past. While the sample size is obviously low, bond yields have moved lower, which lines up with what the MOVE Index is suggesting, being bond bullish.



# **SECTORS - PERFORMANCE**



#### THRASHER ANALYTICS

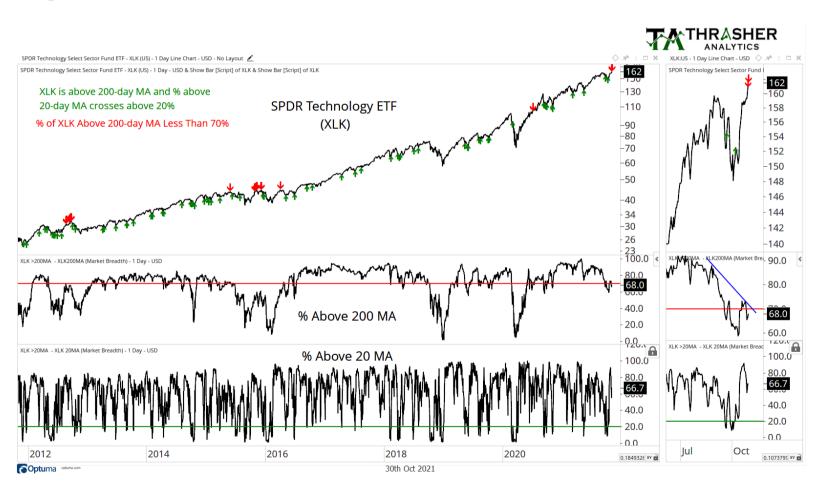
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NDY	NASDAQ 100 Index												
SPX	S&P 500 INDEX												
DJI	Dow Jones Industrial Average												
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF												
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XLY	SPDR Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Fund												
XLK	SPDR Technology Select Sector Fund ETF												
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#### **SECTORS - TECHNOLOGY**



Tech was the second-best performing sector last week, shrugging off the earnings report and Apple weakness mid-week. However, we continue to see a lack of broad participation by indiv. tech stocks with now less than 70% still above the long-term 200-day moving average. We've had new 52-week highs in XLK with less than 70% above the 200-day MA only a few times, coming out of the Covid Crash as most stocks were still recovering, at swing highs in 2014, 2015, and 2016 and then in 2012 before a 12% drop in the sector.

Poor breadth data isn't necessarily a timing tool, as we saw last summer with the S&P 500, a market can still climb with poor internals but it doesn't make it easy to keep climbing as many historical examples have shown us.

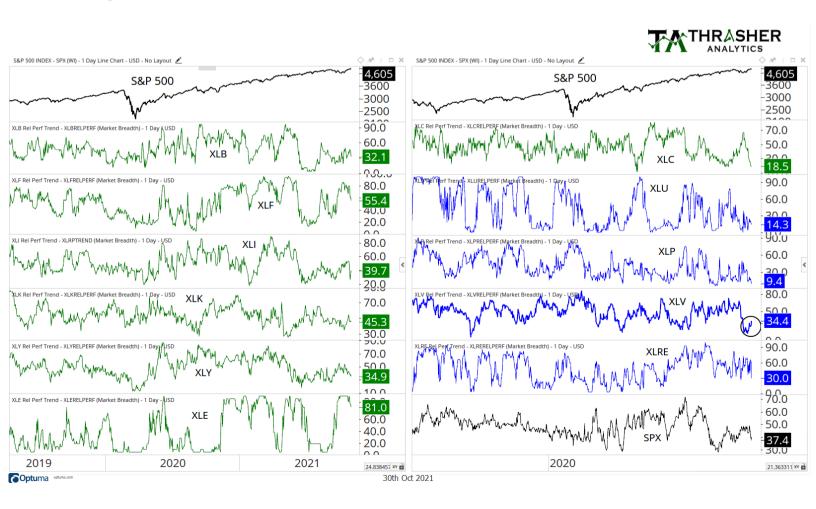


#### SECTORS - HEALTH CARE



Health Care is probably one of the most hated sectors right now but I think it's a sector we want to keep a close watch of. My friend <u>Jonathan Krinsky</u>, <u>CMT</u> shared recently a chart of biotech monthly performance. Over the last 8 years October has been up just three times, but that poor performance has been followed by advances in November every time with an average gain of 5.35%. Looking at the relative performance of individual stocks in each sector, chart below, one trend stands out among the 11 and that's health care. While just 34% of health care stocks have relative performance up trends, that number is in a (so far) short-term up trend while most other sectors are seeing declines in relative performance up trends.

Health care was the third best performing sector last week and if the seasonal strength for biotech in November plays out, that should give a boost to the sector as well. Internals look like they are improving (note improving breadth previously mentioned in the letter) and relative performance trends also are rising.

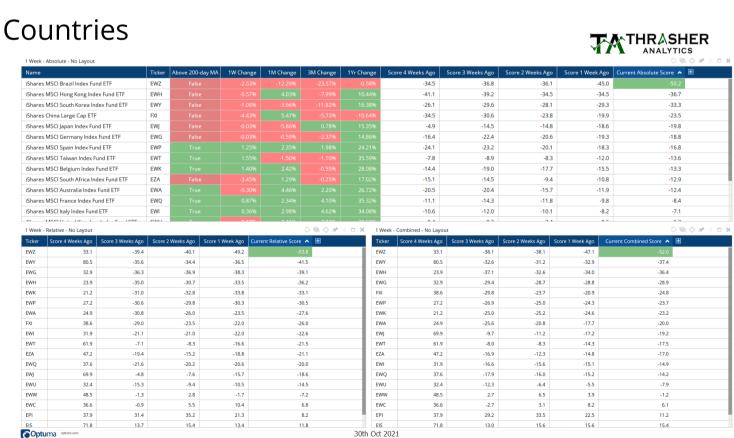


#### TA MEAN REVERSION INDICATOR



Below are the tables for the Thrasher Analytics Mean Reversion Indicator. Any pertinent details of signals produced will be discussed on the pages below. Signals are not produced every week as they are entirely price dependent. Refer to the summery PDF in the newsletter archive on the website for more details.





# TA MEAN REVERSION INDICATOR



#### Major Markets & Indices



Name	Ticker	Above 200-day MA	1W Change	1M Change	3M Change	1Yr Change	Score 4 Weeks Ago	Score 3 Weeks Ago	Score 2 Weeks Ago	Score 1 Week Ago	Current Absolute Score 🛕 🗄
Shares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	EEM	False					-23.3	-23.6	-19.4	-19.5	-24.4
S&P SmallCap 600 Value Index	CVK	True					-14.4	-13.3	-11.6	-10.2	-13.6
S&P SmallCap 600 Index	SML	True					-12.9	-12.9	-11.6	-9.8	-12.0
iShares Russell 2000 ETF	IWM	True					-13.6	-14.5	-13.0	-10.7	-11.6
Shares MSCI EAFE Index Fund ETF	EFA	True					-9.5	-14.3	-12.0	-11.0	-10.9
5&P MidCap 400 Value Index	MUV	True					-16.0	-15.7	-12.4	-9.0	-10.5
Dow Jones Industrial Average	DJI	True					-18.5	-18.7	-16.0	-12.8	-10.3
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index	CKG	True					-10.4	-11.7	-11.3	-9.2	-9.6
5&P 500 Value Index	SVX	True					-15.8	-15.5	-12.4	-8.4	-9.0
5&P Midcap 400 Index	MID	True					-16.1	-16.5	-13.1	-8.5	-8.1
5&P MidCap 400 Growth Index	MGD	True					-14.8	-16.3	-13.6	-7.9	-5.1
Shares MSCI All Country World Index Fund ETF	ACWI	True					-9.4	-11.2	-8.8	-6.5	-5.0
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DJI	34,798.0	-30.5	-28.6	-28.8	-29.7		DJI	34,798.0	-24.6	-22.3	-20.8	-20.0	
EFA	78.2	-24.9	-23.3	-26.3	-28.9		EFA	78.2	-19.6	-17.6	-18.6	-19.9	
ACWI	100.8	-23.6	-21.0	-23.9	-28.4		ACWI	100.8	-17.4	-14.9	-15.2	-16.7	
SVX	1,456.6	-16.4	-14.9	-14.9	-19.7		SML	1,357.4	-12.9	-12.5	-11.6	-15.0	
SML	1,357.4	-13.0	-13.4	-13.5	-17.9		CVK	824.9	-12.4	-11.2	-10.8	-14.9	
IWM	222.3	-14.3	-14.7	-14.3	-17.8		IWM	222.3	-14.4	-13.9	-12.5	-14.7	
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MID	2,683.6	-15.2	-13.1	-9.9	-12.2		MID	2,683.6	-15.9	-13.1	-9.2	-10.1	
MGD	1,300.0	-15.7	-14.0	-8.4	-7.5		MGD	1,300.0	-16.0	-13.8	-8.1	-6.3	
COMPX	14,566.7	-2.0	-5.0	-7.8	-5.5		DJT	14,250.7	-27.6	-18.8	-8.0	-2.1	
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Palladium	PA2Spot	False						-52.5	-49.2	-49.9	-52.6
Platinum	PL2Spot	False					-24.2	-16.0	-8.2	-5.6	-8.4
Silver Futures	SI2Spot	False					-17.3	-18.0	-17.5	-14.2	-11.4
Gold Futures	GC2Spot	False					-11.3	-13.4	-15.4	-14.5	-12.8
Soybeans	S2Spot	False					-24.0	-25.9	-28.8	-29.8	-29.7
Corn	C2Spot	False					-17.8	-17.1	-16.8	-18.2	-15.8
Cocoa	CC2Spot	True					22.3	25.2	16.9	14.7	12.3
Copper	HG2Spot	True					-13.8	-14.4	-3.1	-0.9	-3.0
LIGHT CRUDE OIL	CL_FLSpot	True					10.2	13.4	18.5	20.7	19.7
LEAN HOGS RTH	LHSpot	False					-1.5	-2.2	-11.3	-18.4	-20.5
Wheat	W2Spot	True					11.0	13.4	16.8	17.3	16.5
RBOB Gasoline	RB2Spot	True					8.1	10.7	16.9	17.5	16.4
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LHSpot	92.3	-5.8	-14.8	-22.8	-24.6	LHSpot	92.3	-4.0	-13.0	-20.6	-22.5
GC2Spot	1,758.4	-12.8	-15.7	-17.9	-18.3	GC2Spot	1,758.4	-13.1	-15.6	-16.2	-15.6
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W2Spot	755.3	13.3	16.2	15.0	13.5	W2Spot	755.3	13.4	16.5	16.1	15.0
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#### Thematic/Active ETFs



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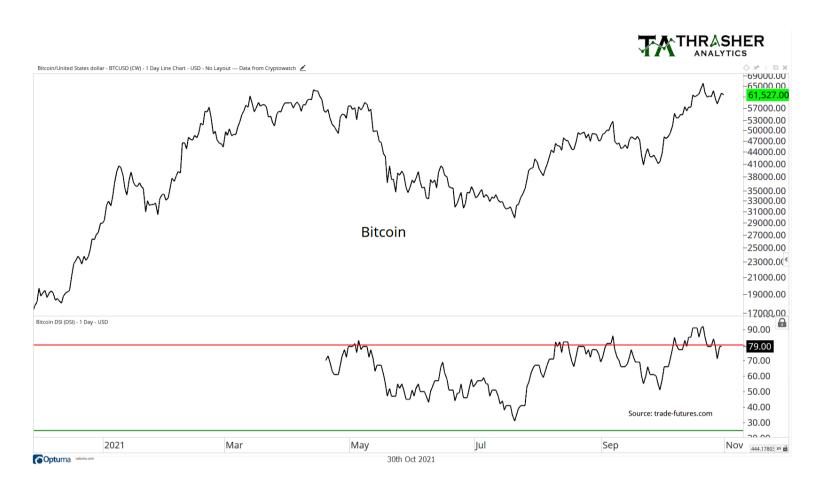
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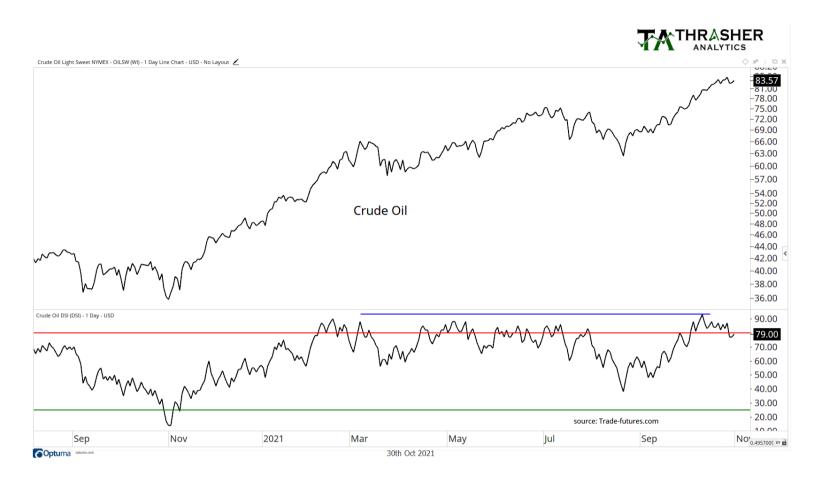




















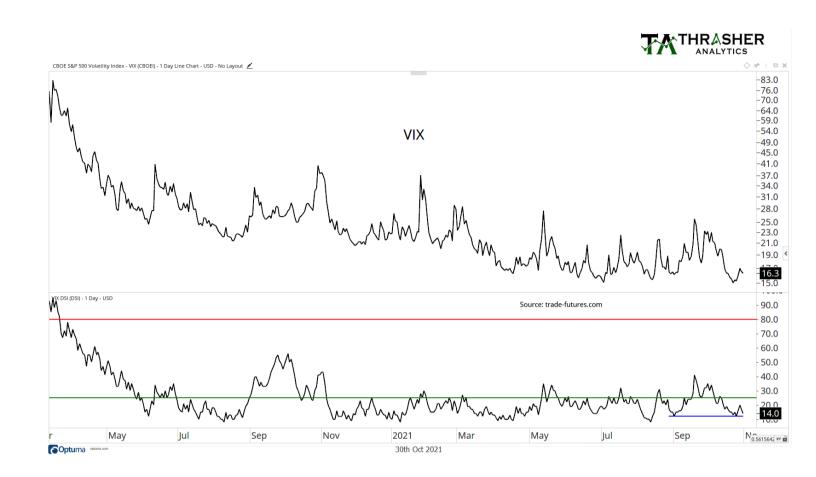






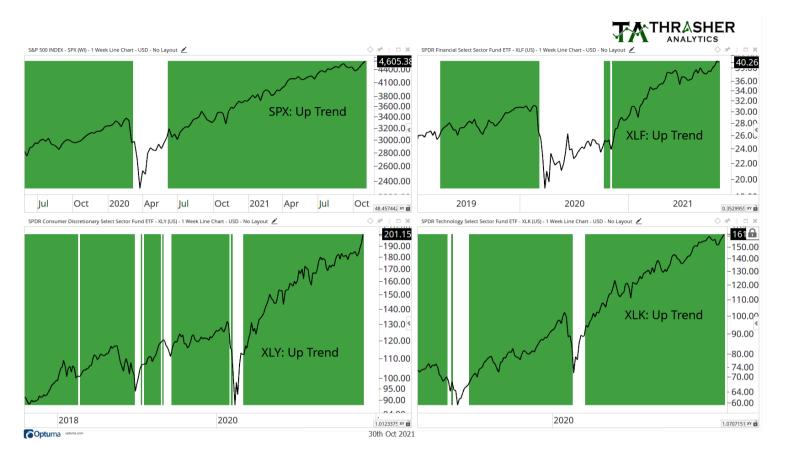






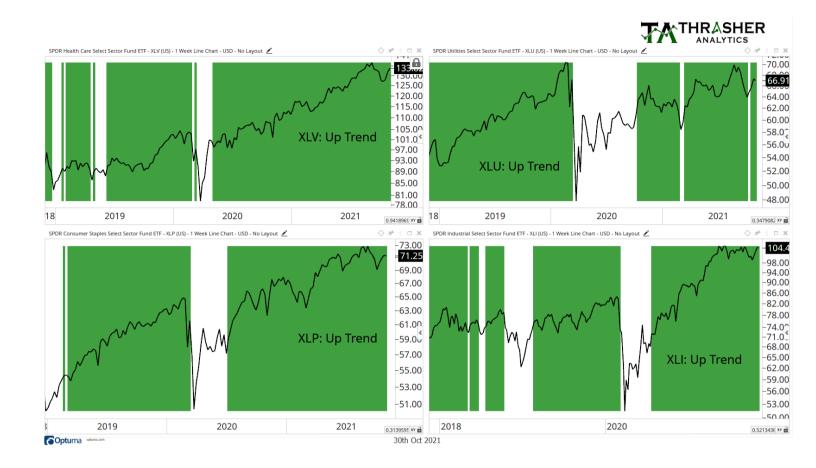
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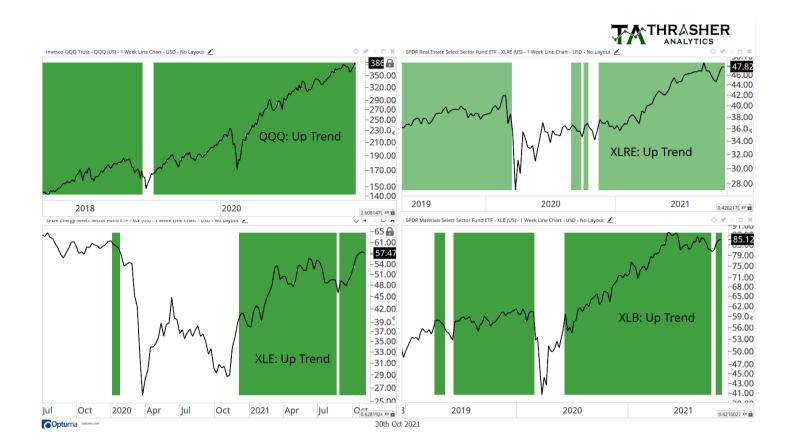
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