

A Look Into 2022 With Asbury Research

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About Asbury Research *Who We Are*

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John has 40 years of experience and insight in analyzing and forecasting global financial markets. John spent the first half of his career on the trading floor of the Chicago futures exchanges, where he had the opportunity to learn how the US financial markets work from the inside out. This practical experience, early in his career, became the foundation for his unique analytical approach, is, understanding of intermarket relationships, and global perspective. John incorporates a comprehensive blend of technical and quantitative metrics, plus Asbury Research's own proprietary models, which collectively tend to be more intuitive and forward-looking than the typical Wall Street approach.

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John has throughout his career been consistently recognized as a top U.S. financial market analyst and was awarded the **Chartered Market Technician (CMT)** designation in 1999. He served as Vice President of the CMT Association from 2004 to 2006 and was a member of its Board of Directors from 2002-2006. During his career he has been a trader, analyst, and strategist for **Shearson American Express**, **NatWest Markets**, **Greenwich Capital Markets**, and **Deutsche Bank**.

About Asbury Research

What We Do

We utilize decades of investment experience and our own **proprietary models** to provide clients and subscribers with **forward-looking**, actionable market intelligence and investment ideas.

Our approach is purely data driven and focused on finding patterns and signals contained in our own very large and broad database of market information. These signals, hidden behind the daily talking points we hear about in the financial media, typically lead important changes in the direction of financial asset prices.

Our metrics and methodology help our subscribers become more successful investors by identifying:

- when it's time to be aggressive and fully invested (Risk On),
- when it's time to be defensive and protecting capital (Risk Off),
- what parts of the US financial landscape are performing best,
- which sectors, industry groups, and individual stocks to buy,
- where the opportunities in global stock markets exist, and
- where the best opportunities exist in a broad array of ETFs.

About Asbury Research

How We Do It

The Metrics We Use To Forecast Financial Asset Prices

- Price, trend, and chart patterns
- Our Correction Protection Model (CPM)
- Global intermarket relationships
- Our Asbury Momentum & Asbury Value stock/ETF selection models
- Our Asbury 6 key market internals
- Market volatility
- Investor sentiment
- Seasonality
- Relative performance
- Investor asset flows
- Sector rotation
- Size (Small, Mid, or Large Cap) & Style (Growth or Value)
- Industry group selection

A Review Of Our July 29th 2021 Webinar for Fidelity Investments

• U.S. Stock Market: Our Tactical bias in the benchmark S&P 500 (SPX) is bullish amid a Risk On / Positive status in our Tactical models (Correction Protection Model, Asbury 6). Moreover, unmet upside price targets suggest the potential for an additional 10% to 15% rise in Semiconductors.

The S&P 500 subsequently rose by another 3% into the September highs and by 7% into the late November highs. Meanwhile, the PHLX Semiconductor Index rose by 22% while outperforming SPX by 11%.

• Sector & Industry Group Performance: The latest data in multiple time frames (via our SEAF Model) show a continued trend of investor asset inflows into Technology.

The Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK) subsequently rose by 15% while outperforming the S&P 500 by 7%.

• Style - Growth vs Value: The S&P 500 Growth ETF (SPYG) began a Strategic trend of relative outperformance versus the S&P 500 ETF (SPY) on June 10th.

Growth (SPYG) subsequently rose by an additional 12% while outperforming Value stocks by 9%.

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1) Executive Summary: January 12th, 2022

- U.S. Stock Market: The benchmark S&P 500 begins the new year at yet another Tactical (monthly) decision point. Four key US indexes or key stocks (SOX, RUT, DJIA, and COMP, and GOOG) are all currently testing critical underlying support levels amid a tenuous Risk On/Positive status in our Tactical models (Correction Protection Model, Asbury 6). Together they indicate this is precisely where the 2021 US stock market advance should resume if it's still intact. However, the market's lack of leadership continues to warn of its vulnerability as traditional leaders Semis, Technology, Small Cap plus mega-cap stocks Microsoft (MSFT), Alphabet (GOOG), and Amazon (AMZN) are all underperforming the S&P 500 on a Strategic (quarterly) basis. In addition, the late January/February period is historically weak (remember the S&P 500's 35% collapse in 2020). Investors/managers may consider reducing market exposure/risk should these critical support levels fail and our Tactical models shift to Risk Off/Negative.
- Size: Large Cap stocks' Nov 18th trend of Strategic relative outperformance versus the S&P 1500 remains intact but is currently being tested. *Strategic decision point*.
- **Style: Value** stocks are in an emerging Jan 4th trend of Strategic relative outperformance versus the S&P 500, replacing the October 2021 trend of outperformance by Growth.

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2) Executive Summary: January 12th, 2022

- Cross Asset: The most significant relative performance trends are currently Large Cap stocks over Small Cap, and US Stocks over both Developed and Emerging Markets.
- Global Relative Performance: Through last week, 6 of the 24 foreign markets that our US vs. The World model tracks are now outperforming the S&P 500 on a Strategic (quarterly) basis, and 18 are outperforming on a Tactical (monthly) basis.
- Sector & Industry Group Performance: Our SEAF Model indicates new trends of inflows into Financials and Energy, and a new trend of outflows from Technology.
- US Interest Rates: The yield of the benchmark 10-Year Treasury Note's recent rise above 1.70% clear the way for a potentially quick move to 2.05%.

Price & Trend (1): Semis, Technology Testing Critical Support Levels



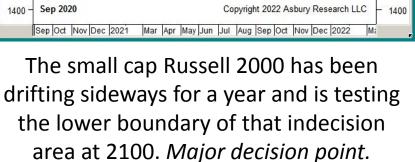


The PHLX Semiconductor Index remains locked in November sideways indecision but just tested the lower boundary of 3677 on Monday. *Key decision point*.

The broad Tech NASDAQ Composite is simultaneously testing major support at its 200-day MA. A decline below it would trigger at least another 4% decline to 14,175.

Price & Trend (2): RUT Also Testing Support, Dow Breakout Is Suspect







The blue chip Dow 30's Dec 27th breakout from indecision targets a 6% rise to 38,400 but that breakout Is being tested. Failure to rally here could become a top. 2

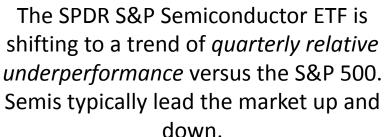
Price & Trend (3): Failed December Breakout Warns Of Emerging Correction



The benchmark SPX's failed late December breakout and 3rd collapse below the 50-day MA in a month indicate weakness. Failure to *quickly* get back above the 50-day MA would likely trigger an additional 3% decline to 4530, and perhaps a 6% decline to test major support near 4400.

Relative Performance (1): Semis & Large Cap Tech Are Underperforming







The large cap Tech NASDAQ 100, another market leader, has shifted to a trend of annual relative underperformance versus the S&P 500.

Relative Performance (2): Small Cap Underperforms, Blue Chips Outperform



The small cap iShares Russell 2000 ETF has been *underperforming* the S&P 500 on a quarterly basis since Nov 17th. Note that the index is also rolling over (upper panel).

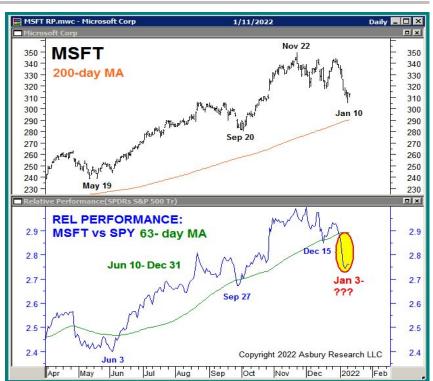


The blue chip Dow 30 is starting to outperform the S&P 500 on a quarterly basis, a defensive shift that is typical in a weakening or declining stock market.

Influential Stocks (1): AAPL At Relative Decision Point, MSFT Underperforms



Apple, #1 in market cap, is testing its Sep 2020 and Jan 2021 peaks in relative outperformance versus the S&P 500. Important Strategic inflection point.



Microsoft, #2 in market cap, is in the midst of a new trend of Strategic relative underperformance versus the S&P 500.

Negative Strategic market factor.

Influential Stocks (2): GOOG, AMZN Also Strategic Underperformers



Alphabet, #3 in market cap, is testing major support at 2677 but has been underperforming the S&P 500 on a Strategic basis since Nov 19th.



Amazon, #4 in market cap, is starting to roll over on an outright basis and has been underperforming the S&P 500 overall since July 2020.

Asbury's Correction Protection Model (CPM)

Wealth Preservation: When To Be Invested

CPM is designed to:

- protect investor assets during market declines,
- eliminate large drawdowns, and
- reduce volatility in portfolios by moving assets out of the market during adverse conditions

We have recently tested **three different ways to trade CPM** to more specifically meet the needs of different types of investors with different needs and risk appetites.

- **CPM via SPY:** For older or more risk-focused investors that want to or need to participate in the stock market but are uncomfortable with the amount of risk.
- **CPM via SSO:** For those willing to accept a little more risk for the potential of producing better-than-average returns, while still keeping beta low.
- **CPM via UPRO:** For those willing to accept significant additional risk for the potential of exception returns.

Asbury's Correction Protection Model (CPM)

3 Ways To Utilize CPM Based On Risk Appetite

| Non-Leveraged CPM v S&P 500: Performance Measures Since 2011 | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------|------------|--|
| Category | CPM Standard | S&P 500 | Difference | |
| Total return | 184.3% | 249.5% | -65.2% | |
| Annualized total return | 10.4% | 12.5% | -2.2% | |
| Max drawdown | -15.0% | -33.9% | 18.9% | |
| Risk (standard deviation) | 8.4% | 13.3% | 4.9% | |
| Sharpe ratio | 1.16 | 0.92 | 0.24 | |
| Sortino ratio | 2.47 | 1.61 | 0.86 | |
| Alpha | 3.65 | -2.02 | 5.67 | |
| Beta | 0.43 | 1.00 | -0.57 | |
| Up capture ratio | 0.59 | 0.94 | -0.35 | |
| Down capture ratio | 0.45 | 1.05 | -0.60 | |

| Category | CPM w/ SSO | S&P 500 | Difference |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Total return | 453.7% | 269.5% | 184.2% |
| Annualized total return | 17.1% | 12.8% | 4.3% |
| Max drawdown | -29.5% | -33.9% | 4.4% |
| Risk (standard deviation) | 16.9% | 13.4% | 3.5% |
| Sharpe ratio | 0.99 | 0.93 | 0.06 |
| Sortino ratio | 2.06 | 1.63 | 0.43 |
| Alpha * | 4.60 | -2.00 | 6.60 |
| Beta * | 0.85 | 1.00 | 0.15 |
| Up capture ratio * | 1.06 | 0.94 | 0.12 |
| Down capture ratio * | 0.97 | 1.05 | -0.08 |

| 3x Leveraged CPM v | CPM v S&P 500: Performance Measures Since 2011 | | |
|---------------------------|--|---------|------------|
| Category | CPM Aggressive | S&P 500 | Difference |
| Total return | 1114.3% | 249.5% | 864.8% |
| Annualized total return | 26.6% | 12.5% | 14.0% |
| Max drawdown | -41.6% | -33.9% | -7.7% |
| Risk (standard deviation) | 25.6% | 13.3% | 12.3% |
| Sharpe ratio | 1.03 | 0.92 | 0.11 |
| Sortino ratio | 2.21 | 1.61 | 0.60 |
| Alpha * | 0.08 | -0.02 | 0.10 |
| Beta * | 1.29 | 1.00 | 0.29 |
| Up capture ratio * | 1.61 | 0.94 | 0.67 |
| Down capture ratio * | 1.45 | 1.05 | 0.40 |

Asbury's Correction Protection Model (CPM)

Wealth Preservation: "Risk On" As Of December 15th

About CPM

- The Correction Protection Model (CPM) is our own **proprietary defensive model** for the S&P 500. It is **quantitative**, **objective**, **and data driven**.
- CPM is binary: it is either Risk On or Risk Off.
- CPM is not a returns-driven model, but rather a wealth preservation tool. It was designed to protect investor assets during potentially dangerous market conditions while also taking advantage of the market's historical upward bias.
- We use CPM as a key indication of when to increase market exposure (Risk On) and when to be risk-averse (Risk Off).

CPM Since Q4 2019

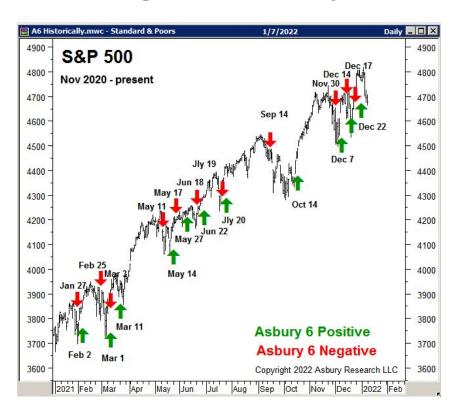


Risk Management: When To Be Invested

The Asbury 6:

- the monthly rate of change in the S&P 500
 - the relative performance of equity prices versus high yield bond prices,
 - investor asset flows
 - corporate bond spreads
 - trading volume
 - market breadth

"A6" Signals Since July 2021



Risk Management: Positive Since December 22nd

| "ASBURY 6" INTERNAL MAR | KEI WEI KICS IN | rougn 1/11/2022 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| METRIC | POSITIVE AS OF: | NEGATIVE AS OF: |
| Rate Of Change: SPX | 1/10/2022 | 1-1111111111111111111111111111111111111 |
| Rel Performance: Stocks v HiYld Bonds | 12/22/2021 | |
| Investor Asset Flows: SPY | 12/7/2021 | |
| Corporate Bond Spreads | 1/11/2022 | |
| Trading Volume: SPX | er contitues a | 12/16/2021 |
| Market Breadth: NYSE | 12/23/2021 | |
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Four or more metrics in one direction, either Positive (green) or Negative (red), indicate a tactical bias.

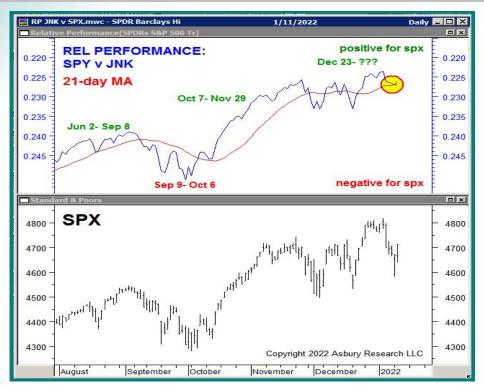
When all Asbury 6 are positive, market internals are the most conducive to adding risk to portfolios. Each negative reading adds an additional element of risk to participating in existing or new investment ideas.

Momentum: Near Term Positive



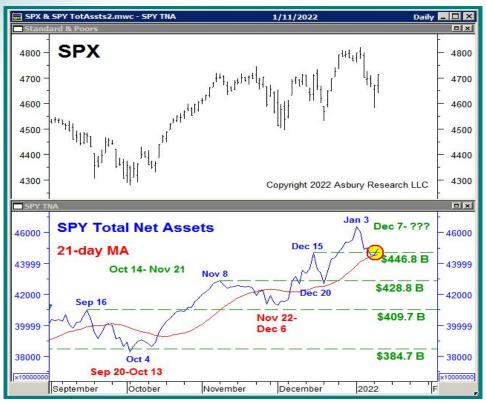
SPX's 1-month rate of change (MROC) is Positive, but at a *Tactical decision point* from which it could identify a new trend *either up or down*.

Relative Performance: Near Term Positive



The S&P 500 (SPY) resumed its October trend of *monthly relative outperformance* versus the SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF (JNK) on Dec 23rd, but *that trend is suspect*. *Tactical decision point*. Relative outperformance by equities versus junk bonds has historically coincided with Tactical US market advances.

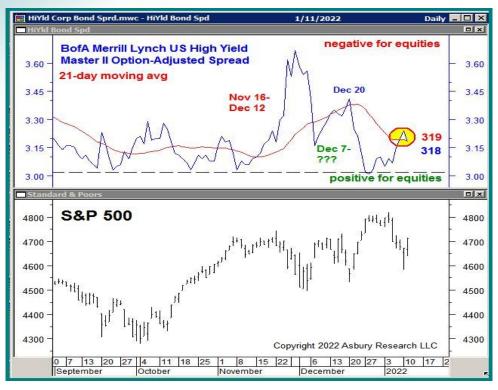
ETF Asset Flows: Near Term Positive



The total net assets invested in the SPDR S&P 500 ETF have been in a trend of *monthly* expansion since Dec 7th. Monthly expansion in these assets is characteristic of broad market advances. However, this trend is currently being tested. Tactical decision point.

Watch the \$446.8 billion level.

Corporate Bond Spreads: Near Term Positive



High yield corporate bonds have been in a trend of *monthly narrowing* since Dec 7th, indicating *near term bond market complacency* that has historically coincided with stock market strength. However, *this trend is being tested* and could be on the verge of changing. *Another Tactical decision point*.

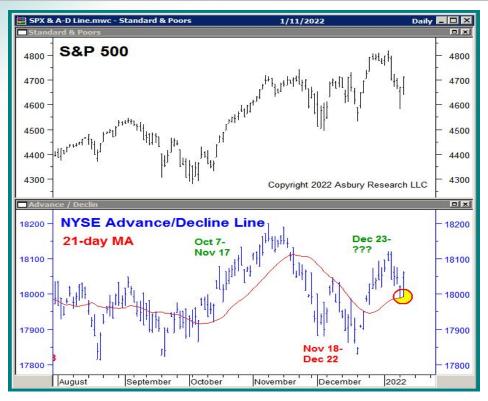
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Volume: Near Term Negative



On Balance Volume (OBV) has been below its 21-day moving average since Nov 30th, indicating a trend of *monthly contraction* that is characteristic of Tactical broad market declines.

Market Breadth: Near Term Positive



The NYSE Composite's A/D line has been above its 21-day MA since Dec 23rd, indicating a monthly trend of strengthening market breadth that is characteristic of Tactical broad market advances. However, this trend is being tested and could be on the verge of changing. Yet another Tactical decision point.

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Volatility: Turning Near Term Negative



The CBOE Volatility Index is edging above its 21-day MA, indicating an emerging monthly trend of increasing investor fear that – *should it continue* – would likely trigger a US broad market decline. However, a sustained rise above 24.00 would be necessary to indicate enough investor fear to facilitate a significant market correction.

Asset Flows: Near Term Negative



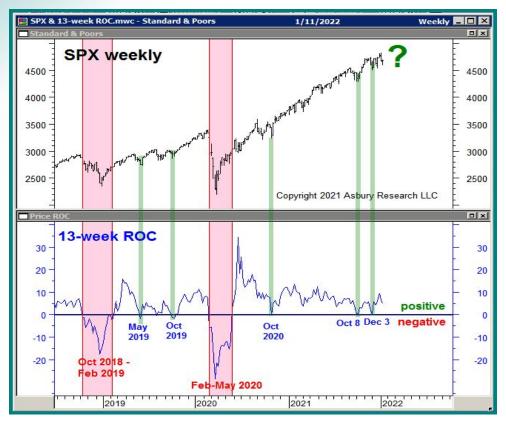
The daily total net assets invested in the Invesco QQQ ETF, which tracks the NASDAQ 100 (NDX), declined below their 21-day MA on Jan 5th to indicate a new trend of monthly contraction that is characteristic of Tactical declines in Technology stocks. As long as this trend remains intact, Tech is likely to continue weakening.

Options Volume: Intermediate Term Positive



The ratio of price premiums in calls options versus put options is at a low extreme which, as a contrary indicator, has previously coincided with the most important Strategic bottoms in the S&P 500 over the past year. *Strategic decision point*.

Strategic Momentum: Intermediate Term Positive



The 13-week (quarterly) rate of change in the S&P 500 has been positive since June 2020, and most recently tested and held its zero line on Dec 3rd to suggest a potential Strategic buying opportunity.

Stocks vs Bonds: Intermediate Term Positive



The SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY) is in the midst of an Oct 7th trend of quarterly *relative outperformance* versus the iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF (AGG). Quarterly outperformance by stocks versus bonds has historically been positive for US equities. Note that the Dec 20th test of this trend marked a Strategic bottom in the S&P 500.

Market Breadth: Near Term Positive, Intermediate Term Negative



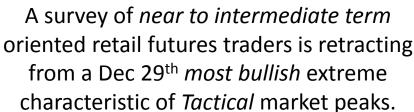
The percentage of NYSE stocks trading above their 40-day MA are rebounding from weak extremes that have previously coincided with *Tactical market bottoms*.



The percentage of NYSE stocks trading above their 200-day MA continues to decline from December 2020 high extremes near 73%, indicating steadily weakening market breadth throughout 2021. 30

Investor Sentiment: Near Term Negative, Intermediate Term Positive

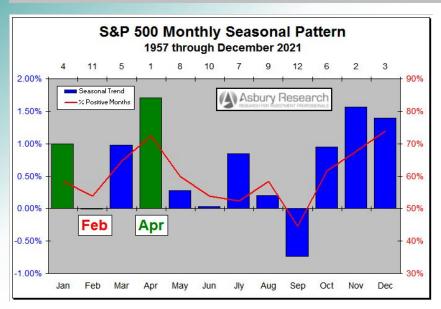


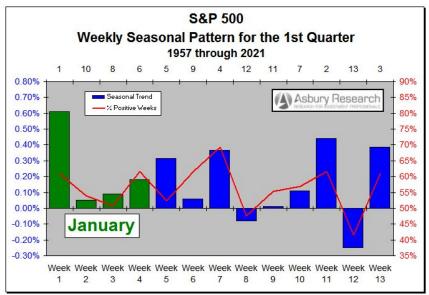




However, a survey of *intermediate to long* term oriented newsletter writers is reversing from late December *least bullish* extremes characteristic of *Strategic* market bottoms.

Seasonality: Near Term Negative, Intermediate Term Positive

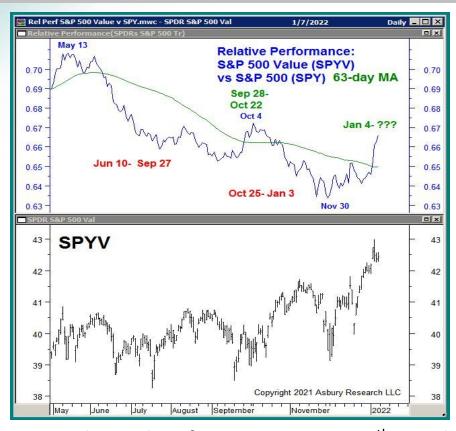




This annual chart shows that January and April are the 4th and 1st seasonally strongest months of the year, but are interrupted by the 2nd weakest month of the year, February.

This quarterly chart shows that the first week of January is the seasonally strongest of the entire 1st Quarter, and that sporadic weakness immediately follows and extends into March.

Style: Value Begins New Strategic Outperformance Trend



The S&P 500 Value ETF is in the midst of an emerging Jan 4th trend of Strategic relative outperformance versus the S&P 500, replacing the previous October 18th trend of outperformance by Growth (SPYG).

Size: Large Cap's November Outperformance Trend Being Tested



The SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 ETF (Large Cap) is testing its Nov 18th trend of Strategic relative outperformance versus the SPDR Portfolio S&P 1500 Composite Stock Market ETF while SPLG tests its 53.38 Sep 2nd high for the third time since December.

Strategic decision point.

Cross Asset Investing

The CARP (Cross Asset Relative Performance) Model

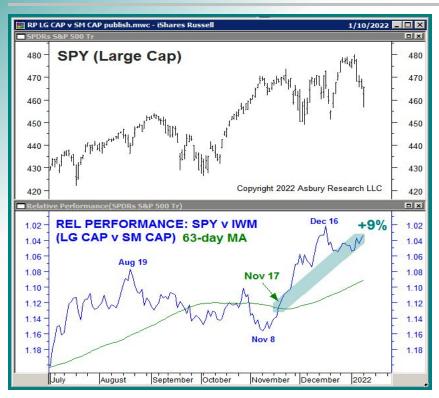
| Asset Comparison | Tickers | Trading (weekly) | Cinco | Tactical (monthly) | | u January 7th, 2022 Strategic (quarterly) | |
|---|--------------|------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|--|--------|
| | lickers | rrading (weekly) | Silice | racucal (monuny) | Since | Strategic (quarterly) | Silice |
| Equities | | | | | | | |
| US Stocks or Bonds | SPY vs AGG | BONDS | 1/5 | STOCKS | 2/22 | STOCKS | 10/14 |
| High Beta or Low Volatility Stocks | SPHB vs SPLV | LOW VOL | 1/5 | HIGH BETA | 1/6 | LOW VOL | 11/26 |
| Large Cap or Small Cap | SPY vs IWM | LARGE CAP | 1/5 | LARGE CAP | 1/5 | LARGE CAP | 11/17 |
| S&P 500 (Broad Market) or Dow 30 (Blue Chips) | SPY vs DIA | DOW 30 | 12/29 | DOW 30 | 1/4 | DOW 30 | 1/5 |
| S&P 500 (Broad Market) or NASDAQ 100 (Tech) | SPY vs QQQ | S&P 500 | 12/29 | S&P 500 | 12/3 | S&P 500 | 12/31 |
| Growth or Value Stocks (Russell 1000) | IWF vs IWD | VALUE | 12/29 | VALUE | 12/28 | VALUE | 1/4 |
| US or Developed Markets | SPY vs VEA | DEVELOPED | 12/31 | DEVELOPED | 1/5 | US | 9/24 |
| US or Emerging Markets | SPY vs VWO | EMERGING | 12/30 | EMERGING | 1/7 | US | 10/21 |
| Fixed Income | | | | | | | |
| Govt or Corporate Bond Prices | GOVT v LQD | CORPORATE | 1/7 | GOVERNMENT | 12/31 | GOVERNMENT | 12/29 |
| High Yld or Corporate Bond Prices | HYG vs LQD | HIGH YIELD | 1/3 | HIGH YIELD | 12/8 | HIGH YIELD | 12/21 |
| Short Term or Long Term Bond Prices | SCHO vs TLT | SHORT TERM | 12/21 | SHORT TERM | 12/20 | SHORT TERM | 1/3 |

The table above highlights which segments of the US financial market are outperforming in both equities and fixed income. The green highlights identify changes in trend, and the date they occurred, in 3 different time frames:

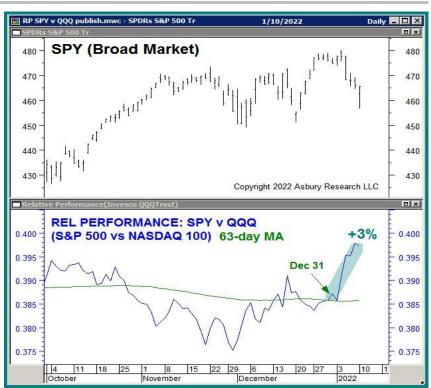
- TRADING (weekly, yellow column), the most sensitive to changes in relative market direction
- TACTICAL (monthly, blue column), which we use to enter or exit an investment strategy
- STRATEGIC (quarterly, red column), which we use to identify intermediate term opportunity.

Cross Asset Investing

Large Cap Outperforming Small Cap, Broad Market Outperforming Tech



The SPDR S&P 500 ETF (Large Cap) has outperformed the iShares Russell 2000 ETF (Small Cap) by 9% since Nov 17th.



The SPDR S&P 500 ETF (Broad Market) began a trend of Strategic relative outperformance versus the Invesco QQQ ETF (Tech) on Dec 31st.

Global Equity Investing

The US vs. The World Model

| S&P 500 (SPY) vs: | Ticker | Trading (weekly) | Since | Tactical (monthly) | Since | Strategic (quarterly) | Since |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Chile | ECH | CHILE | 12/27 | CHILE | 1/6 | US | 11/26 |
| New Zealand | ENZL | NEW ZEALAND | 12/30 | NEW ZEALAND | 1/5 | US | 10/21 |
| Peru | EPU | PERU | 12/17 | PERU | 12/23 | PERU | 1/4 |
| Australia | EWA | AUSTRALIA | 1/7 | AUSTRALIA | 1/7 | US | 10/29 |
| Hong Kong | EWH | HONG KONG | 1/4 | HONG KONG | 1/7 | US | 6/1 |
| <u>ltaly</u> | EWI | ITALY | 12/31 | ITALY | 1/3 | US | 11/2 |
| <u>Japan</u> | EWJ | US | 1/4 | US | 1/6 | US | 10/6 |
| Switzerland | EWL | SWITZERLAND | 1/7 | SWITZERLAND | 12/1 | SWITZERLAND | 12/8 |
| Malaysia | EWM | MALAYSIA | 12/17 | MALAYSIA | 12/30 | US | 10/28 |
| Spain | EWP | SPAIN | 12/16 | SPAIN | 12/23 | US | 10/14 |
| France | EWQ | FRANCE | 12/31 | FRANCE | 1/3 | FRANCE | 1/7 |
| Singapore | EWS | SINGAPORE | 1/6 | SINGAPORE | 1/7 | US | 10/29 |
| Taiwan | EWT | US | 1/7 | TAIWAN | 1/4 | TAIWAN | 12/29 |
| United Kingdom | EWU | UNITED KINGDOM | 1/4 | UNITED KINGDOM | 1/4 | UNITED KINGDOM | 1/7 |
| Mexico | EWW | MEXICO | 12/30 | MEXICO | 12/14 | MEXICO | 1/5 |
| South Korea | EWY | SOUTH KOREA | 1/7 | US | 12/20 | US | 2/24 |
| Brazil | EWZ | BRAZIL | 1/7 | US | 12/13 | US | 7/16 |
| MSCI EMU (Eurozone) Index | EZU | EUROZONE | 1/3 | EUROZONE | 1/3 | US | 9/24 |
| India | INDA | INDIA | 12/29 | INDIA | 1/4 | US | 10/28 |
| China | MCHI | CHINA | 1/7 | US | 10/26 | US | 10/2 |
| Russia | RSX | RUSSIA | 1/7 | US | 10/27 | US | 11/10 |
| Thailand | THD | THAILAND | 12/30 | THAILAND | 12/30 | US | 10/26 |
| Vanguard FTSE Pacific ETF | VPL | PACIFIC | 1/4 | US | 12/20 | US | 10/1 |
| Vanguard Emerging Mkts ETF | VWO | EMERGING | 12/30 | EMERGING | 1/7 | US | 10/2 |

Through last week, 6 of the 24 foreign markets that our model tracks are now outperforming the S&P 500 on a Strategic (quarterly) basis and 18 are outperforming on a Tactical (monthly) basis.

US Market Sectors: SEAF Model

Following The Money In US Market Sectors

| Sector (Symbol) | As of 1-6-2022 | Trading (weekly) | Tactical (monthly) | Strategic (quarterly) |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| FINANCIALS (XLF) | 17.1% | since 12/30 | since 1/6 | 18.3% |
| ENERGY (XLE) | 10.3% | since 1/6 | since 1/6 | 11.4% |
| TECHNOLOGY (XLK) | 20.6% | since 1/6 | since 1/6 | 19.1% |
| UTILITIES (XLU) | 5.2% | 5.1% | 5.4% | 5.2% |
| INDUSTRIALS (XLI) | 6.9% | 6.8% | 7.1% | since 12/16 |
| CONSUMER STAPLES (XLP) | 5.4% | 5.2% | 4.9% | 5.1% |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (XLY) | 9.4% | 9.3% | since 12/30 | 8.7% |
| HEALTH CARE (XLV) | 14.1% | since 1/6 | 13.3% | since 1/6 |
| MATERIALS (XLB) | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.3% |
| REAL ESTATE (XLRE) | 2.3% | 2.4% | 2.2% | since 1/6 |
| COMMUNICATION SERVICES (XLC) | 5.6% | 5.6% | 5.7% | since 12/2 |

The latest data in multiple time frames indicate **new trends of inflows into**Financials and Energy (both since 1/6). This is where the money is currently going in the sector space.

The latest data also indicate a **new trend of outflows from Technology** (since 1/6). **This is where the money is coming from.**

US Market Sectors: SEAF Model

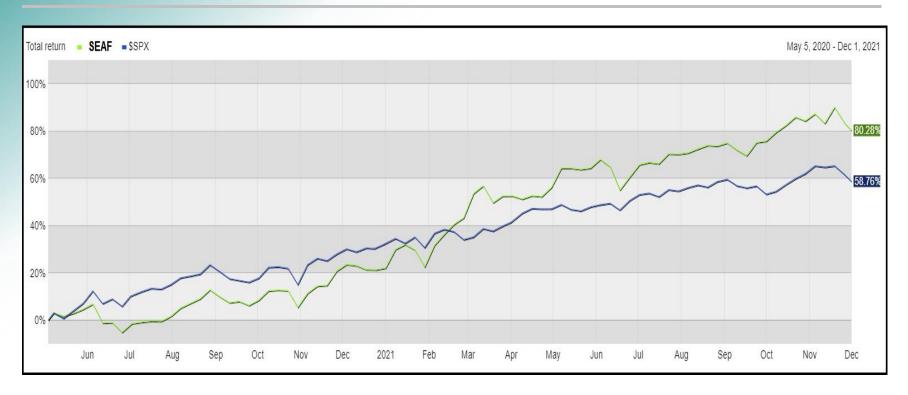
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| Category | SEAF Model | S&P 500 (SPY) |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Total return | 80.3% | 58.8% |
| Annualized total return | 45.3% | 34.0% |
| Max drawdown | 12.1% | 9.6% |
| Risk (standard deviation) | 20.0% | 14.0% |
| Alpha | 12.5% | -1.5% |
| Beta | 0.93% | 1.00% |
| Up capture ratio | 1.15% | 0.97% |
| Down capture ratio | 0.62% | 1.05% |

- Has a significantly higher total return (see chart below) and annualized total return
- with just a slightly higher **drawdown** and **risk**.
- Has a **significantly higher alpha** (excess return) and a **lower beta** (systematic risk).
- Has both a significantly *higher* <u>up capture ratio</u> (gains in up markets) *and* significantly *lower* <u>down capture ratio</u> (losses in down markets).

US Market Sectors: SEAF Model

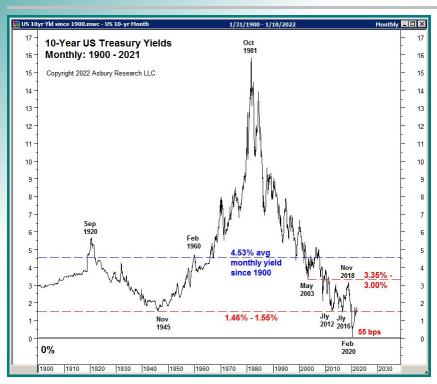
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This chart plots the daily performance of the SEAF Model vs. the S&P 500, in terms of percentage return, since May 2020.

US Interest Rates

Benchmark 10-Year Note Yields Break 1.70%, 2.05% Next?



This 120-year monthly chart shows that US 10-Year Treasury yields are testing a multi-generational inflection point at 1.55% to 1.46%.

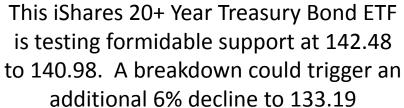


This 10-year weekly chart shows that these yields rose above formidable yield resistance at 1.70%, which clears the way for a potentially quick move to 2.05%

US Interest Rates

ETF Asset Flows Indicate Conviction In Rising Long Term Rates





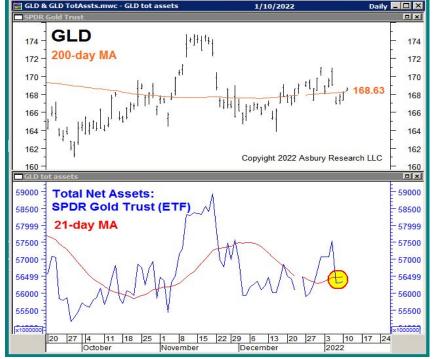


Monthly asset expansion in the ProShares
Short 20+ Year Treasury (TBF), which trends
inversely to TLT, represents Tactical
conviction that TLT is headed lower as long
term US interest rates rise.

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Gold
Flirting With A New Tactical Advance, But Not There Yet





The SPDR Gold Shares ETF is in the midst of a Jun 2021 trend of *Strategic relative* underperformance vs. the S&P 500, but that trend is currently being tested.

A trend of monthly asset expansion in GLD would be necessary to indicate there is bullish conviction in gold to fuel a new Tactical advance. *It's not there yet.*



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