

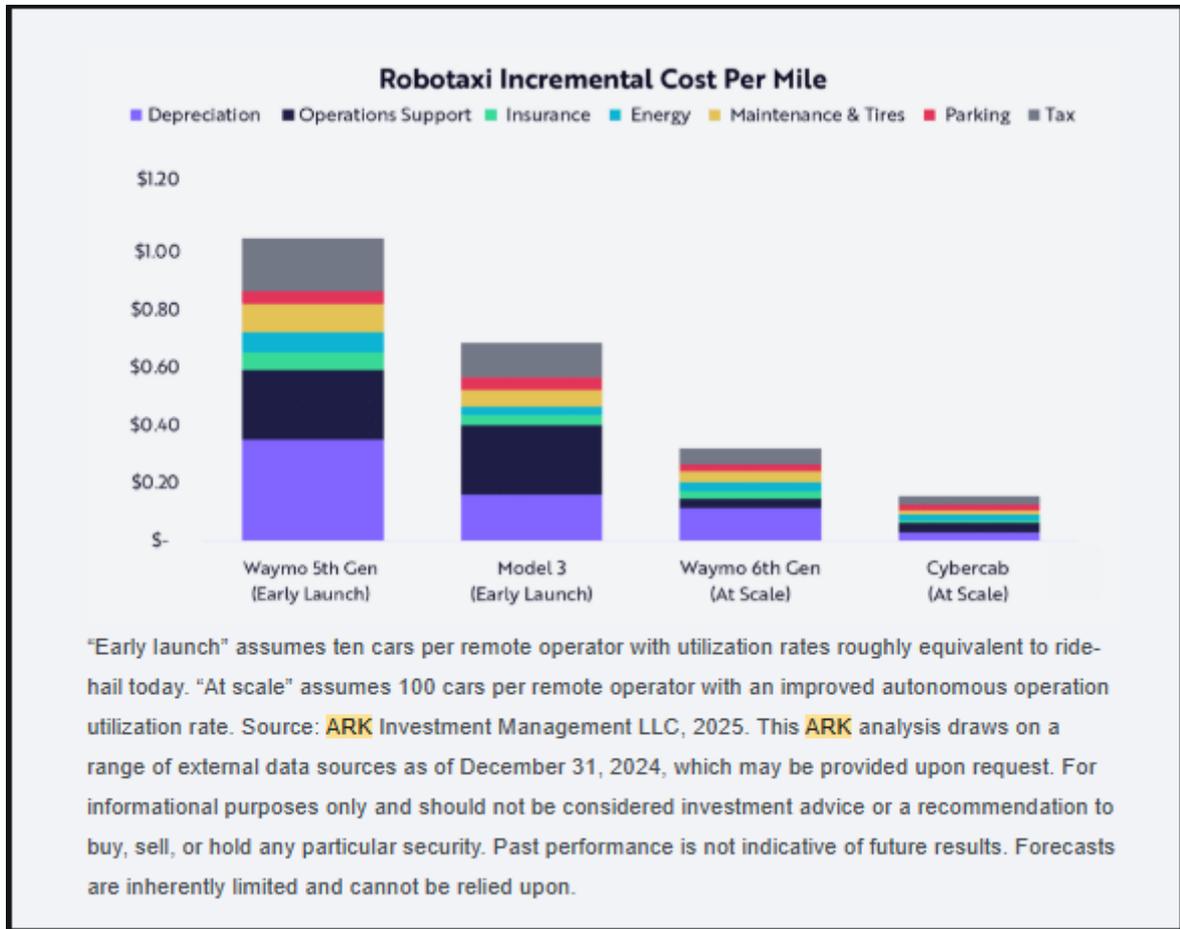


Robotaxi Race: Tesla is Behind the Curve

Tesla's robotaxi service, tentatively set to launch June 22, 2025, lags behind Waymo's established operations, which deliver 250,000 weekly rides across multiple U.S. cities. Elon Musk's cautious approach, driven by safety concerns, has delayed the rollout of Tesla's robotaxi service. However, Tesla's long-term strategy could position it to overtake competitors.

Waymo, backed by Alphabet's \$5 billion investment, relies on LiDAR and high-definition mapping. Tesla, by contrast, uses a vision-only system with cameras, aiming for a 30-40% cost-per-mile advantage, according to ARK Invest. This efficiency and Tesla's vertical integration seek to drive scalability. Superior scalability could result in the robotaxi service representing 90% of Tesla's enterprise value by 2029 per ARK's projections.

Tesla's initial launch will be modest, using 10-20 Model Ys in a geofenced Austin area with remote supervision, resembling Waymo's early steps. Critics note that Tesla's full self-driving system faces regulatory scrutiny, and its safety data trails Waymo's. Yet, Bloomberg notes Tesla's 3 billion miles of FSD data could fuel rapid improvements, especially if regulations loosen. While Waymo leads in operational experience, Tesla's cost-driven model could disrupt the market. The June launch, though small, is a critical step. If Tesla refines FSD and scales efficiently, it could transform from a latecomer to a leader in the robotaxi race. However, a new risk to the success of Tesla's robotaxi service has emerged this year: Musk's public image.



What To Watch Today

Earnings

Tuesday Jun 17	EPS	Consensus	Previous	Revenue	Consensus	Previous	MarketCap	Fiscal	Time
Jabil Circuit JBL.US	2.29	1.89		7.03B	6.8B		\$17.07B	Q3	AM ★ 🔔
La-Z-Boy LZB.US	0.98	0.95		558.21M	554M		\$1.62B	Q4	PM ★ 🔔

Economy

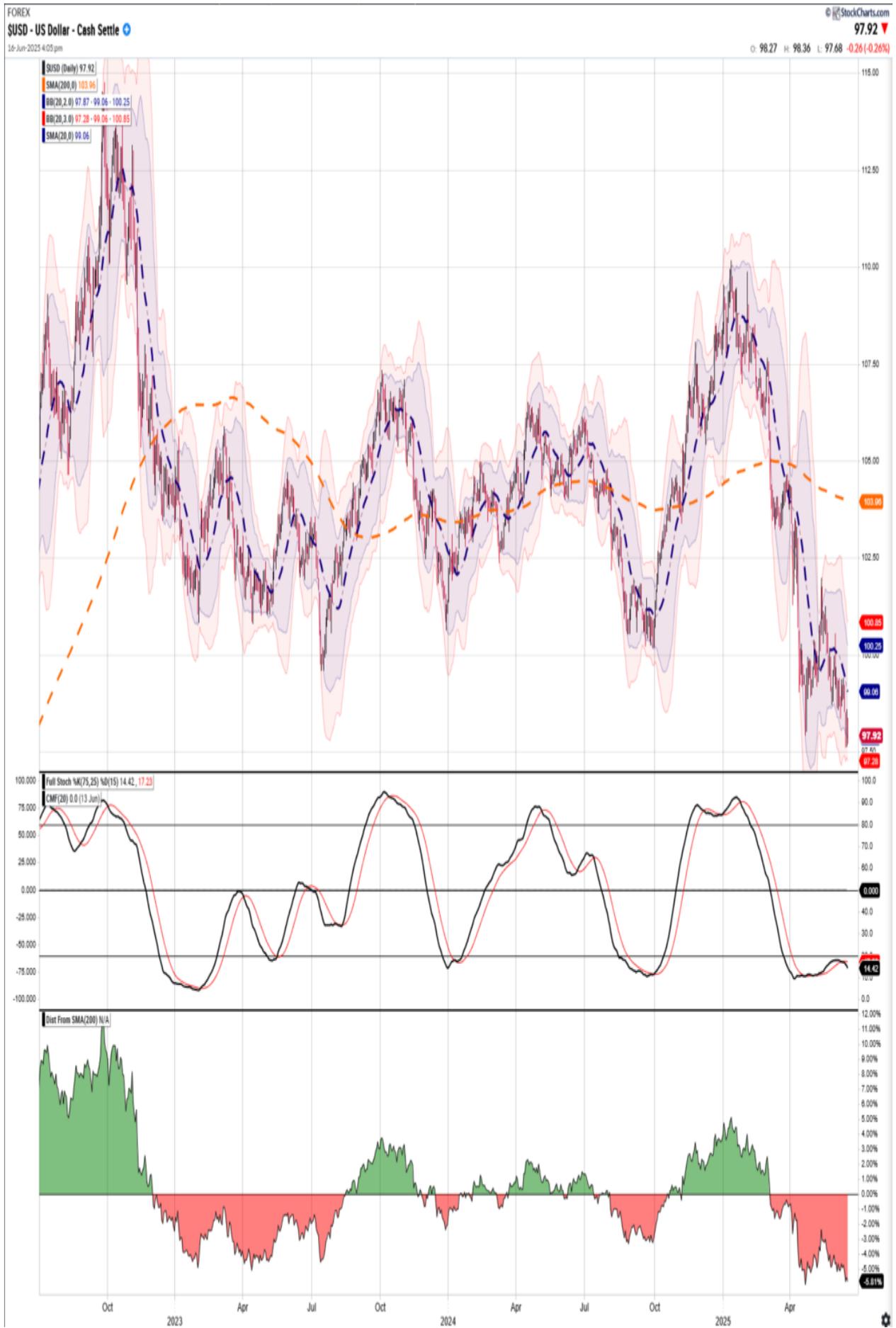
Tuesday June 17 2025			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:30 AM	US	Retail Sales MoM MAY		0.1%	-0.7%	-0.4%	
07:30 AM	US	Export Prices MoM MAY		0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	
07:30 AM	US	Import Prices MoM MAY		0.1%	-0.2%	0.1%	
07:30 AM	US	Retail Sales Control Group MoM MAY		-0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	
07:30 AM	US	Retail Sales Ex Autos MoM MAY		0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
07:30 AM	US	Export Prices YoY MAY		2%		1.7%	
07:30 AM	US	Import Prices YoY MAY		0.1%		0.2%	
07:30 AM	US	Retail Sales Ex Gas/Autos MoM MAY		0.2%		0.2%	
07:30 AM	US	Retail Sales YoY MAY		5.2%		4.9%	
07:55 AM	US	Redbook YoY JUN14		4.7%			
08:15 AM	US	Industrial Production MoM MAY		0%	0.1%	0.1%	
08:15 AM	US	Capacity Utilization MAY		77.7%	77.7%	77.7%	
08:15 AM	US	Industrial Production YoY MAY		1.5%		1.1%	
08:15 AM	US	Manufacturing Production MoM MAY		-0.4%	0.1%	-0.1%	
08:15 AM	US	Manufacturing Production YoY MAY		1.2%		0.9%	
09:00 AM	US	Business Inventories MoM APR		0.1%	0%	0.2%	
09:00 AM	US	NAHB Housing Market Index JUN		34	36	37	
09:00 AM	US	Retail Inventories Ex Autos MoM APR		0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	

Market Trading Update

[Yesterday, we discussed](#) Friday's market selloff and the potential risk from the Israel-Iran conflict. Apparently, the market has already decided that it is no big deal and rallied sharply off the 20-DMA at yesterday's open. While the market had violated the rising trend line from the previous test of the 200-DMA, the pullback was just enough for *buy the dippers?* to step in. However, the market remains overbought on a short-term basis, and with buybacks starting to fade into earnings, there is a risk of an ongoing consolidation over the next few weeks.



However, the trade to watch is the USD. Every Wall Street firm's consensus trade is *short dollar*, and in Bob Farrell's famous words, *"when all experts agree, something else tends to happen."* As such, when the dollar deviates significantly below the 200-DMA and is oversold on many levels, it has historically marked a bottom. Such a combination of conditions has led to a significant counter-trend rally in the dollar. If that rally occurs, forcing shorts to cover, the rally could be pretty substantial.



A rally in the dollar could significantly impact various areas of the market as foreign inflows reverse to gain dollar exposure. While a weaker dollar supports dollar-denominated assets like

commodities, a strong dollar should provide a strong bid for Treasuries.

It is worth watching on the dollar as a significant trading opportunity is likely building there.

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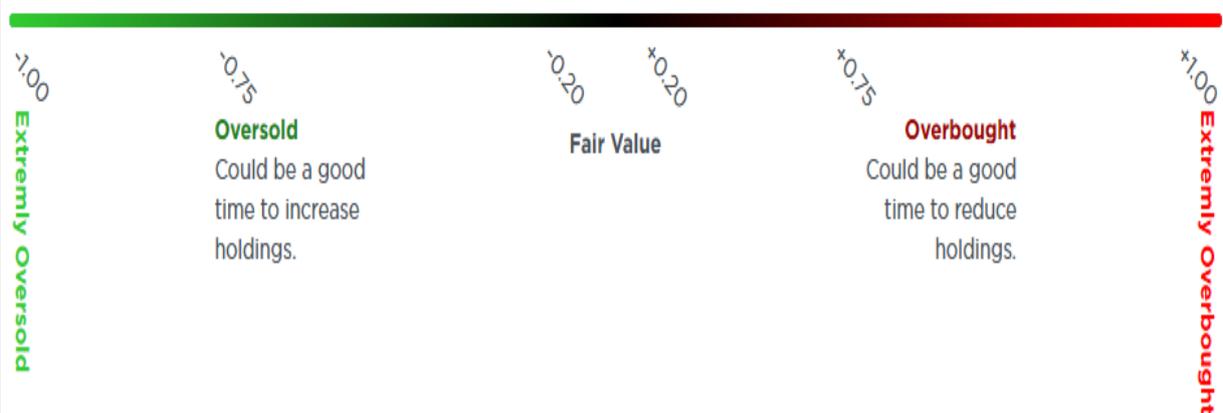
Geopolitical Conflict Boosts the Energy Sector

The outbreak of conflict between Israel and Iran last week boosted oil prices amid targeted attacks. The price of Brent Crude has since pulled back from its peak. Nonetheless, the increase boosted the energy sector compared to last week, when it was the most oversold sector versus the S&P 500. The table below from [SimpleVisor](#) shows that energy is now the second most overbought sector compared to the index. However, none of the sectors are particularly overbought on an absolute basis as the market recovers from last week's slight drawdown due to the conflict.

Sectors Analysis - Absolute and Relative Score (vs SPY)

Symbol Name	Top 10 Holdings	Absolute Score \updownarrow	Relative Score (vs SPY) \downarrow	Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
XLK Technology		0.31 \uparrow	0.43 \uparrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLE Energy		0.51 \uparrow	0.18 \uparrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLC Communication Services		0.40 \uparrow	0.17 \uparrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLI Industrials		0.23 \uparrow	0.06 \uparrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPY		0.17 \uparrow	0.00 \uparrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
XLU Utilities		0.24 \uparrow	-0.19 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLRE Real Estate		0.20 \uparrow	-0.22 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLY Consumer Discretionary		0.13 \uparrow	-0.29 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLB Materials		0.07 \uparrow	-0.30 \downarrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
XTN Transportation		-0.01 \downarrow	-0.30 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLV Health Care		-0.04 \downarrow	-0.32 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLP Consumer Staples		0.07 \uparrow	-0.42 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
XLF Financial		-0.01 \downarrow	-0.43 \downarrow	<input type="checkbox"/>

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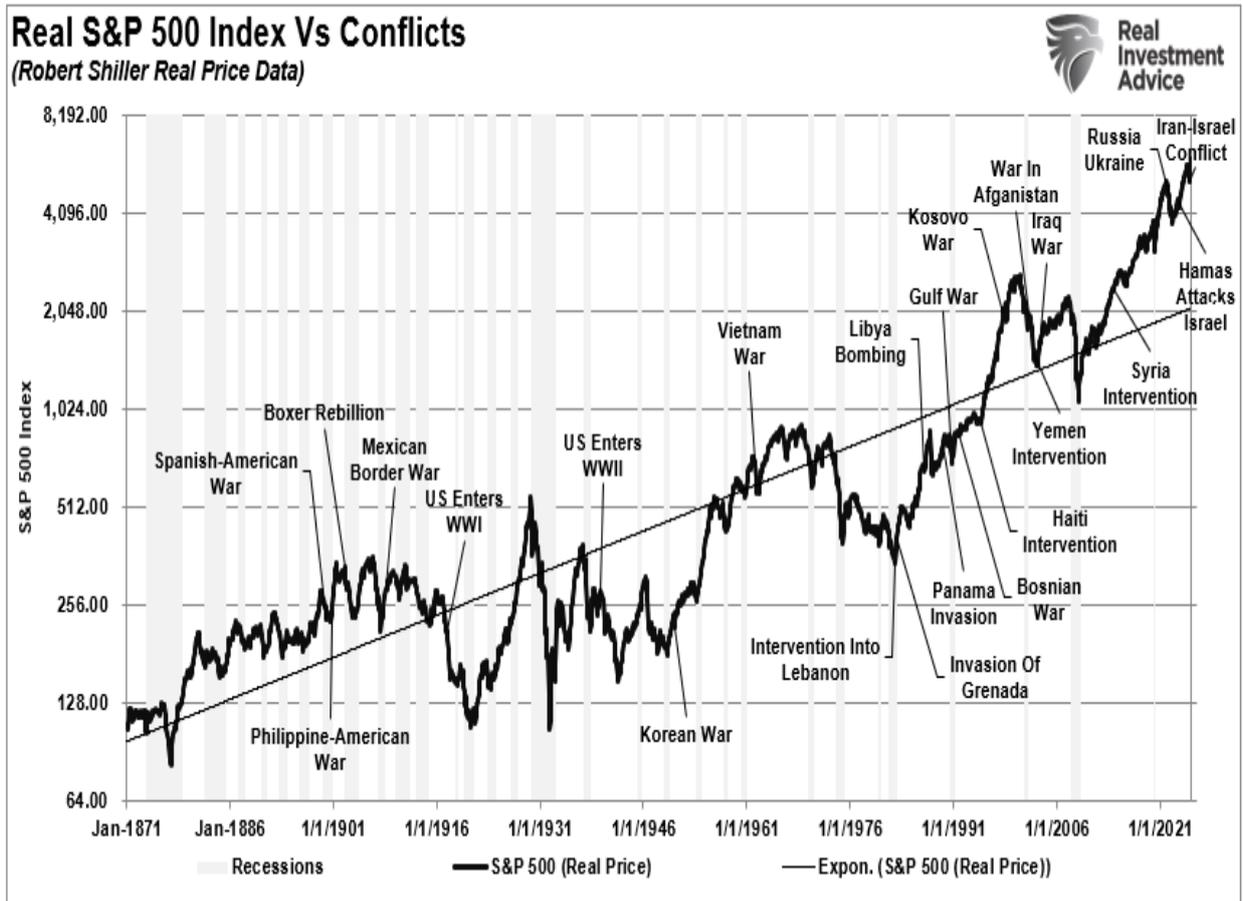


The Iran-Israel Conflict and The Likely Impact on The Market

The **Iran-Israel conflict** and equity markets are now in sharp focus. As direct strikes escalated in June 2025, global financial markets responded immediately. Israel's airstrikes on Iranian nuclear and energy infrastructure triggered retaliatory missile and drone attacks from Iran. The Dow dropped nearly 2%, the S&P 500 lost over 1%, and oil prices surged by more than 10% in a matter of days. Gold and the U.S. dollar rallied as investors moved into safe-haven assets.

With a holiday-shortened week ahead, the market will likely remain volatile as traders focus on real-time developments between the two countries. [As discussed last week,](#) the markets have had a stellar run from the *Liberation Day* lows and were overbought going into the news.

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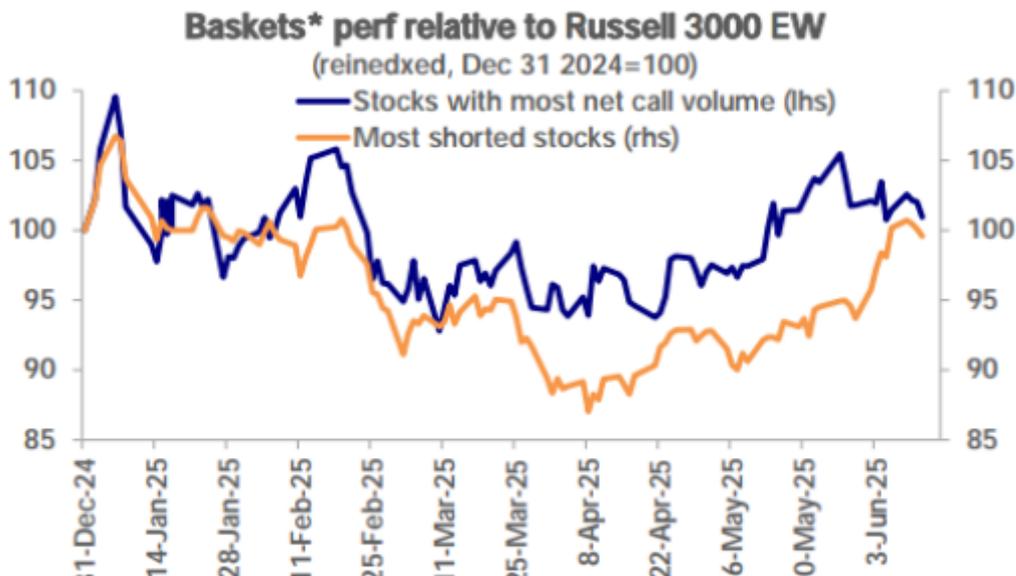
Tweet of the Day

DB: **A basket based on stocks with the highest net call volumes** (calls minus puts) in the previous week, a good proxy, in our view, for buying driven largely by risk appetite and momentum, had outperformed very strongly from mid-April to late May but **has stalled over the last 3 weeks**, after recouping the February peaks.

Meanwhile, **a basket of stocks with the highest short interest** had [also] been outperforming strongly until last week but **has also gone sideways relative to the market this week**, also after recouping the February peaks.

In our reading, **this suggests that buying driven by risk appetite and momentum on the long side as well as by short covering has begun to wane.**

F F: A basket of stocks with the most net call volume in the prior week as well as a basket of the most shorted stocks have stopped outperforming this week



* Equal weighted baskets of stocks 1) with the highest call volumes in the prior week and 2) that are most shorted going in; rebalanced weekly; data as of 12-Jun-2025

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