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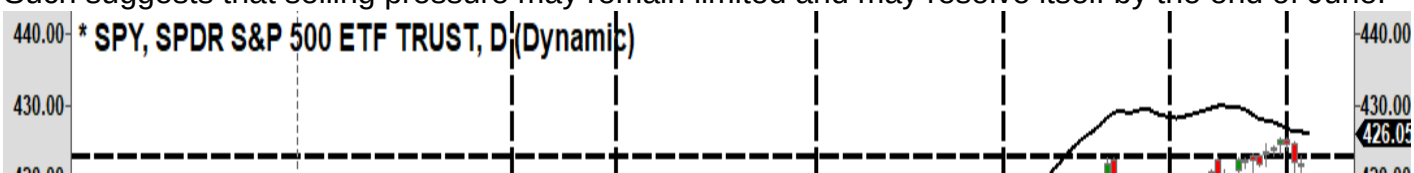
Market Fails At Highs As Fed Spooks Markets

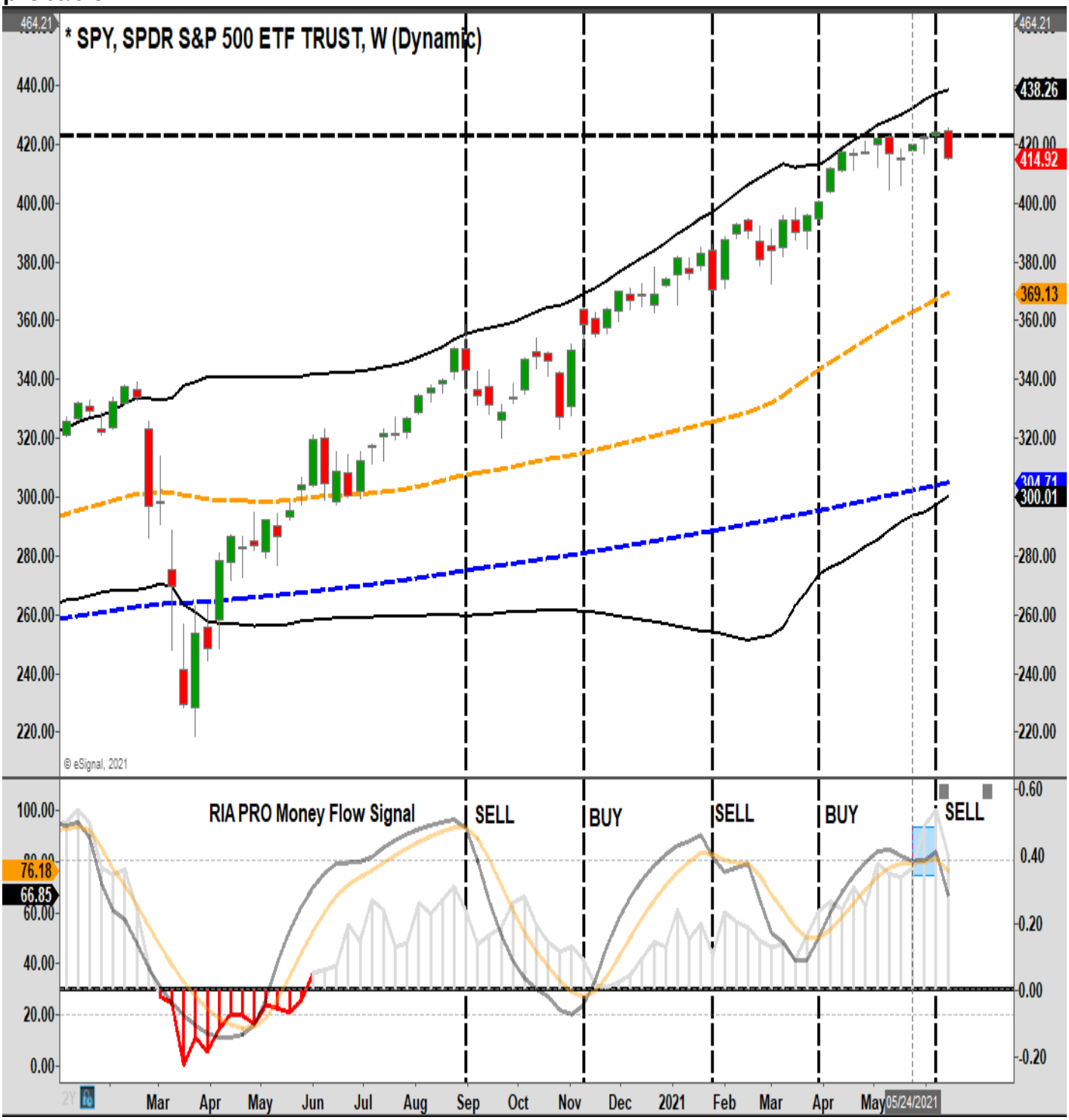
Last week, we reviewed our *"buy signals*" and the advance over the past month. As we concluded:

> ***"While the market did hit all-time highs this week, it was a feeble rally.*** *Such is not a sign of confidence the 'highs'&#2013266080;will stick."*

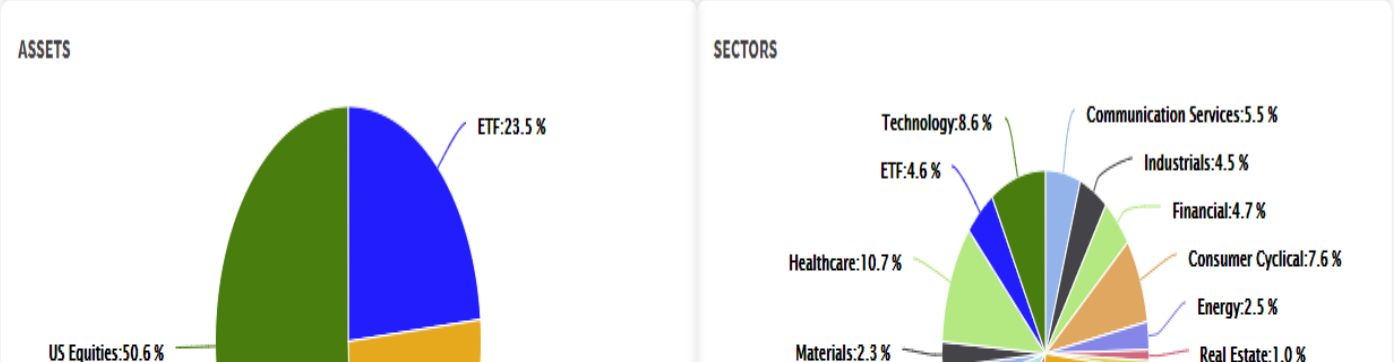
Well, not only did the highs not stick, but the 50-dma failed during Friday's sell-off. The market closing at its lows suggests we could see some more selling early next week. **The *"good news,"* if you want to call it that, is that the *"sell signal"* is moving quickly through its cycle.** Such suggests that selling pressure may remain limited and may resolve itself by the end of June.



The *"not-so-good"* news is on the weekly chart. Our previous discussions warned that if the daily and weekly *"sell signals"* align, such has often coincided with more *"corrective"* rather than *"consolidative"* actions. **Importantly, weekly signals are only valid at the close of the week. On Friday, the weekly *"sell signal"* triggered suggests a period of correction/consolidation is probable.**



As we noted several times over the last few weeks, we set our expectations for a 5-10% correction between mid-June and July. **With both signals triggered, we reduced our equity exposure and raised cash levels further.&#2013266080;**



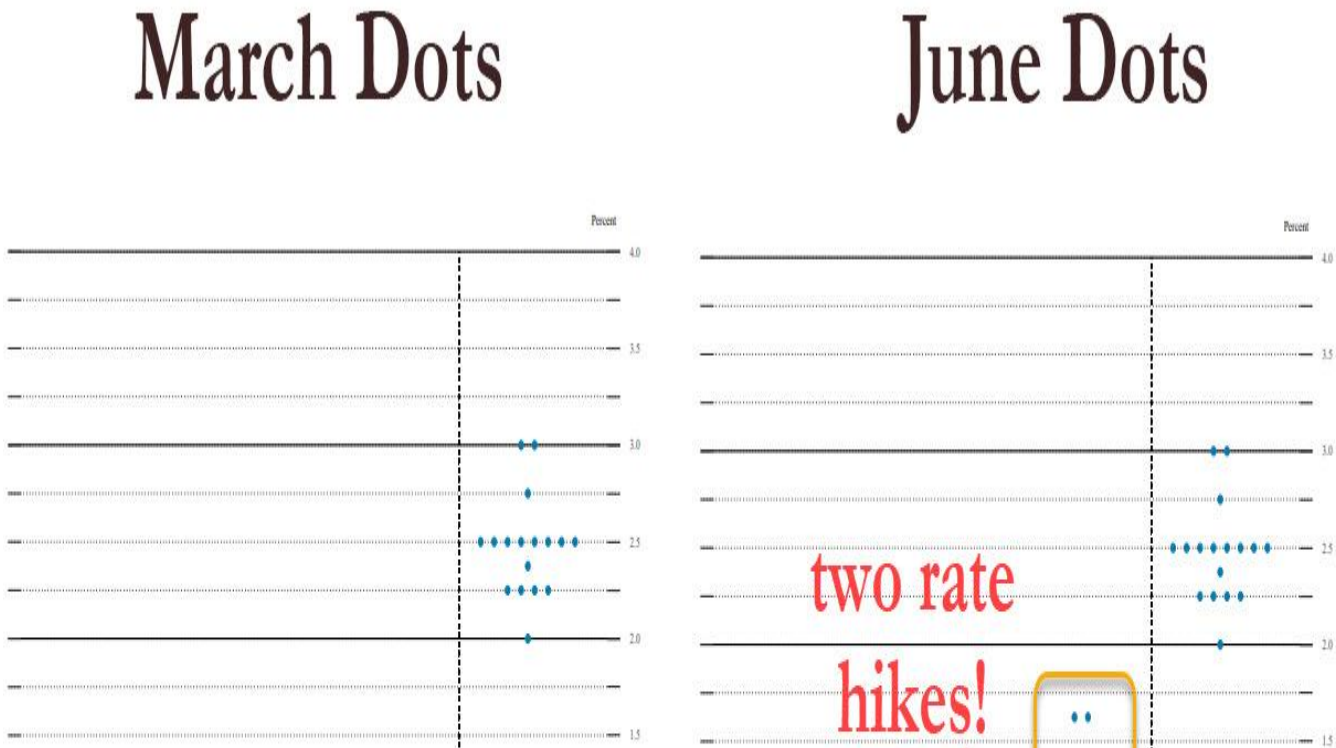
Let me reiterate what we said last week:

> *"For now, the bullish trend remains intact. Therefore, there is no need to get overly defensive at this juncture. However, being excessively complacent and not applying some risk management to portfolios will leave you flat-footed when the correction does come. There are plenty of warnings that suggest 'carrying an umbrella' may come in handy.*

This past week, the Fed's perceived change in policy stance allowed those with an *"umbrella"* to weather the sudden storm.

Will It Be Different This Time

Both Michael Lebowitz and I recently discussed the Fed starting to *"think about thinking about tapering."* This week's Fed meeting was a clear indication such was in play and will likely get announced at the annual Jackson Hole *"confab"* of Central Bankers. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9xzSGpPqpk As noted following the latest FOMC meeting, the Fed kept the benchmark rate and the pace of bond-buying unchanged at $120 Billion per month. However, the most significant shift was the more hawkish tilt to its rate forecasts. As shown below, courtesy of Zerohedge, the **median projections now show 2-rate hikes by end-2023. Notably, 7 of the FOMC members see a rate hike in 2022**. *Chart courtesy of Zerohedge*



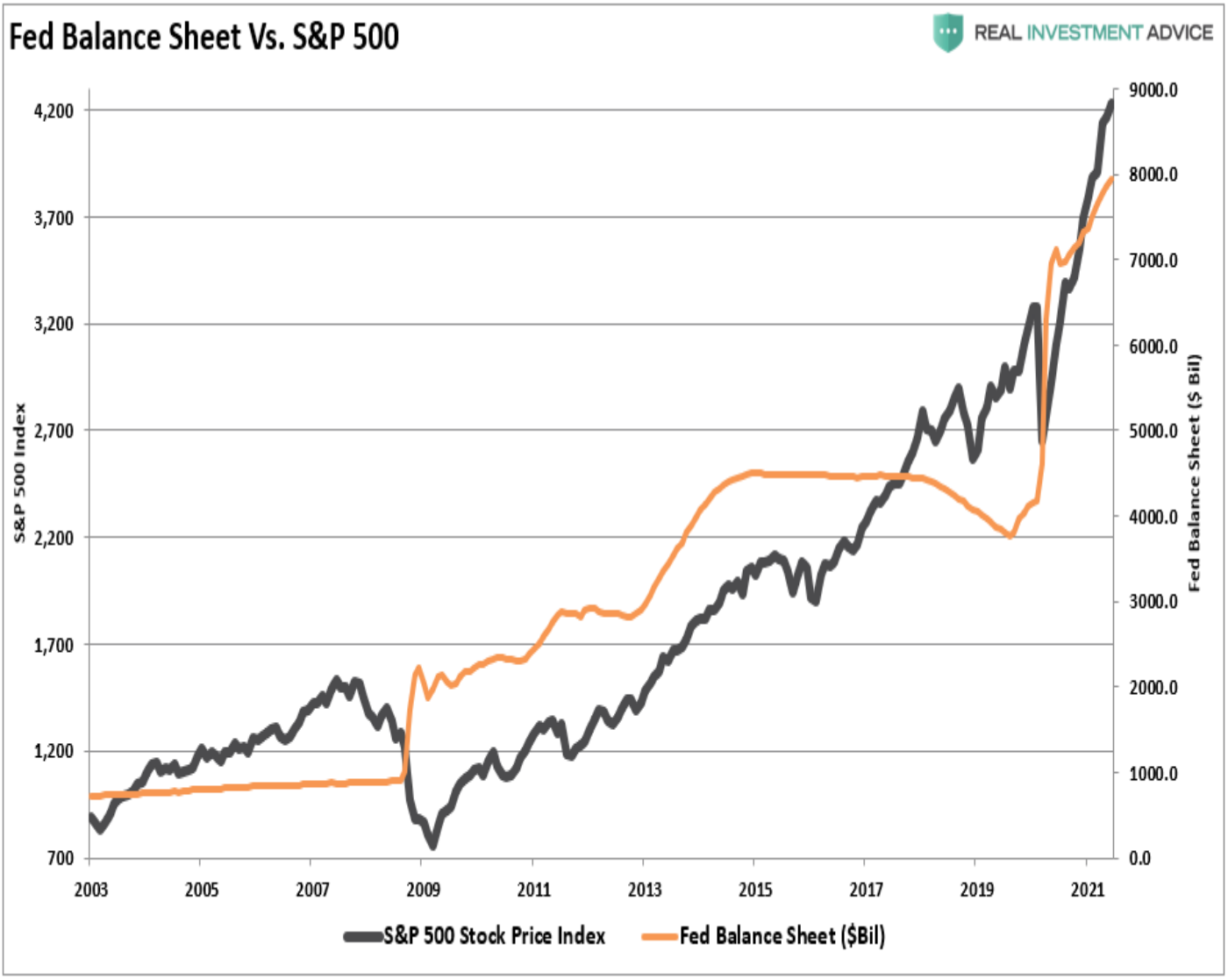
> *"For those confused by the Rorschach above, the 2023 median dot was a lot higher; in fact, only five members had rates unchanged up from 11 in March.* ***The median is now 0.625% higher than anyone was reasonably expecting!*** *That said, the sheer dispersion of dots in 2023 suggests the Fed doesn't really know what the outlook looks like. Rather, the 'median of 2 hikes' in 2023 a byproduct of a lot of different views (on hawkish/dovish side). Such is not a clear message to the markets, and can easily change as soon as there is a deflationary whiff in the economy." - Zerohedge*

There are two essential things to take away from that analysis.

1. **The announcement is very positive for the dollar and sets up the Fed to announce the beginning of the "taper" of the bond-buying programs; and,**
2. ***"This time is not different"*** **as the taper and eventual rate hikes are bond positive and stock negative.**

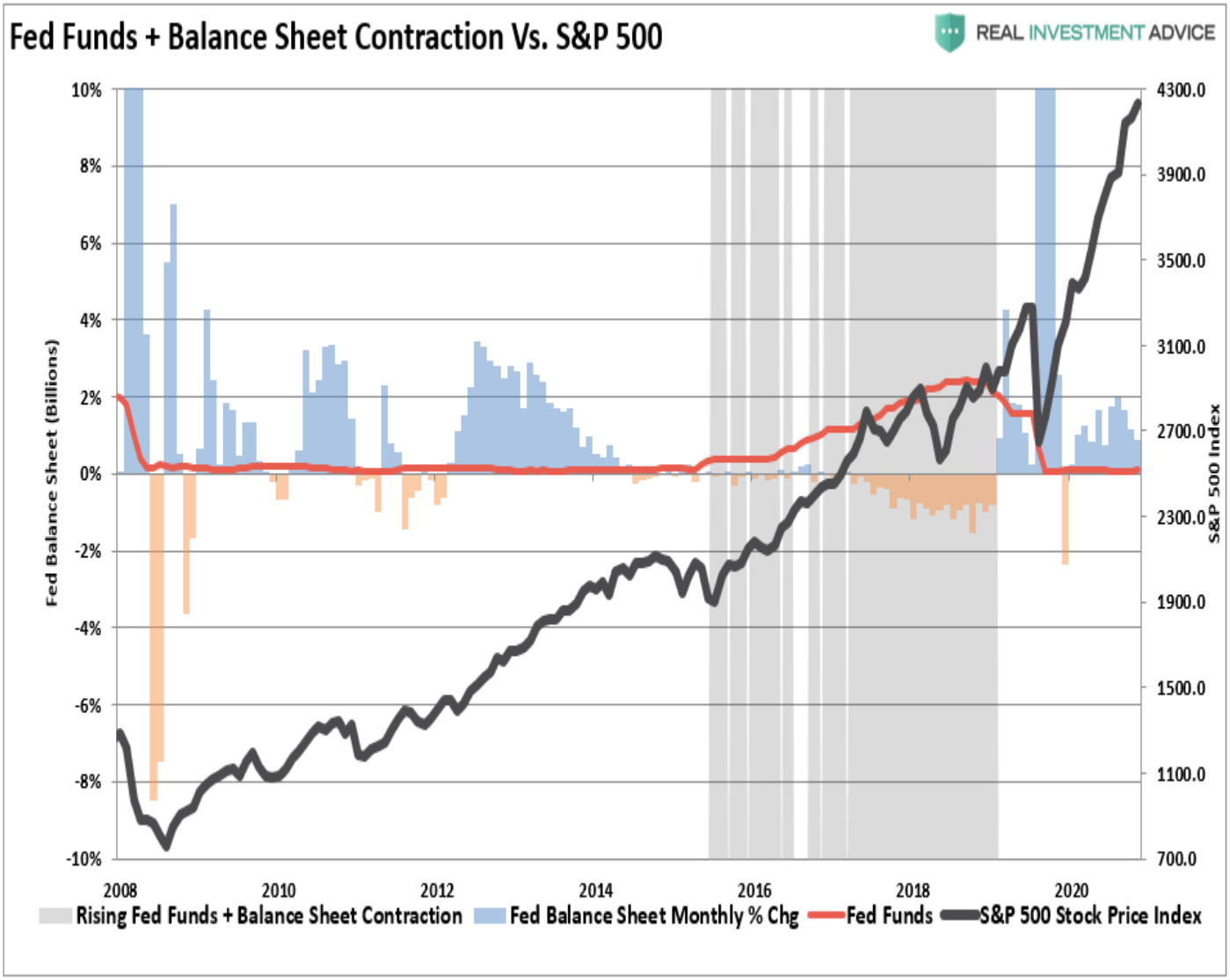
Taper Starts The Clock

Despite comments to the contrary, the correlation between the Fed?s balance sheet and the S&P 500 is evident. **Whether the correlation is due to liquidity moving into assets** through leverage or just the ***?psychology?&#2013266080;of the ?Fed Put,?***&#2013266080;the result is the same.



Therefore, it should also not be surprising that when the Fed starts *?tapering?* their bond purchases, the market tends to witness increased volatility. The grey shaded bars in the chart below show when the balance sheet is either flat or contracting.

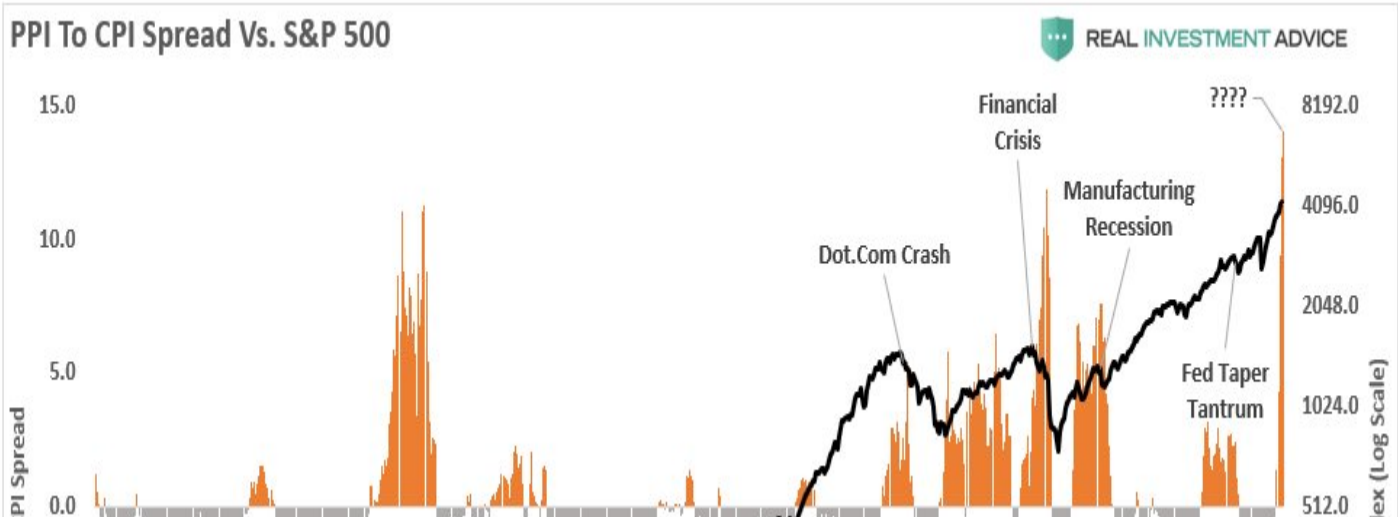
The risk of a market correction rises further when the Fed is both tapering its balance sheet and increasing the overnight lending rate. The negative impact of tighter monetary policy on asset prices is of no surprise.



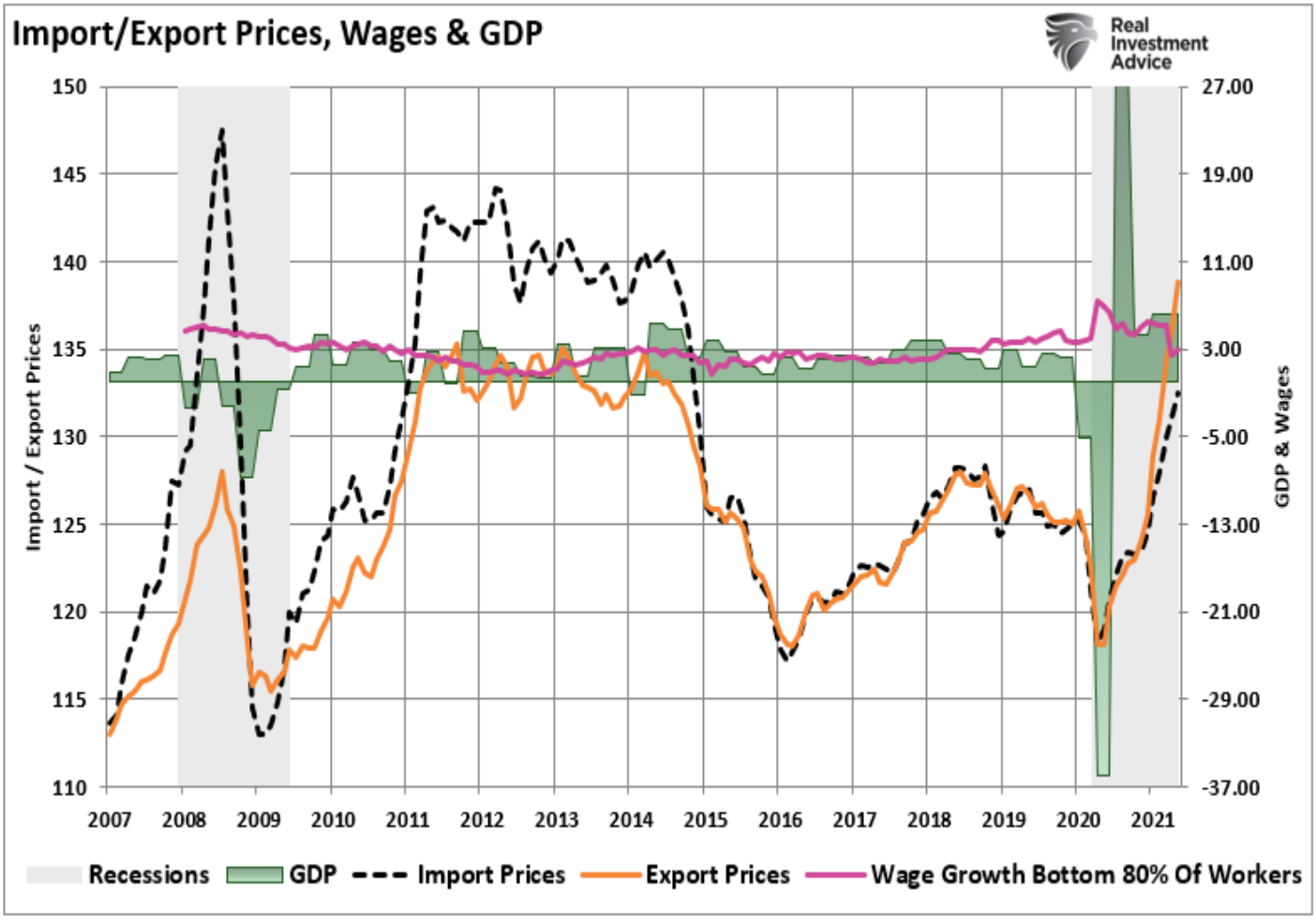
What we now know, after more than a decade of experience, is that when the Fed starts to slow or drain its monetary liquidity, the clock starts ticking to the next corrective cycle.

Inflation Is Surging But Will It Last

With the latest reports on prices, the inflation surge has become overwhelmingly visible. However, as discussed previously, the question we must answer is whether it will last? This past week, we saw both the CPI and PPI reports come in both now above their long-term trends. However, it is the annual rate of change with which we are most concerned. As shown below, the current spread between PPI and CPI hit another record.



Please pay attention to this spread as it shows producers cannot pass along inflation to their customers. Therefore, the retained inflation, and by this measure, a lot of it, will erode profit margins and earnings in the future. Import and export prices also show a strong surge relative to GDP growth. **While increased export prices are good for exporters *(~40% of corporate profits,)* increased import costs impede consumption and domestic production.** As such, it is not uncommon to see weaker economic growth following such episodes.



It is also worth noting that *"wages"* for the bottom 80% of workers continue to weaken despite the *"strong"* recovery. Such will make it very difficult for consumers to absorb higher costs and continue to consume at current levels.

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Written by Lance Roberts | Jun 18, 2021

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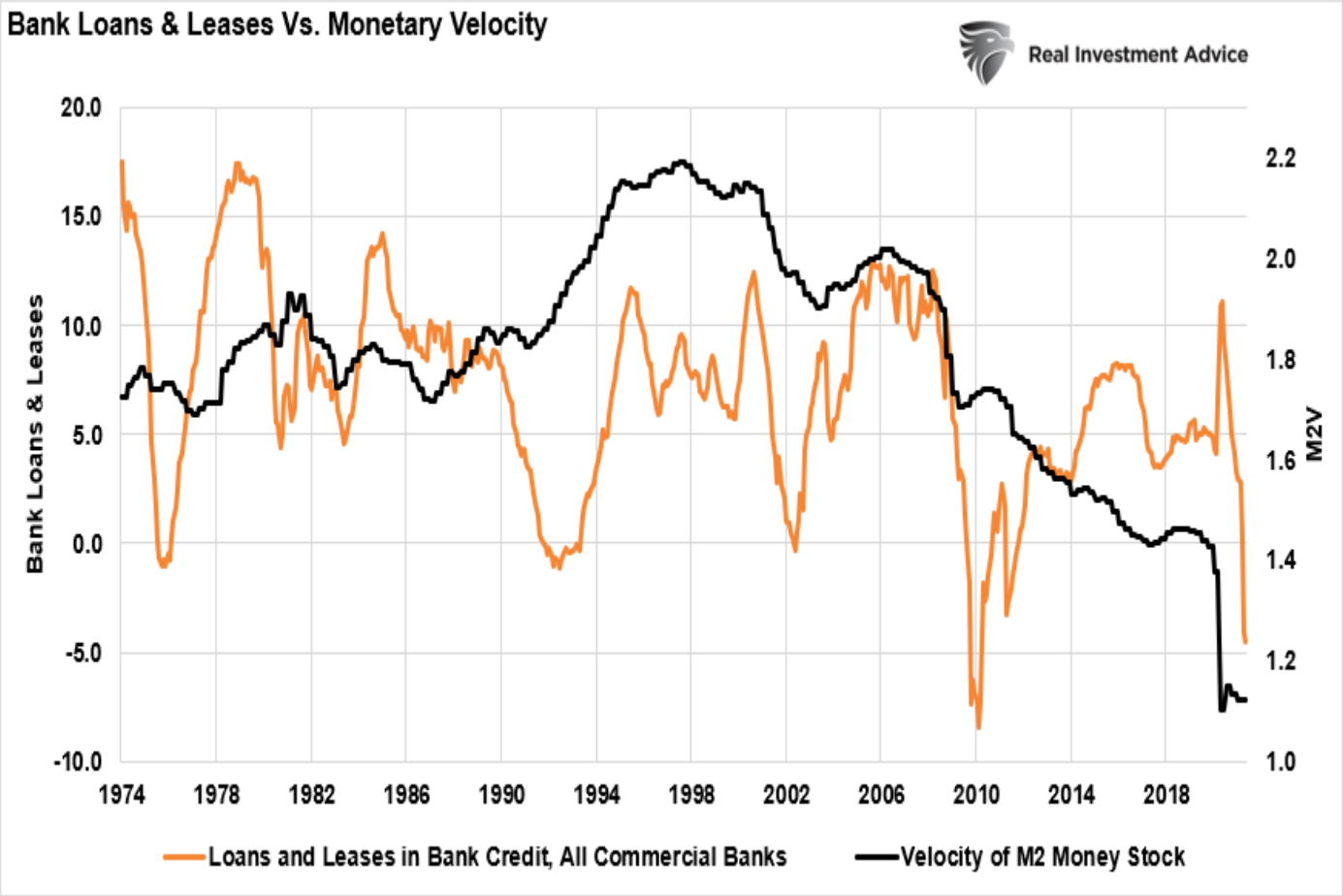
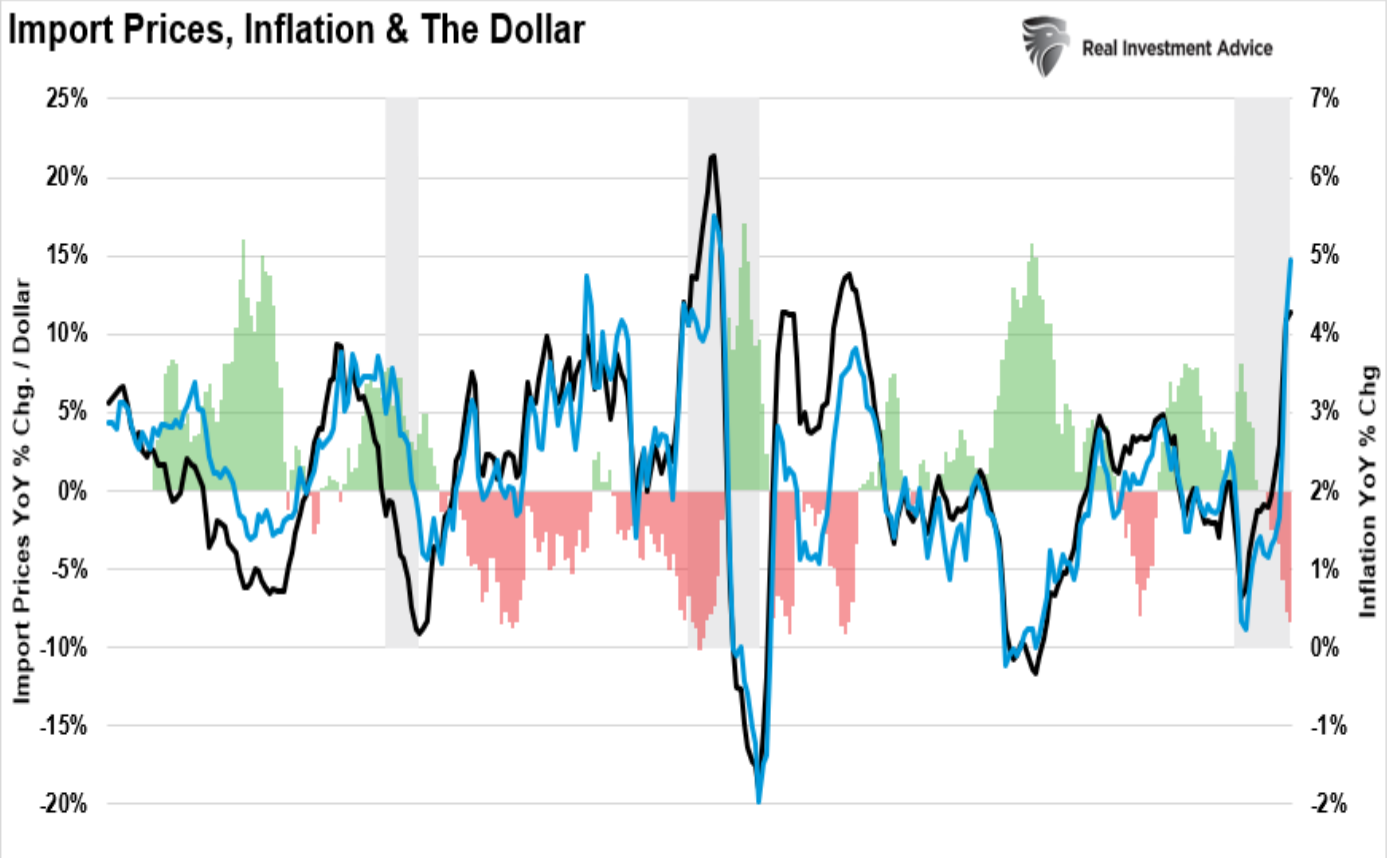
The Coming Dollar Rally

"Inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon in the sense that it is and can be produced only by a more rapid increase in the quantity of money than in output."
- Milton Friedman

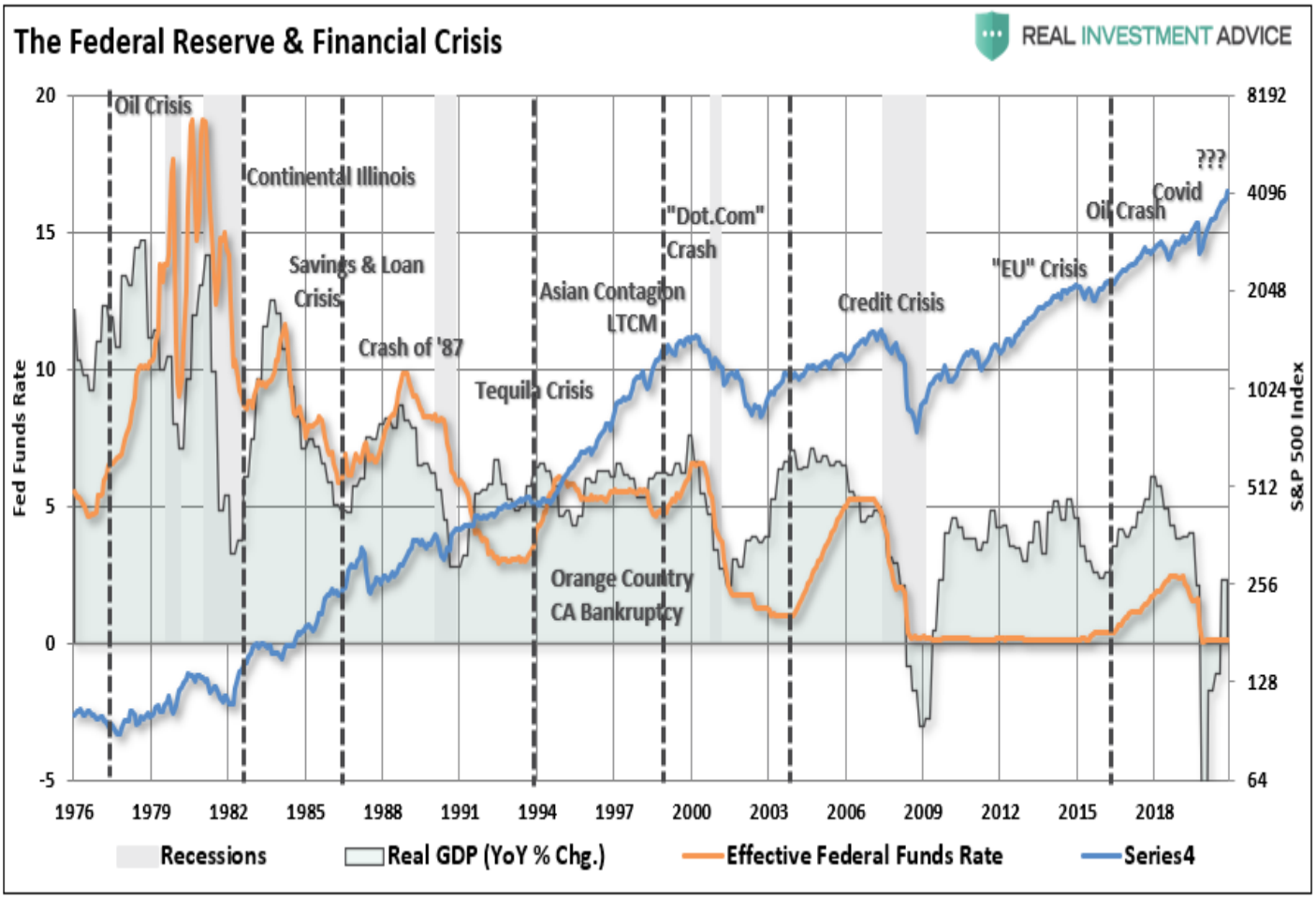
Currently, there is no argument money supply has exploded without a corresponding increase in economic output. If there were, bank loans and monetary velocity would be on the rise. Unfortunately, such isn't the case currently.



Furthermore, the weakness of the U.S. dollar contributes to the inflationary push in the economy as it increases the costs of imported goods.



However, these forces are why the current *"inflationary surge"* will become deflationary by the end of the year. Moreover, **as&#2013266080;noted above, this deflationary surge combined with the *"Fed taper"* is *"dollar positive."&#2013266080;* Currently, wages are lagging higher costs amid a weaker dollar *(purchasing power).* Furthermore, as&#2013266080;the previous stimulus leaves the system, purchasing power will fade.** As such occurs, economic growth, import prices, and inflation will decline as the dollar tends to strengthen. Unfortunately, for the Fed, they are really in a tough spot. As ***discussed previously,&#2013266080;***the Fed should be using the $120 billion in monthly QE to start hiking rates to prepare for the next recession slowly. But, instead**, they will k*ick* the *"policy can"* further down the road.&#2013266080;**The longer they wait, the harder it will be to pull off normalization without risking significant market volatility and reversing the economic recovery. Of course, history already shows such is what will happen.



There have been ZERO times in history when the Fed started a rate hiking campaign that did not lead to a negative outcome. We suggest this time won't be any different.

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Portfolio Update

As noted above, with support near current market levels and plenty of liquidity fueling markets, downside risk remains limited. **Such does not mean you should be complacent. However, you should also not be overly defensive at this juncture either.&#2013266080;** As noted last week, we did raise some cash recently but are still long our primary core positions. The rotation from *"value"* to *"growth"* continued this week, suggesting that markets are already sensing a return to a deflationary environment. We currently carry a *"barbelled"* portfolio holding an inflationary tilt.

However, the deflationary holdings continued to hedge our risk last week. We also had previously increased our bond duration by adding longer-duration treasuries to our portfolios which also gained ground with the Fed's stance. As a result, we are opportunistically adding to our duration and reducing excess cash holdings. As noted in ***Slowly At First:***

> ***"Understanding that change is occurring is what is essential.*** *But, unfortunately, the reason investors 'get trapped'&#2013266080;in bear markets is that when they realize what is happening, it is far too late to do anything about it.* ***Bull markets are lure investors into believing 'this time is different.'*** *When the topping process begins, that slow, arduous affair gets met with continued reasons why the 'bull market will continue.'&#2013266080;* ***The problem comes when it eventually doesn?t.*** *As noted, 'bear markets? are swift and brutal attacks on investor capital.'"*

Pay attention to the market.&#2013266080;**The action this year is very reminiscent of previous market topping processes.** However, tops are hard to identify during the process as&#2013266080;*?change happens slowly.?* If you need help or have questions, we are always glad to help. ***Just email me.*** See You Next Week **By Lance Roberts, CIO**

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S&P 500 Tear Sheet

SPY RISK INFO	ZACKS		REAL INVESTMENT ADVICE	
Item	T 2-Yr	T 1-Yr.	YTD	% Diff YTD/T1-YR
Price Return	41.90%	33.08%	10.98%	(66.82%)
Max Drawdown	(35.63%)	(10.86%)	(5.65%)	(47.92%)
Sharpe	0.85	2.53	1.98	(0.22)
Sortino	0.92	3.12	2.73	(0.12)
Volatility	25.37	15.53	13.81	(0.11)
Daily VaR-5%	(16.29)	11.75	4.66	(0.60)
Mnthly VaR-5%	(3.22)	17.56	18.62	0.06

Item	2 years ago	1 year ago	Current	1 Yr % Change	5 Year High	5 year Low	% From High	% From Low
Dividend Yield	1.93%	1.82%	1.31%	(38.81%)	2.14%	1.28%	(38.87%)	2.12%
P/E Ratio	18.44	20.29	27.53	26.28%	2753%	1606%	(0.0%)	71.38%
P/S Ratio	3.68	3.82	5.15	25.91%	5.19	3.24	(0.75%)	59.05%
P/B Ratio	4.80	5.32	6.93	23.22%	6.95	4.19	(0.27%)	65.63%
ROE	21.73%	21.32%	22.80%	6.47%	22.80%	17.60%	0.00%	29.50%
ROA	4.26%	4.09%	4.07%	(0.50%)	4.31%	3.51%	(5.63%)	16.01%

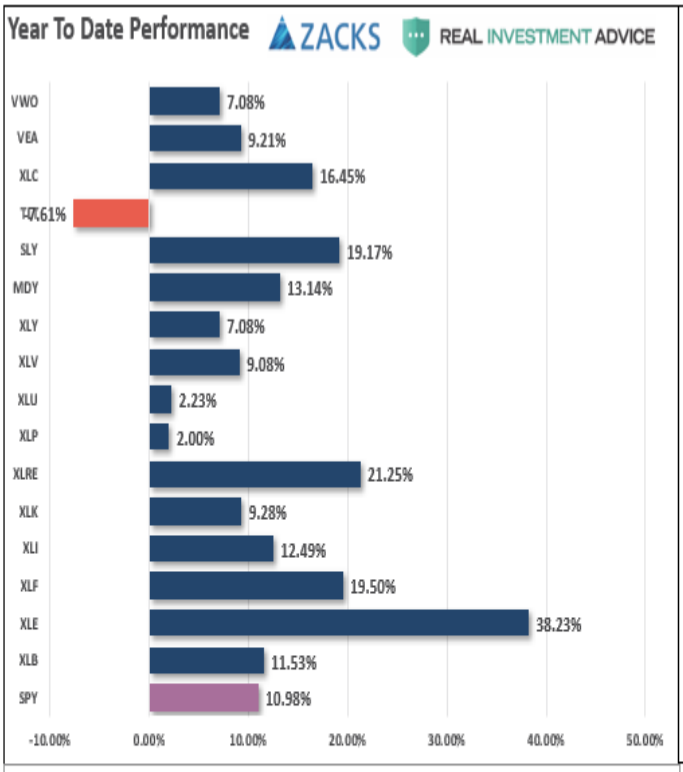
S&P 500 Market Cap Analysis

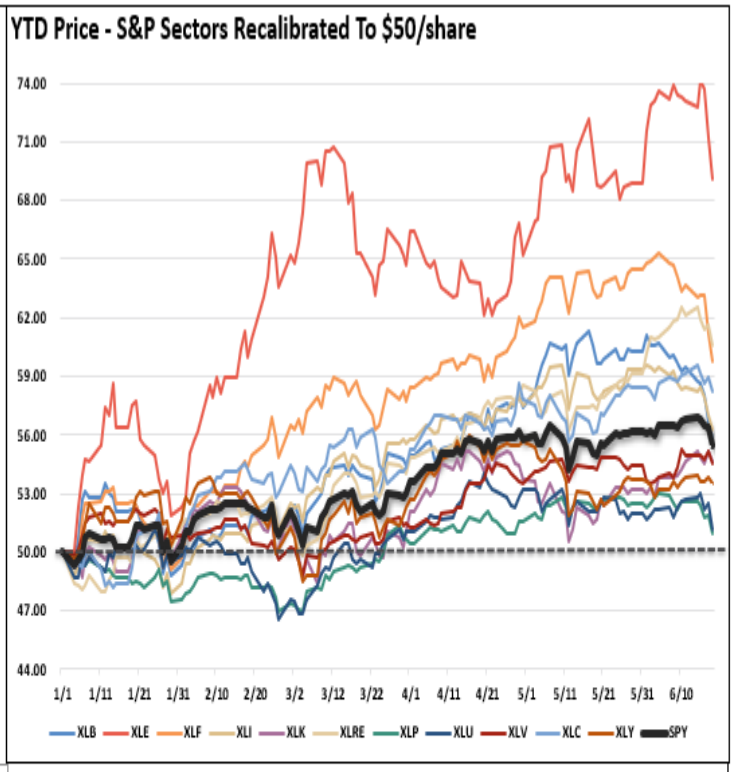
Item	12-M Ago	Current	% Chg
Shares	3,081.9	2,989.5	(3.00%)
Sales	71,625	71,614	(0.02%)
SPS	23.2	24.0	3.07%
Earnings	11,118	11,763	5.80%
EPS TTM	4.5	4.5	0.19%
Dividend	1.6	1.6	(1.12%)

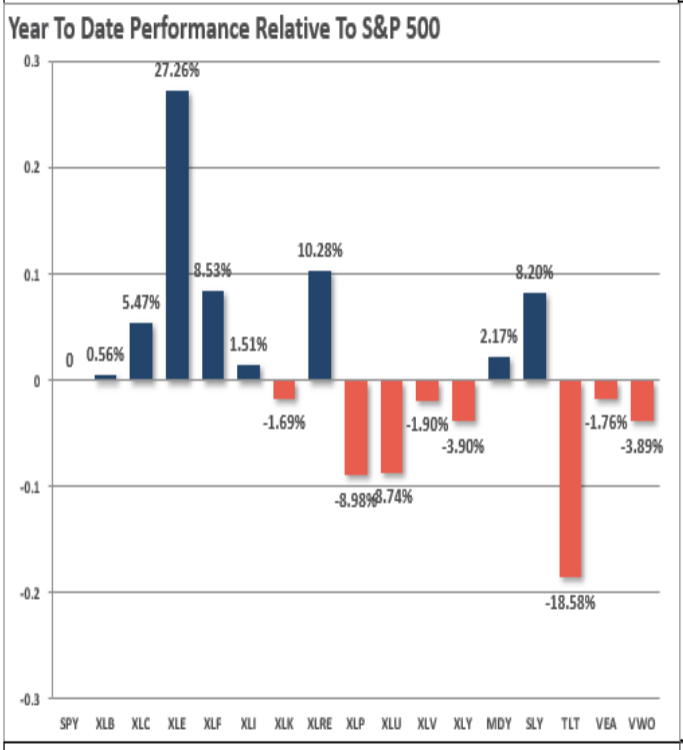
S&P 500 Asset Allocation

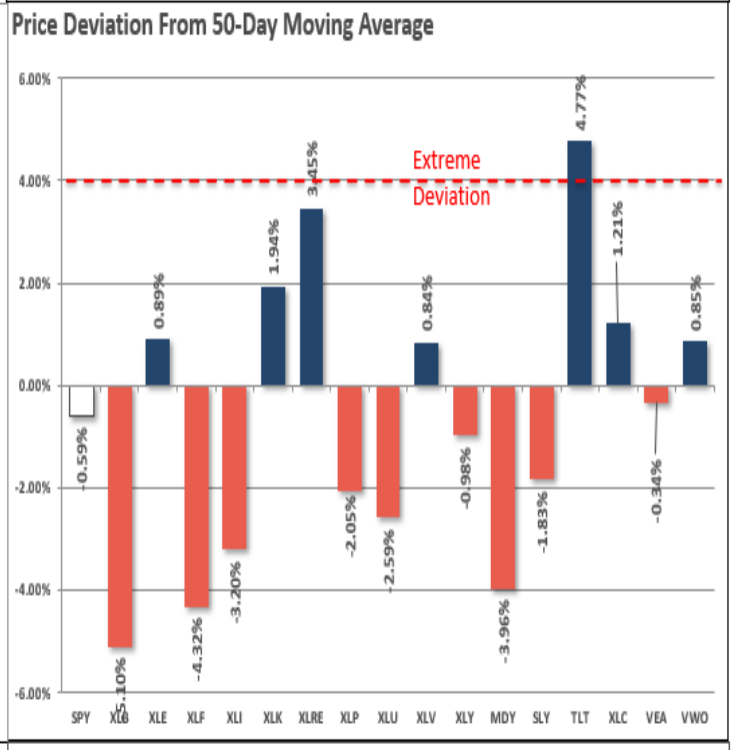
Sector	1 Year Price Return	Weight	Beta	P/E	P/E High-5yr (Mo.)	P/E Low - 5Yr (Mo.)	P/E % From Peak	ROE	DIV. YIELD	TTM Earnings Yield	Current Forward Earnings	Forward PE
Energy	30.55%	2.97%	1.88	(303.72)	123.62	(302.30)	(345.7%)	(0.1%)	4.2%	-0.33%	2.70	17.75
Materials	44.09%	2.69%	1.20	25.06	27.13	14.16	(7.7%)	11.1%	1.9%	3.97%	4.95	19.10
Industrials	40.49%	8.67%	1.17	51.29	54.09	14.68	(5.2%)	4.9%	1.4%	1.95%	4.28	24.70
Discretionary	44.07%	12.09%	1.36	53.91	60.06	20.97	(10.2%)	24.5%	0.6%	1.86%	5.58	32.55

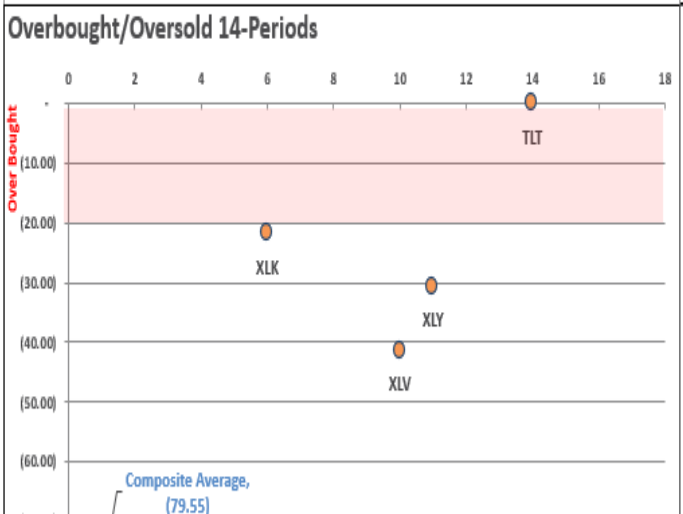
Performance Analysis

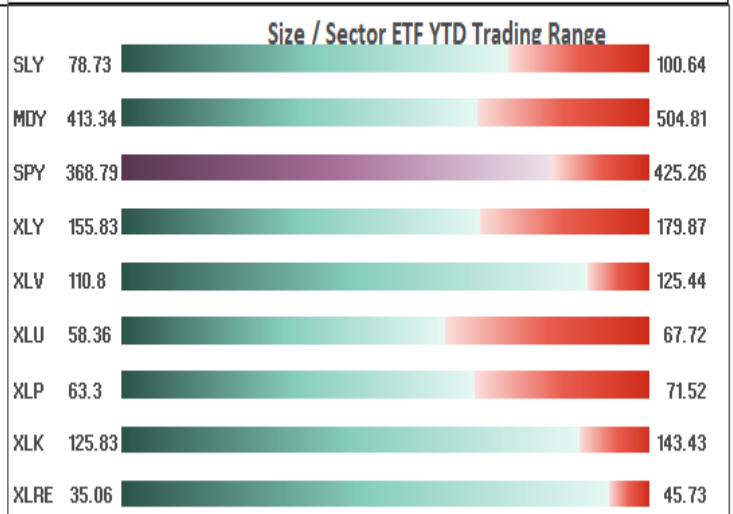






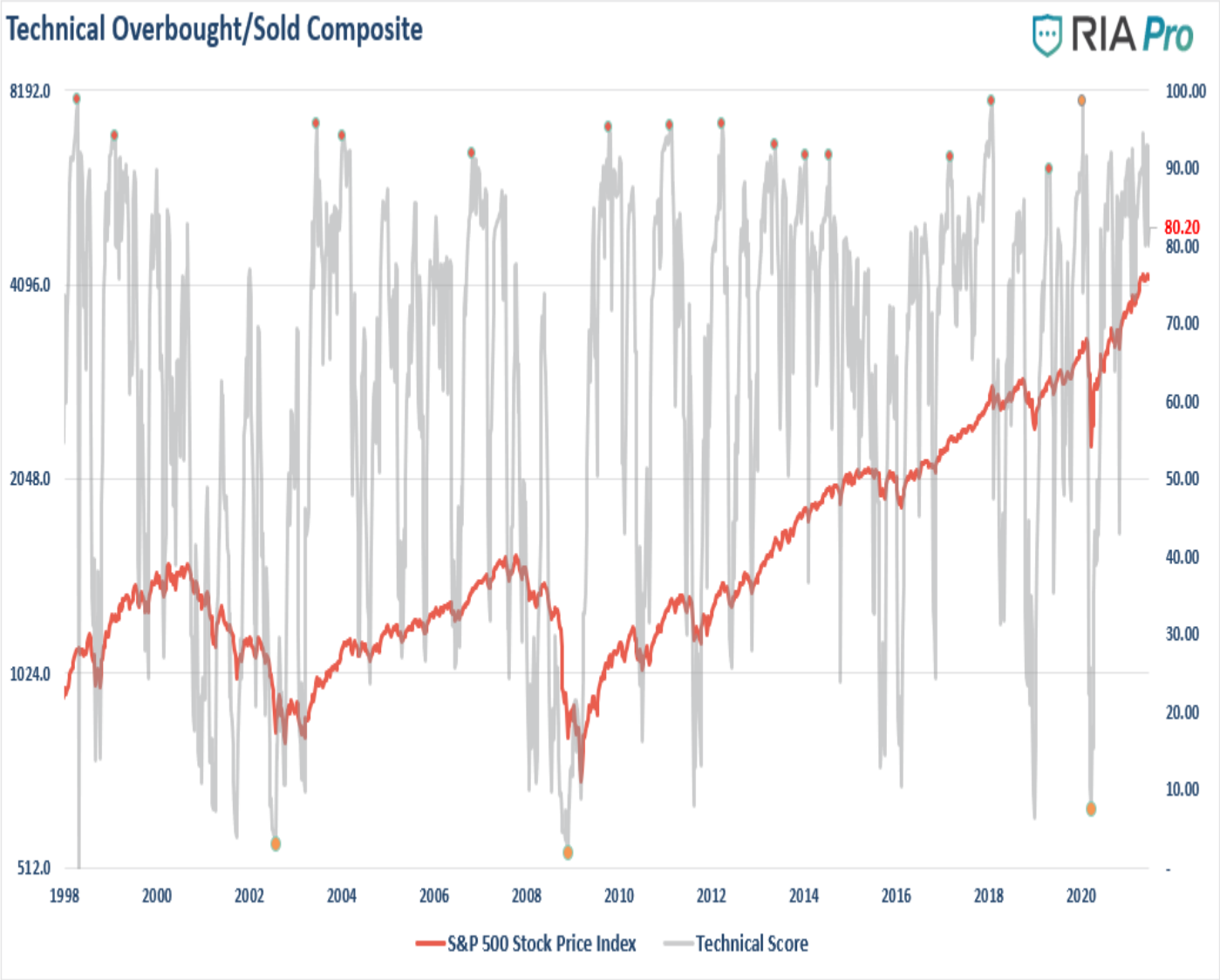






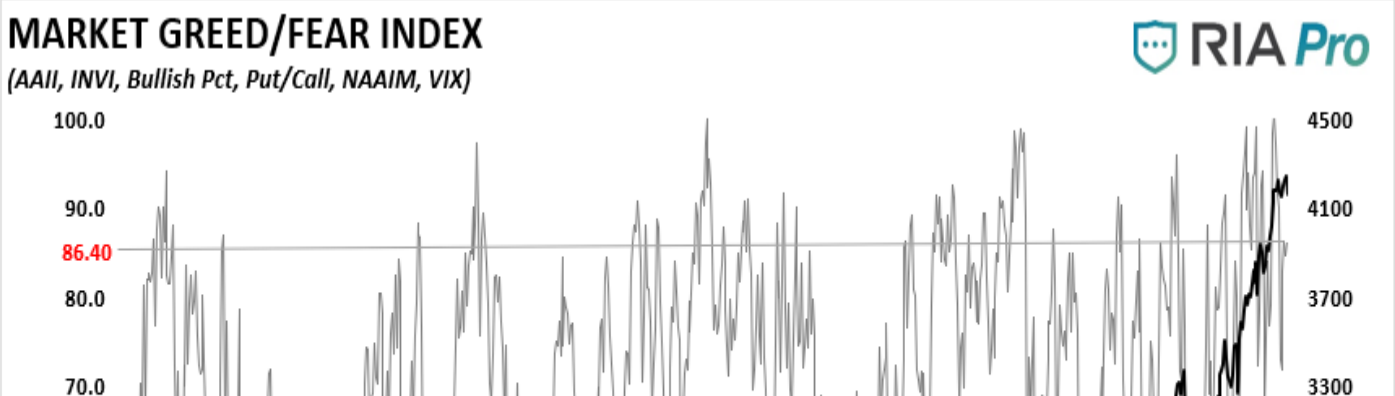
Technical Composite

The technical overbought/sold gauge comprises several price indicators (RSI, Williams %R, etc.), measured using "weekly" closing price data.&#2013266080; Readings above "80" are considered overbought, and below "20" are oversold. ***The current reading is 92.88 out of a possible 100.***



Portfolio Positioning "Fear / Greed" Gauge

The "Fear/Greed" gauge is how individual and professional investors are "positioning" themselves in the market based on their equity exposure. From a contrarian position, the higher the allocation to equities, to more likely the market is closer to a correction than not. The gauge uses weekly closing data. **NOTE: The Fear/Greed Index measures risk from 0-100. It is a rarity that it reaches levels above 90.**&#2013266080; **The *current reading is 86.40 out of a possible 100.***



Sector Model Analysis & Risk Ranges

How To Read This Table

- *The table compares each sector and market to the S&P 500 index on relative performance.*
- *"MA XVER" is determined by whether the short-term weekly moving average crosses positively or negatively with the long-term weekly moving average.*
- *The risk range is a function of the month-end closing price and the "beta" of the sector or market.*
- *Table shows the price deviation above and below the weekly moving averages.*

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE		Current	PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO S&P 500 INDEX					SHORT	LONG	MONTH	REL S&P	RISK RANGE		% DEV -	% DEV -	M/A XVER
Ticker	ETF NAME	Price	1 Week	4 Week	12 Weeks	24 Weeks	52 Weeks	WMA	WMA	END PRICE	BETA	HIGH	LOW	Short M/A	Long M/A	SIGNAL
IVV	ISHARS-SP500	416.77	(1.88)	0.05	4.86	11.02	34.56	414.72	389.51	421.65	0.99	432.19	411.11	0%	7%	BULLISH
XLB	SPDR-MATLS SELS	80.74	(4.37)	(6.81)	(3.54)	0.51	9.15	83.74	76.81	87.26	1.06	90.37	84.15	-4%	5%	BULLISH
XLC	SPDR-COMM SV SS	78.58	0.34	2.19	3.84	5.43	6.92	77.00	71.39	78.79	0.99	81.54	76.04	2%	10%	BULLISH
XLE	SPDR-EGY SELS	52.39	(3.52)	0.40	(0.97)	27.21	(2.17)	51.35	45.02	52.21	1.75	54.43	49.99	2%	16%	BULLISH
XLF	SPDR-FINL SELS	35.23	(4.33)	(6.30)	(2.36)	8.48	12.35	36.25	32.26	37.99	1.20	39.40	36.58	-3%	9%	BULLISH
XLK	SPDR-TECH SELS	142.09	1.96	4.29	2.24	(1.74)	4.41	138.22	131.78	138.40	1.04	143.29	133.51	3%	8%	BULLISH
XLI	SPDR-INDU SELS	99.61	(1.89)	(3.37)	(3.55)	1.47	9.32	101.85	93.57	105.12	1.19	109.00	101.24	-2%	6%	BULLISH
XLP	SPDR-CONS STPL	68.80	(1.14)	(3.17)	(4.54)	(9.02)	(19.17)	69.79	67.39	70.81	0.62	73.02	68.60	-1%	2%	BULLISH
XLRE	SPDR-RE SELS	44.33	(0.57)	4.65	6.21	10.23	(9.16)	42.17	38.89	43.26	0.68	44.64	41.88	5%	14%	BULLISH
XLU	SPDR-UTIL SELS	64.10	(1.16)	(3.16)	(3.87)	(8.79)	(23.07)	65.36	63.65	65.16	0.35	67.02	63.30	-2%	1%	BULLISH
XLV	SPDR-HLTH CR	123.74	1.23	(0.54)	0.88	(1.94)	(11.74)	121.32	116.10	123.60	0.77	127.64	119.56	2%	7%	BULLISH
XLY	SPDR-CONS DISCR	172.16	1.27	2.10	(1.19)	(3.95)	0.59	172.73	165.58	172.84	1.14	179.13	166.55	0%	4%	BULLISH
XTN	SPDR-SP TRANSPT	84.38	(3.06)	(5.47)	(8.18)	7.21	23.63	88.79	79.35	90.91	1.40	94.46	87.36	-5%	6%	BULLISH
SDY	SPDR-SP DIV ETF	119.91	(3.55)	(4.13)	(4.12)	2.17	(3.91)	122.91	113.33	125.41	0.91	129.69	121.13	-2%	6%	BULLISH
RSP	INVS-SP5 EQ ETF	146.65	(1.76)	(1.85)	(1.71)	3.96	7.75	147.63	135.60	151.12	1.12	156.59	145.65	-1%	8%	BULLISH
SLY	SPDR-SP6 SC	94.79	(2.76)	(0.97)	(4.61)	8.15	27.94	95.97	87.58	97.68	1.26	101.35	94.01	-1%	8%	BULLISH
MDY	SPDR-SP MC 400	475.11	(3.53)	(3.17)	(5.54)	2.12	11.66	490.66	450.76	497.76	1.19	516.13	479.39	-3%	5%	BULLISH
EEM	ISHARS-EMG MKT	54.23	(0.04)	2.01	(3.06)	(6.07)	1.28	54.07	52.94	54.87	0.80	56.68	53.06	0%	2%	BULLISH
EFA	ISHARS-EAFE	78.52	(1.19)	(1.93)	(2.35)	(3.40)	(5.93)	78.99	75.07	80.83	0.84	83.53	78.13	-1%	5%	BULLISH
IAU	ISHARS-GOLD TR	33.56	(4.28)	(6.41)	(3.16)	(18.47)	(33.84)	34.44	34.77	36.26	0.08	37.20	35.32	-3%	-3%	BEARISH
GDX	VANECK-GOLD MNR	34.13	(8.96)	(13.18)	(0.71)	(16.27)	(32.83)	36.32	35.71	39.42	0.69	40.68	38.16	-6%	-4%	BULLISH
UUP	INVS-DB US$ BU	24.82	3.81	2.43	(5.50)	(8.63)	(40.48)	24.52	24.56	24.22	(0.11)	24.80	23.64	1%	1%	BEARISH
BOND	PIMCO-TOT RETRN	110.80	1.74	0.56	(3.94)	(13.07)	(34.97)	110.16	111.30	110.31	0.08	113.16	107.46	1%	0%	BEARISH
TLT	ISHARS-20+YTB	145.73	4.28	5.81	1.78	(18.63)	(44.82)	138.64	146.87	138.44	(0.26)	141.54	135.34	5%	-1%	BEARISH
BNDX	VANGD-TTL INT B	57.08	1.51	0.57	(5.23)	(13.53)	(35.53)	57.03	57.69	56.93	0.03	58.37	55.49	0%	-1%	BEARISH
HYG	ISHARS-IBX HYCB	87.43	1.66	0.32	(4.27)	(10.87)	(29.07)	87.16	86.80	87.18	0.37	89.68	84.68	0%	1%	BULLISH

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Weekly Stock Screens

Currently, there are four different stock screens for you to review. The first is S&P 500 based companies with a *"Growth"* focus, the second is a *"Value"* screen on the entire universe of stocks, and the last are stocks that are "*Technically"* strong and breaking above their respective 50-dma. We have provided the yield of each security and a Piotroski Score ranking to help you find

fundamentally strong companies on each screen. ***(For more on the Piotroski Score - read this report.)***

S&P 500 Growth Screen

Ticker	Company	Current Price	Next 3-5 Yr Est EPS Gr rate	5 yr Hist Sales Gr	Div Yield	P/E using 12 mo EPS	Score
AMAT	Appld Matls Inc	137.32	17.97	9.73	0.70	25.76	9.00
DE	Deere & Co	328.38	20.15	9.08	1.10	22.63	9.00
IDXX	Idexx Labs Inc	604.20	19.61	10.90	0.00	77.76	9.00
KLAC	Kla Corp	318.42	14.03	17.32	1.13	24.78	9.00
TGT	Target Corp	231.22	13.27	6.37	1.18	18.45	9.00
TSCO	Tractor Supply	174.81	9.03	10.75	1.19	22.67	9.00
AAP	Advance Auto Pt	194.39	13.88	1.39	2.06	17.77	8.00
AMD	Adv Micro Dev	84.56	35.01	20.18	0.00	60.40	8.00
AVGO	Broadcom Inc	471.17	15.00	14.64	3.06	21.60	8.00
GNRC	Generac Holding	378.94	6.50	14.89	0.00	47.49	8.00
INTU	Intuit Inc	474.73	14.82	13.32	0.50	61.81	8.00
IQV	Iqvia Holdings	246.30	12.85	13.13	0.00	37.43	8.00
IT	Gartner Inc -A	233.87	13.50	14.66	0.00	41.03	8.00
KEYS	Keysight Tech	149.35	10.96	11.08	0.00	28.72	8.00
LOW	Lowes Cos	186.84	13.75	7.11	1.28	18.19	8.00
MLM	Martin Mrt-Matl	336.52	12.40	6.26	0.68	27.65	8.00
MXIM	Maxim Intg Pdts	102.58	10.00	0.41	0.00	35.99	8.00
SHW	Sherwin William	269.23	12.39	11.56	0.82	30.30	8.00
SNPS	Synopsys Inc	265.14	14.65	10.75	0.00	51.48	8.00
SWK	Stanley B&D Inc	195.41	11.11	6.30	1.43	17.91	8.00
TER	Teradyne Inc	129.59	13.75	12.75	0.31	27.46	8.00
TXN	Texas Instrs	187.65	9.33	1.51	2.17	28.43	8.00
WMT	Walmart Inc	137.72	5.50	3.18	1.60	23.03	8.00
WST	West Pharm Svc	352.03	25.79	8.70	0.19	60.80	8.00
A	Agilent Tech	146.92	13.00	6.76	0.53	38.76	7.00
AAPL	Apple Inc	131.79	12.50	7.22	0.67	29.58	7.00
ALLE	Allegion Plc	136.56	5.67	5.94	1.05	25.86	7.00
AVY	Avery Dennison	208.57	7.00	3.71	1.30	26.57	7.00
BBY	Best Buy	109.50	8.28	3.93	2.56	11.55	7.00
CDNS	Cadence Design	130.91	14.41	9.66	0.00	55.94	7.00
CRL	Charles Rvr Lab	357.78	14.00	15.96	0.00	40.52	7.00
DG	Dollar General	213.28	11.31	10.53	0.79	19.62	7.00
DHR	Danaher Corp	257.08	18.00	2.27	0.33	33.13	7.00
DOV	Dover Corp	145.76	11.50	-0.85	1.36	23.93	7.00
DVA	Davita Inc	123.61	14.38	-6.81	0.00	16.46	7.00
FB	Facebook Inc-A	336.51	20.13	33.80	0.00	28.79	7.00
HD	Home Depot	303.12	11.44	7.77	2.18	21.97	7.00
J	Jacobs Engin Gr	133.81	12.72	6.91	0.63	22.45	7.00
LRCX	Lam Research	639.78	32.80	13.48	0.81	26.69	7.00
NDAQ	Nasdaq Inc	179.79	5.75	9.22	1.20	27.12	7.00
NLOK	Norton Lifelock	27.52	7.00	-10.00	1.82	20.54	7.00
NXPI	Nxp Semiconduct	198.43	10.00	-0.48	1.13	31.85	7.00
ORLY	O Reilly Auto	537.54	13.36	7.39	0.00	20.19	7.00
PH	Parker Hannifin	285.25	11.78	4.65	1.44	21.66	7.00
SEE	Sealed Air Corp	57.41	8.28	-6.08	1.39	17.67	7.00
TT	Trane Tech Plc	180.00	21.50	0.89	1.31	35.78	7.00

Low P/B, High-Value Score, High Dividend Screen

Ticker	Company	Current Price	Price/ Book	ROE 5 Yr Avg	Div Yield	Score
AGNC	Agnc Investment	16.99	0.91	12.61	8.48	8
BSRR	Sierra Bancorp	26.10	1.16	10.55	3.22	8
CMTV	Commnty Bcp Vt	20.00	1.39	12.88	4.40	8
FNCB	Fncb Bancorp	7.27	0.95	12.84	3.30	8
LOMA	Loma Negra Cia	6.94	1.37	21.10	3.66	8
NHTC	Natural Hlth Tr	6.79	1.19	34.80	11.78	8
NRIM	Northrim Bcp	44.86	1.20	10.34	3.30	8
UBCP	Utd Bancorp -Oh	14.70	1.28	10.26	3.95	8
ABR	Arbor Rlty Trst	18.16	1.54	11.02	7.49	7
AINV	Apollo Inv Cp	14.02	0.88	10.35	8.84	7
CAC	Camden Ntl Corp	46.73	1.31	11.42	3.08	7
CAI	Cai Intl Inc	38.16	1.06	10.14	3.14	7
CATY	Cathay Genl Bcp	39.97	1.29	11.10	3.10	7
CIM	Chimera Invest	15.25	0.99	12.70	7.87	7
CRWS	Crown Crafts	7.68	1.83	13.95	4.17	7
FCBP	First Choice Bc	31.00	1.28	11.93	3.23	7
FLIC	First Long Is	21.84	1.27	10.79	3.48	7
FNF	Fnf Group	45.13	1.59	15.41	3.19	7
FNLC	First Bancp Inc	31.06	1.50	11.71	3.99	7
GSBD	Goldman Sac Bdc	20.05	1.25	11.48	8.98	7
IBCP	Indep Bk Mich	22.01	1.24	12.02	3.82	7
NMFC	New Mountn Fin	13.02	1.00	10.26	9.22	7
PFG	Principal Finl	61.81	1.09	11.97	3.95	7
PRK	Park National	122.78	1.92	12.10	3.36	7
TRTN	Triton Intl Ltd	48.74	1.51	12.80	4.68	7
UVE	Univl Insur Hld	13.96	0.96	19.48	4.58	7
WAYN	Wayne Svgs Bcsh	25.85	1.22	10.09	3.25	7
WTBA	West Bancorp	27.88	1.97	14.81	3.44	7

Fundamental Growth Screen

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DE	Deere & Co	328.38	20.15	9.08	1.10	22.63	9.00
IDXX	Idexx Labs Inc	604.20	19.61	10.90	-	77.76	9.00
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WST	West Pharm Svc	352.03	25.79	8.70	0.19	60.80	8.00
AVGO	Broadcom Inc	471.17	15.00	14.64	3.06	21.60	8.00
INTU	Intuit Inc	474.73	14.82	13.32	0.50	61.81	8.00
SNPS	Synopsys Inc	265.14	14.65	10.75	-	51.48	8.00
AAP	Advance Auto Pt	194.39	13.88	1.39	2.06	17.77	8.00
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LOW	Lowes Cos	186.84	13.75	7.11	1.28	18.19	8.00
LRCX	Lam Research	639.78	32.80	13.48	0.81	26.69	7.00
TT	Trane Tech Plc	180.00	21.50	0.89	1.31	35.78	7.00
FB	Facebook Inc-A	336.51	20.13	33.80	-	28.79	7.00
DHR	Danaher Corp	257.08	18.00	2.27	0.33	33.13	7.00
CDNS	Cadence Design	130.91	14.41	9.66	-	55.94	7.00
DVA	Davita Inc	123.61	14.38	(6.81)	-	16.46	7.00
CRL	Charles Rvr Lab	357.78	14.00	15.96	-	40.52	7.00
PTC	Ptc Inc	134.27	25.99	6.88	-	57.38	6.00
MPWR	Monolithic Pwr	356.08	25.00	20.00	0.67	98.64	6.00
ODFL	Old Dominion Fl	249.19	21.94	8.38	0.32	39.74	6.00
GOOG	Alphabet Inc-C	2,527.42	18.13	19.82	-	33.65	6.00
GOOGL	Alphabet Inc-A	2,434.87	18.13	19.82	-	32.41	6.00
MCHP	Microchip Tech	150.23	15.33	16.92	1.10	25.51	6.00
NVDA	Nvidia Corp	746.29	17.56	21.44	0.09	76.23	5.00
RHI	Robt Half Intl	87.84	15.54	1.41	1.73	30.29	5.00
GWW	Grainger W W	440.97	13.50	4.02	1.47	26.87	5.00
TDY	Teledyne Tech	425.99	18.29	9.54	-	38.27	4.00
FRC	First Rep Bk Sf	181.39	15.70	18.27	0.49	28.34	4.00

Aggressive Growth Strategy

Ticker	Company	Current Price	Next 3-5 Yr Est EPS Gr rate	5 yr Hist Sales Gr	Div Yield	P/E F1/ LT EPS Gr	Score
IDXX	Idexx Labs Inc	604.20	19.61	10.90	-	3.86	9
FICO	Fair Isaac Inc	500.94	#N/A	9.98	-	#N/A	8
INTU	Intuit Inc	474.73	14.82	13.32	0.50	4.41	8
MXIM	Maxim Intg Pdts	102.58	10.00	0.41	-	3.28	8
SNPS	Synopsys Inc	265.14	14.65	10.75	-	3.91	8
TXN	Texas Instrs	187.65	9.33	1.51	2.17	2.72	8
WST	West Pharm Svc	352.03	25.79	8.70	0.19	1.91	8
CDNS	Cadence Design	130.91	14.41	9.66	-	3.80	7
FB	Facebook Inc-A	336.51	20.13	33.80	-	1.27	7
FFIN	First Fin Bk-Tx	49.49	#N/A	11.75	1.21	#N/A	7
STAA	Staar Surgical	151.15	#N/A	20.15	-	#N/A	7
VICR	Vicor Corp	93.46	#N/A	9.45	-	#N/A	7
WING	Wingstop Inc	146.10	11.00	29.56	0.38	9.52	7
CPRT	Copart Inc	128.07	#N/A	14.92	-	#N/A	6
EXPO	Exponent Inc	91.25	#N/A	7.13	0.88	#N/A	6
JYNT	Joint Corp/The	76.95	#N/A	21.00		#N/A	6

Portfolio / Client Update

This past week, the weakness in the price action of the market triggered our money flow "*sell"* signal. We previously took some profits in anticipation of the turn, so the additional cash hedged our portfolios this week. Our expectation of a mild correction of 5% this summer remains, which will *"feel worse"* than it is. However, with several support levels directly below current market levels, the overbought condition could also be resolved by the market just grinding sideways for a few weeks. In either case, the increased cash holdings will hedge risk short-term and allow us to rebalance equities back to target levels for the remainder of the year. The inflation surge seen last week remains a function of the *"base effect"* from the *"shutdown."* As a result, we expect to see inflation and economic growth numbers fade over the next quarter as the base effect gets removed from the calculation. Let me repeat from last week:

> *"The roll-off of the base effect will also lead to a surge in deflationary headwinds leading to weaker earnings growth into year-end. We expect to see a resurgence of the 'deflation' trade as that occurs, which will benefit Technology, Healthcare, Staples, and Utilities."&#2013266080;*

I will add to that list this week that "bonds will also benefit." As such, we are looking to increase our exposure opportunistically. As I concluded last week, there are no *"big red flags"* currently to make us significantly more active. But, should they appear, we assure you we will take action as needed.

Portfolio Changes

During the past week, we made minor changes to portfolios. In addition, we post all trades in real-time at ***RIAPRO.NET.***

***** Trading Update ? Equity and Sector Models *****

We are rebalancing exposures in the Equity and ETF models slightly this morning.

> *"This morning we adjusted our models to reduce commodity risk. in the Equity model, we sold all of KMI (1.5%), and we were stopped out of GOLD (2%). We added 1% of CVS which is turning on a nice buy signal and in a sector we like. In the Sector model, we sold 1% each of AMLP and XLE.&#2013266080; Our equity exposure is just north of 50%." - 06/18/21*

Equity Model

- *Sell 100% of KMI*
- *Sell 100% of GOLD*
- *Add 1% to the current position of CVS.*

ETF Model

- *Reduce AMLP by 1%*
- *Reduce XLE by 1%*

As always, our short-term concern remains the protection of your portfolio. Accordingly, we have shifted our focus from the election back to the economic recovery and where we go from here.
Lance Roberts
CIO

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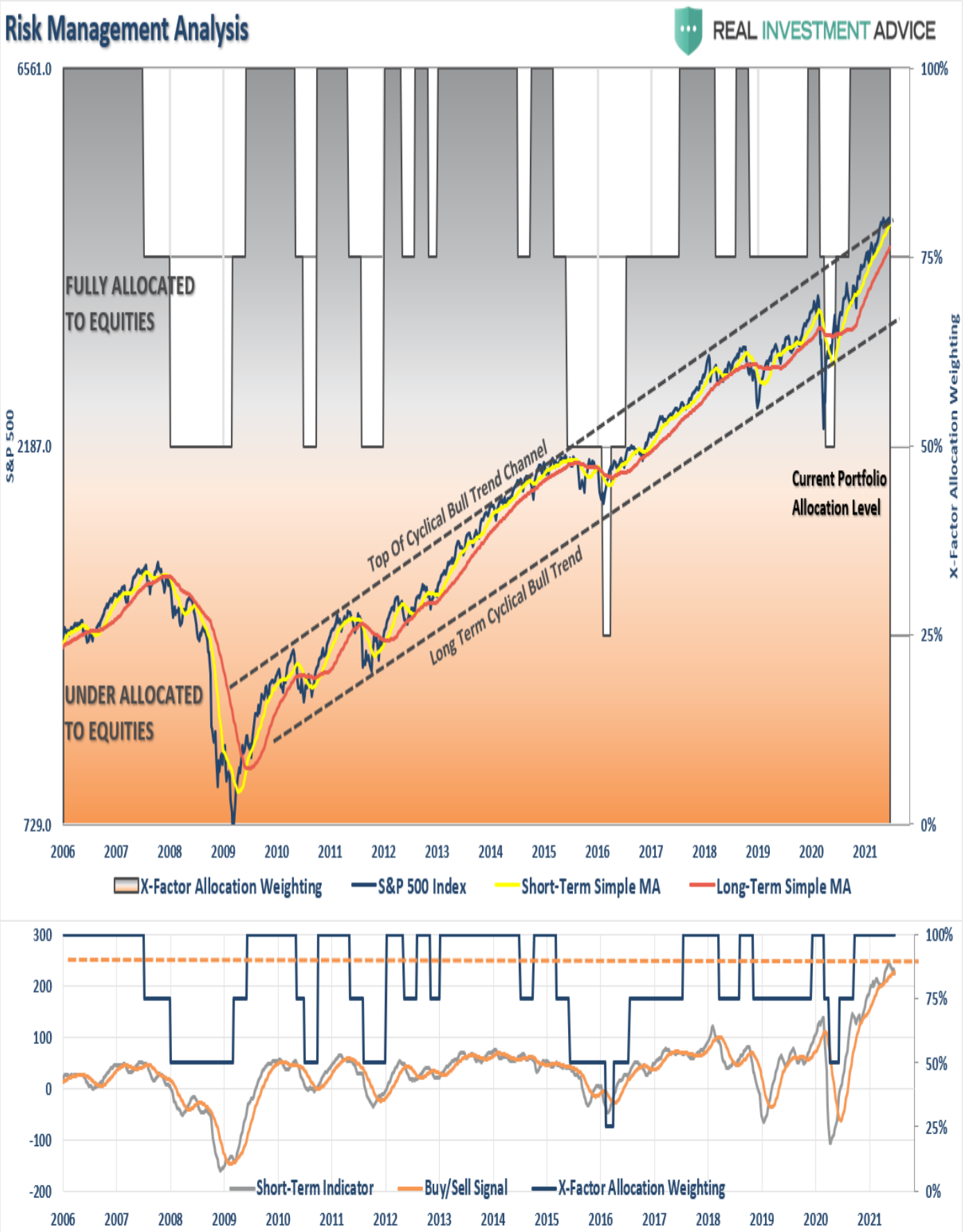
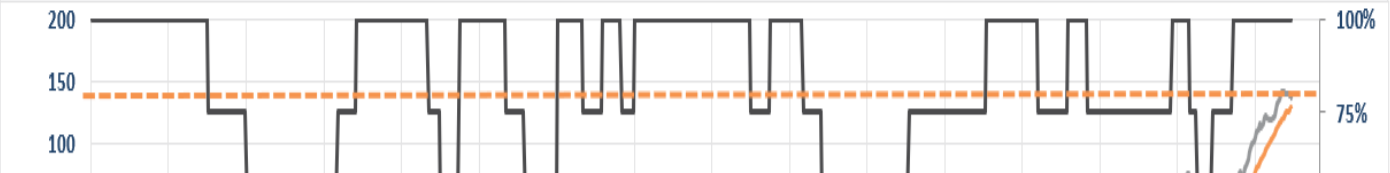
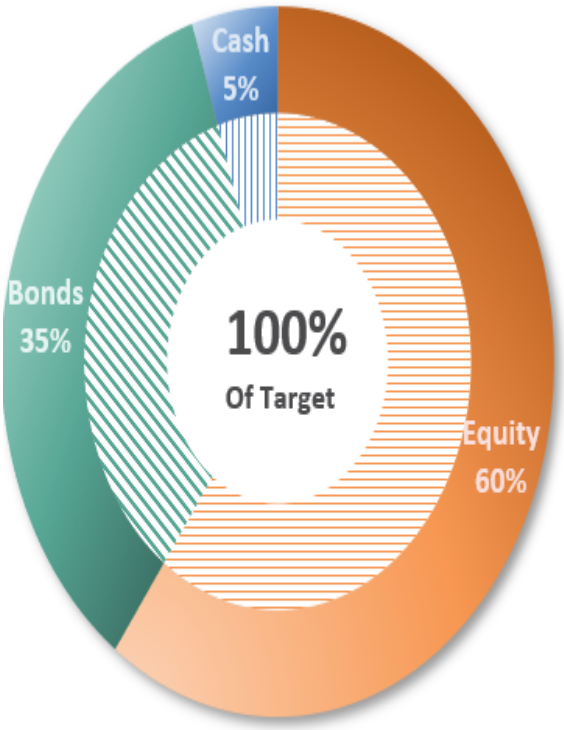
A Conservative Strategy For Long-Term Investors





Current Portfolio Weighting



Current 401k Allocation Model

5.00% **Cash + All Future Contributions**

Primary concern is the protection of investment capital

Examples: Stable Value, Money Market, Retirement Reserves

35.00% **Fixed Income (Bonds)**

Bond Funds reflect the direction of interest rates

Examples: Short Duration, Total Return and Real Return Funds

60.00% **Equity (Stocks)**

The vast majority of funds track an index.
Therefore, select on ONE fund from each category.
Keep it Simple.

20% Equity Income, Balanced or Conservative Allocation
30% Large Cap Growth (S&P 500 Index)
5% International
5% Mid-Cap

Portfolio Instructions:

Allocation Level To Equities	Recommendation	When To Take Action
Less Than Target Allocation	Hold Current Exposure	Hold Exposure
Equal To Target Allocation	Hold Current Exposure	Hold Exposure
Over Target Allocation	Hold Current Exposure	Hold Exposure

Commentary

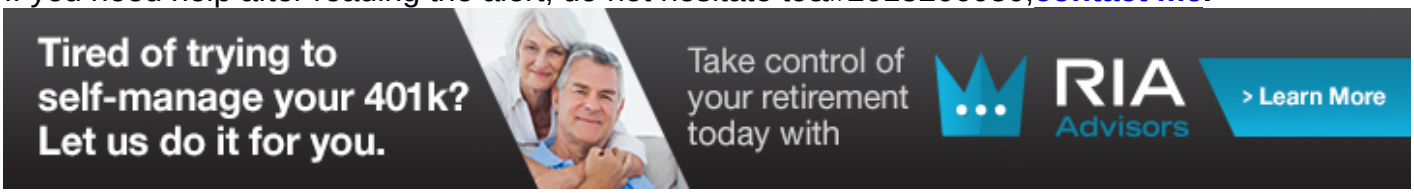
Last week, our short-term daily "sell signal" was triggered. The sell off on Thursday and Friday also triggered the weekly "sell" signal as well.

With a lot of support just below current prices, we don't expect a big "sell off," but rather a consolidative correction over the next 2-weeks as we head into July.

At that point we will look to rebalance exposures after recent instructions to sell overweight positions and hold cash has generated some buying power.

Again, there is no need to be aggressive here. There isn't likely a lot of upside to the market as we head into summer, so we would recommend not being overly aggressive.

If you need help after reading the alert, do not hesitate to&#2013266080;**contact me**.



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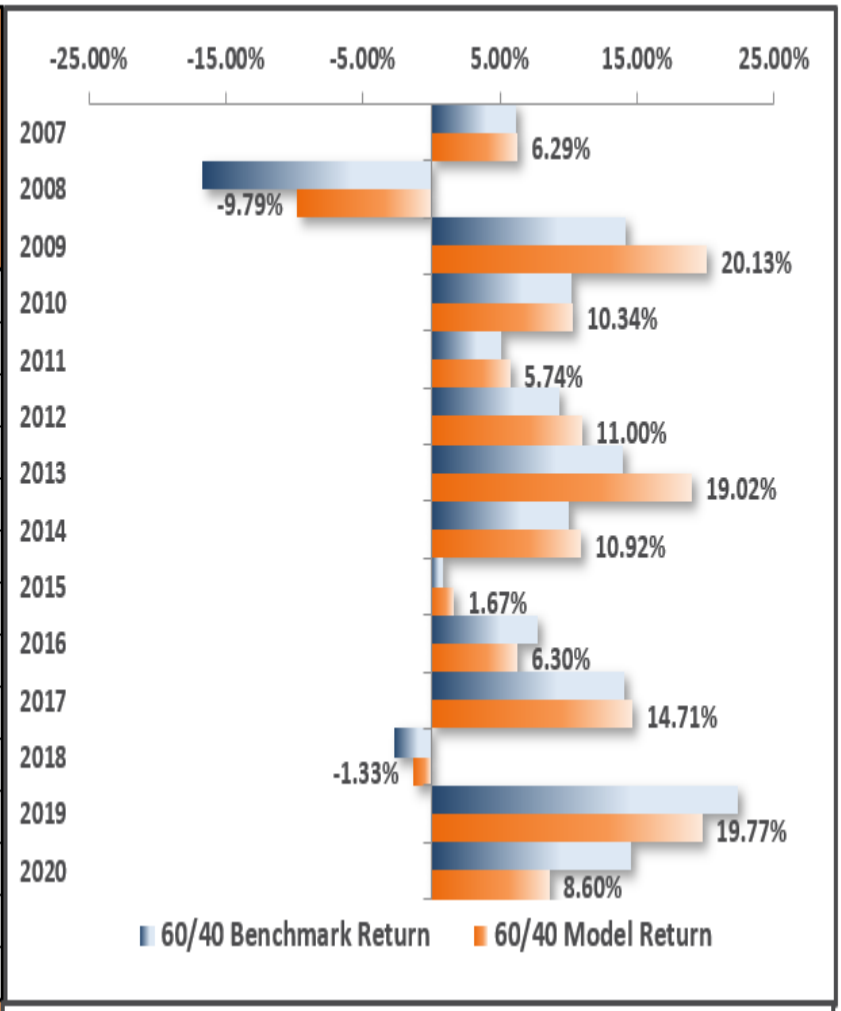
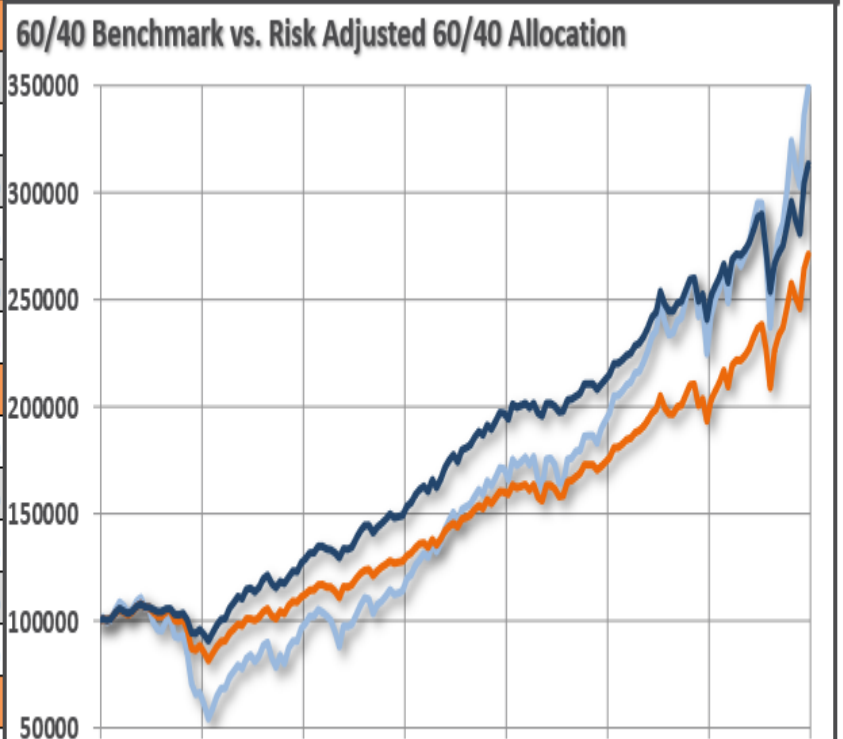
Year	60/40 Benchmark Return	60/40 Model Return
2007	6.16%	6.29%
2008	-16.73%	-9.79%
2009	14.14%	20.13%
2010	10.19%	10.34%
2011	5.11%	5.74%
2012	9.33%	11.00%
2013	13.94%	19.02%
2014	10.04%	10.92%
2015	0.88%	1.67%
2016	7.77%	6.30%
2017	14.12%	14.71%
2018	-2.71%	-1.33%
2019	22.41%	19.77%
2020	14.58%	8.60%



Portfolio vs Benchmark Statistics	
Number of Up Years	12
Number of Down Years	2
Best One Year Return Of Benchmark	22.41%
Best One Year Return Of Model	20.13%
Worst One Year Return Of Benchmark	-16.73%
Worst One Year Return Of Model	-9.79%
Benchmark Return 2007-Present	171.16%
Model Return 2007-Present	213.32%
Total Alpha Generated	42.17%
Mean Annual Return Of Benchmark	7.80%
Mean Annual Return Of Model	8.81%



Have a great week!