

Compass U.S. Equity Strategy

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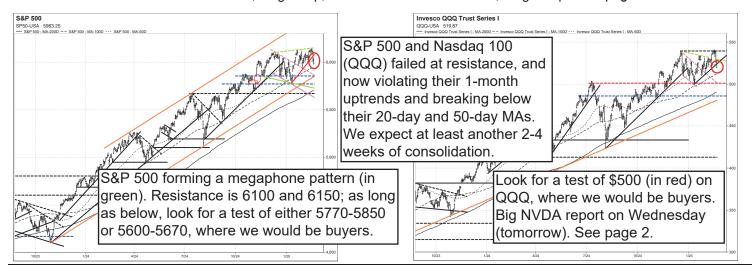
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Near-Term Downside Likely Following False Breakouts

Our *long-term* outlook remains bullish as long as the S&P 500 remains above 5770-5850 and 5600-5670 (worst case), and we are buyers at these levels. With that said, we see potential for <u>near-term</u> downside as the S&P 500, Nasdaq 100 (**QQQ**), and FANG+ (**FNGS**) (1) could not decisively break out to new highs, (2) display bearish false breakouts, (3) have fallen back into their 2+ month trading ranges, (4) are violating their 1+ month uptrends, and (5) closed below their 20-day and 50-day MAs for the first time in over a month. It likely means at least another 2-4 weeks of consolidation, and if the S&P 500 remains below 6100 and 6150 resistances, do not be surprised if there is a test of the bottom of the range at either 5770-5850 or 5600-5670. One or two 8-10% pullbacks in a given year on the SPX is common, even during bull markets.

- Major Tops on the U.S. Dollar (DXY) and 10-Year Treasury Yield. The concerns noted above are all short-term in nature, as market dynamics remain largely risk-on. Two notably risk-on dynamics include further evidence that the U.S. dollar (DXY) and 10-Year Treasury Yield have formed major topping patterns as they break below \$107.30 and 4.5%. We are targeting \$100-\$101 on the DXY and 3.6%-3.8% on the 10-year yield. Since mid-January, we always said we believed these were local tops at minimum, with potential to be major tops, and it appears as though the latter is becoming more likely... see page 3.
- Market Dynamics Remain Risk-On. Other market dynamics remain largely risk-on, including: (1) High yield spreads have barely budged and remain at 17-year narrows. (2) No major support violations on the broad market indexes (though the Russell 2000 and S&P Mid-Cap 400 are currently testing major supports). (3) U.S. interest rate volatility (MOVE index) has barely budged and remains at 3-year lows; we are watching this closely as a rapidly rising MOVE index alongside falling yields would likely mean a growth scare is afoot. (4) Crude oil and gasoline prices remain in downtrends. (5) Cyclical/growth Sectors are outperforming while (6) defensives remain in long-term RS downtrends. (7) Europe, MSCI EAFE, and ACWI ex-U.S. (local) display major breakouts. (8) Fear & Greed Index is on "fear." This is all risk-on behavior that is consistent with an equity bull market, and is why we still view pullbacks as buying opportunities... see pages 3-6.

In today's report we highlight attractive Groups and stocks within <u>Consumer Staples</u> and <u>Health Care</u>: CS-13 Soft Drinks & Bottlers, Foreign, CS-21 Tobacco, Large-Cap, HC-01 Pharmaceuticals, Mega-Cap, and HC-02 Pharmaceuticals, Large-Cap... *see pages 14-25*.



Sector Relative Strength Rankings & Weighting Recommendations

Sector Relative Strength Rankings (RSR)

NVIDIA's (NVDA) earnings report tomorrow after the close (Wednesday Feb. 26) is crucial as usual, since it is at the center of the Al-revolution. We expect everything to be "fine," as NVDA would need to break below \$96 in order to officially put in a major top. NVDA has been consolidating for over eight months, and we expect to see support at \$110-\$113.

Defensive Sectors including Utilities (XLU), Consumer Staples (XLP), Health Care (XLV), and Real Estate (XLRE) display short-term RS improvement, which is not surprising considering the latest short-term pullback as the 10-year Treasury yield has fallen.

The defensive Sectors we want to focus on most for signs of a bigger risk-off move primarily includes Consumer Staples (XLP) and to a lesser extent, Health Care (XLV, RSPH), both Sectors which we are underweight; Despite short-term RS improvement, the longterm RS downtrends remain intact. We have seen similar short-term RS improvement for these defensive Sectors many times during this 2+ year bull market, each time raising false alarms. We will only start to get concerned if they reverse above their long-term RS downtrends.

It is also noteworthy that many high-flying market leaders have lost their upside momentum. Names such as SOUN, GRAL, TEM, HIMS, SERV, RKLB, LUNR, RDW, RCAT, PLTR, and BBAI. This does NOT mean they have "topped forever" or that we are bearish, but it DOES mean they display local tops and they need time to consolidate as price discovery takes place. This all plays into our cautious near-term outlook.

No Weighting Changes

Recent changes:

11/26/24: Upgraded Consumer Discretionary to Overweight (from Market Weight)

Relative Strength Ranking: Sector Summary

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	Vermilion Sector	14	07	31	24	17	10	03	31	27	20
co	Communications(CAP)	6	7	5	8	9	6	8	9	7	9
CD	Consumer Disc(CAP)	7	8	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	2
co	Communications(AVG)	9	11	12	12	13	10	10	12	12	12
FN	Financials(CAP)	9	8	8	9	8	11	10	10	10	10
cs	Consumer Staples(CAP)	10	13	15	20	20	17	19	17	16	15
sv	Services(CAP)	10	9	8	11	9	10	10	10	8	7
TE	Technology(AVG)	10	9	9	8	8	7	6	7	7	9
UT	Utilities(CAP)	10	11	20	20	17	19	17	18	17	17
FN	Financials(AVG)	11	11	11	13	12	15	12	11	11	10
TE	Technology(CAP)	12	16	17	12	12	9	9	10	8	9
MA	Materials(CAP)	13	14	21	20	21	24	27	27	26	26
RE	Real Estate(CAP)	15	16	20	21	23	24	22	21	21	20
TR	Transportation(CAP)	15	17	20	18	19	16	21	22	22	22
EN	Energy(AVG)	16	18	17	12	7	8	11	15	19	22
EN	Energy(CAP)	16	16	21	15	11	13	18	20	23	24
sv	Services(AVG)	16	15	14	12	12	14	12	14	13	11
CD	Consumer Disc(AVG)	17	17	15	15	17	14	15	13	13	13
MF	Manufacturing(AVG)	17	14	13	12	13	17	17	17	17	17
UT	Utilities(AVG)	17	18	20	22	17	19	17	17	17	17
cs	Consumer Staples(AVG)	18	20	20	21	22	21	19	18	18	18
MF	Manufacturing(CAP)	18	16	14	12	14	16	18	18	16	16
нс	Health Care(CAP)	19	17	17	22	25	22	26	27	26	26
TR	Transportation(AVG)	20	20	21	22	19	14	20	21	21	24
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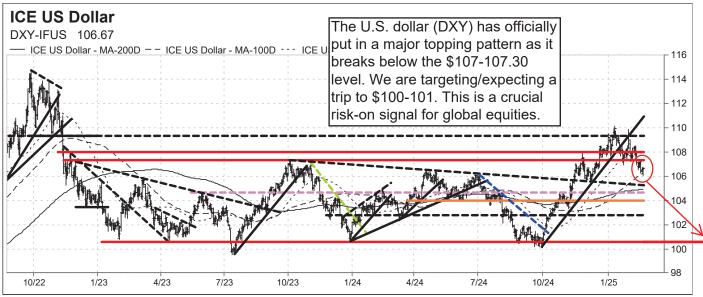
Sector Weighting Recommendations

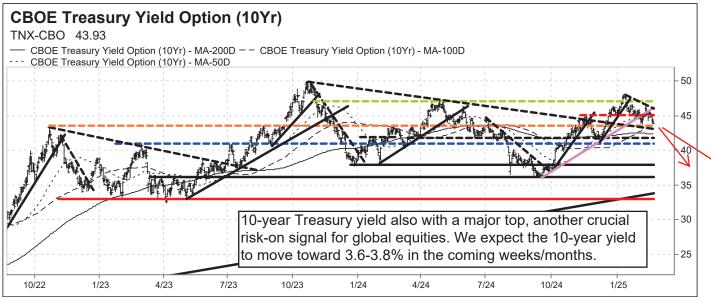
Vermilion Sector	Under- Weight	Market- Weight	Over- Weight
Communications			Х
Cons. Discretionary			X
Consumer Staples	X		
Energy	X		
Financials			X
Health Care	X		
Materials	X		
Manufacturing		Х	
Real Estate		Х	
Services			X
Technology		Х	
Transportation		X	
Utilities			Х

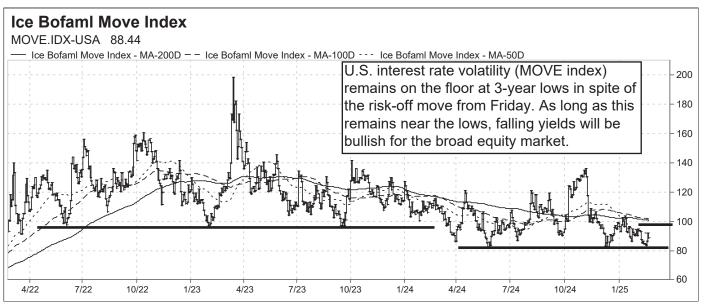
See attached Sector commentary for Group and individual stock recommendations.



Major Tops: U.S. Dollar (DXY) and 10-Year Treasury Yield; Watching MOVE Index









Russell 2000 (IWM) and S&P Mid-Cap 400 (IJH) Testing Crucial Supports

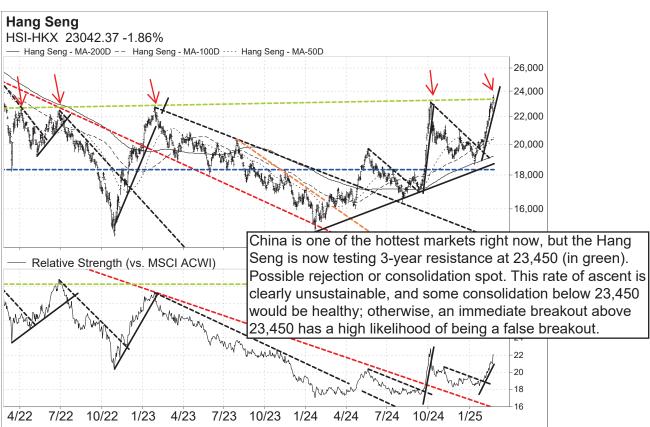






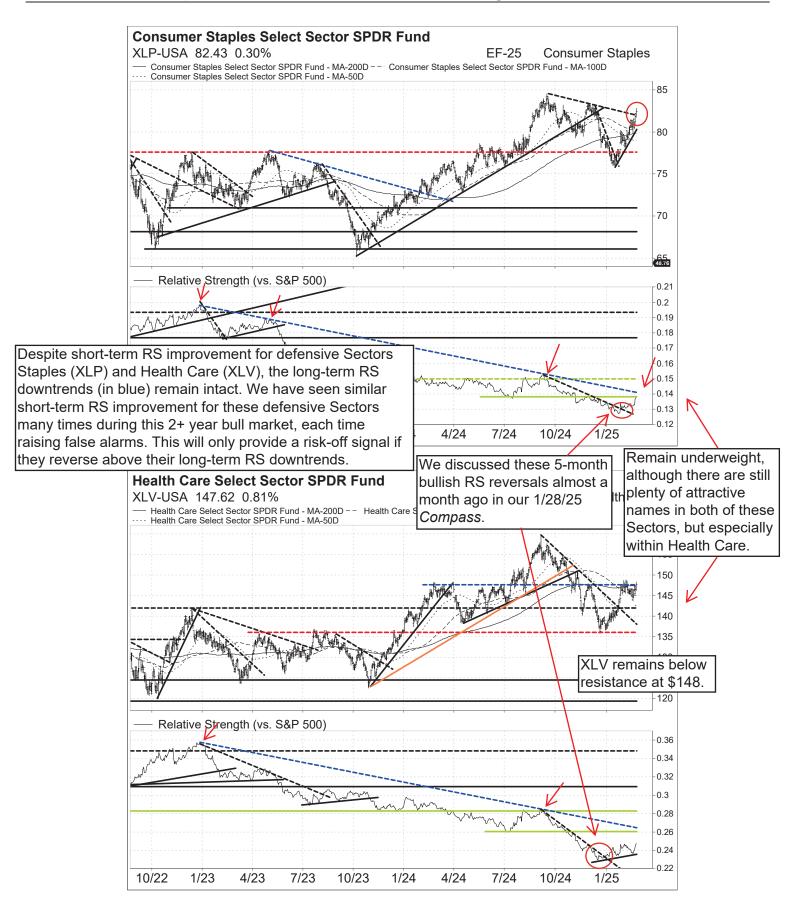
High Yield Spreads Signal No Reason for Concern; Hang Seng Testing Resistance







Short-Term RS Improvement for Defensives, But Long-Term RS Downtrends Intact





Communications: Overweight

- Group CO-01 Broadcasting has several bullish names that have built bases and some that are moving up and to the right. Attractive names include: **SPOT**, **PARA**, and **TGNA**.
- Group CO-03 Cable & Satellite, Mid/Small-Cap is developing positively. Several names are reversing downtrends in price and RS. Attractive names include: **LBRDA**, **SATS**, and **ATUS**.
- Group CO-05 Movies, Entertainment, Programming, Large/Mid-Cap is developing as leadership. Attractive names include: **DIS**, **LYV**, **PARA**, and **WBD**.
- Group CO-08 Publishing is developing bullishly. Attractive names include: **SPGI, RELX, TRI**, and **NPSNY**.
- Group CO-12 Telecomm Svcs., Europe/U.K. has many issues that are bullish, but it is not across the group. Attractive names include: DTEGY, ORAN, TLGPY, TKC, TIGO, TIIAY, TELNY, MYTAY, VEON, and TIAIY.
- Group CO-14 Telecomm, Svcs. U.S. Large-Cap is a leadership group. Attractive names include: T, and VZ.
- Group CO-16 Telecomm Svcs. U.S. Mid/Small-Cap is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: **IDT**, **NUVR**, and **OOMA**.
- Group CO-17 Telecomm Svcs., U.S. Wireless contains several names that are inflecting bullishly and showing improving RS. Attractive names include: USM, TMUS, SPOK, ATEX, and TDS.
- Group CO-18 Telecomm Svcs. Israel is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: **CELJF** and **CBOMF**.
- Group CO-20 Movie Theaters is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: EPR, IMAX, and MCS.
- Group CO-23 On-Line Search Engines has a few interesting names technically. Attractive names include: **GOOGL**, **GOOG**, **BIDU**, and **NBIS**.
- Group CO-24 Internet Content/Commerce has many names showing good technical improvement. Attractive names include: MELI, ZG, EBAY, FUBO, ATHM, ROKU, RDDT, GRPN, RVLV, QNST, BZUN, FVRR, IHRT, TGLO, and XNET.

Consumer Discretionary: Overweight

- Remain overweight Consumer Discretionary with a focus on large-caps (XLY, AMZN, and TSLA), with RS on the *cap-weighted* Sector (XLY) trading within a multi-month uptrend. RS on the *equal-weighted* RSPD ETF is reversing topside its 2-year downtrend, another positive sign for the Sector. Price on the XLY remains bullish after breaking above range resistance at \$195.
- Group CD-01 Major Auto Manufacturers displays price and RS pullbacks be selective. Attractive names include: TSLA, RYCEY, REVG, XPEV, RNLSY, RACE, and VWAGY (bottom-fishing candidate).
- Group CD-04 Auto Dealers has emerged as leadership overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: LAD, GPI, ABG, SAH, KMX, and AN.
- Group CD-05 Retailers, Auto Parts displays bullish RS inflections add exposure. Attractive names include: **ORLY**, **DRVN**, and **AZO**.
- Group CD-47 Retailers, Home Furnishings displays multi-year price and RS bottoms add selective exposure. Attractive names include: **RH**, **WSM**, and **ARHS** (bottom-fishing candidate).
- Group CD-50 Internet Retailers (IBUY) displays major price and RS base breakouts overweight/add exposure.
 Attractive names include: NFLX, AMZN, EBAY, CHWY, SHOP, BABA, JD, WRBY, RVLV, HNST, REAL, PETS, LQDT, and CURV.
- Equal-weighted retail (ETF: XRT) is breaking down be very selective. Attractive retail names (in addition to those listed above) include: GME, BBW, JAKK, DDS, OLLI, CLMB, BARK, CTRN, GCO, URBN, CVNA (we remain bullish on this massive winner that we started recommending in May of 2023, but we need to see \$175 or \$155 (worst case) support hold on this pullback), BBY, and BBWI (bottom-fishing candidate).
- Group CD-09 Consumer Electronics Mfrs. displays major bullish price and RS inflections overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: **GRMN, TRMB, SONY, NTDOY, TBCH,** and **DLB.**
- Group CD-14 Apparel, Accessory & Luxury Goods, Large-Cap displays major price and RS bottoms overweight/ add exposure. Attractive names include: RL, GIL, TPR, VFC, LULU, HESAF, and LVMUY (bottom-fishing candidate).



Consumer Discretionary (cont.): Overweight

- Group CD-19 Education Services, Small-Cap is breaking to new price and RS highs; overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: UTI, LRN, DAO, ATGE, LAUR, PRDO, LINC, APEI STRA, and LOPE.
- Group CD-20 Hotels & Resorts, Large/Mid-Cap displays bullish price and RS inflections overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: **HLT, MAR, ATAT, CHH, IHG,** and **WH.**
- Group CD-21 Hotels & Resorts, Small-Cap displays major bullish price and RS reversals. Attractive names include: TNL, PLYA (acquired by Hyatt; can sell), and MCS.
- Group CD-22 Cruises displays 1-year price and RS base breakouts overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: RCL, NCLH, CCL, CUK, and VIK.
- Group CD-23 and CD-24 Large- and Small-Cap Casinos & Gaming displays bullish 1+ year price and RS downtrend reversals add exposure. Attractive names include: **RSI**, **BYD**, **FLUT**, **MCRI**, and **PENN** (bottom-fishing candidate).
- Group CD-63 Online Gaming/Gambling/Sports Betting has several attractive names, including: GAMB, DKNG, SGHC, and GENI.
- Restaurant names are mixed be selective. Attractive restaurant stocks include: MCD, EAT, PBPB, SHAK, DRI, BH, CAKE, RICK, FWRG, and PTLO.
- Group CD-48 Online Travel Services has re-emerged as leadership overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: EXPE, BKNG, TCOM, MMYT, TRVG, and ABNB.
- A bottoms-up approach to stock selection uncovers additional opportunities within the Sector. With this in mind, attractive names include: DASH, GRAB, SN, AS, DUOL, PTON, SNA, PLNT, TOST, FLXS, SRAD, OSW, SGI (ticker changed from TPX), LTH, CVCO, YMM, SKY, SPHR, LNW, QEPC, XPOF, LZB, KTB, LEVI (bottom-fishing candidate), and WACLY.

Consumer Staples: Underweight

- In our 1/28/25 Compass (and each report since) we discussed how RS on the cap-weighted XLP was reversing above its 5-month downtrend, but the well-defined 2-year RS downtrend remains intact remain underweight. We discussed how the short-term bullish RS reversal is likely a sign that the S&P 500 is going through a 1-2-month consolidation phase, and that appears to be playing out. We have seen similar short-term RS improvement for defensive Sectors many times during this 2+ year bull market, each time raising false alarms. We will only start to get concerned for the broad market if they reverse above their long-term RS downtrends. The XLP is currently testing the 5+ month price downtrend. Be selective as we expect long-term underperformance from Staples to continue.
- Group CS-03 Hypermarkets & Super Centers remains in price and RS uptrends overweight/add exposure on pull-backs. Attractive names include: **COST** (still a favorite large-cap Staples name), **WMT**, and **BJ**.
- Group CS-04 Grocery Retailers, Large-Cap displays major bullish price and RS inflections overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: **KR, ADRNY, TSCDY,** and **ACI.** (We have been recommending KR for quite some time, and started recommending ADRNY and TSCDY in last week's *Compass*).
- Group CS-06 Food Distributors displays price and RS base breakouts overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: USFD, WILC, UNFI, and CHEF.
- Group CS-14 Soft Drinks Bottlers, Small-Cap remains in price and RS uptrends overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: PRMB, COCO, COKE, and ZVIA.
- Group CS-16 Coffee Products displays major price and RS bottoms overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: BROS, SBUX, and JVA.
- Group CS-18 Organic & Natural displays price and RS bottoms overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: SFM, NGVC, and UNFI.
- Group CS-21 Tobacco, Large-Cap has re-emerged as leadership overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: IMBBY, PM, MO, and BTI.
- A bottoms-up approach to stock selection uncovers some of our favorite opportunities within the Sector. With this in mind, attractive names include: BRBR, CART, TPB, ODD, CASY, KO, PPC, POST, and bottom-fishing candidates CELH, MDLZ, WBA, CVS, DAR, HSY, SEB, KDP, KMB, MNST, PG, TAP, TSN, and KVUE.



Energy: Underweight

- Natural gas has bottomed and we prefer natural gas related names over crude at this point. Oil displays a false breakout at its downtrend. We continue to monitor if crude oil can actually break out, and equities continue to follow suit, we will upgrade the Sector to market weight.
- Group EN-02 Oil & Gas, Global, Large-Cap has several names that are inflecting bullishly. We prefer those that are breaking longer term downtrends and have RS confirming the reversal. Attractive names include: EOG, EQNR, PBR, REPYY, and HES.
- Group EN-10 Oil & Gas E&P, Domestic, Small-Cap is constructive. The more attractive names include: RRC, MTDR, VNOM, CRK, and VTLE.
- Group EN-11 Oil & Gas E&P, Domestic, Micro-Cap has several names that have leadership characteristics. Attractive names include: PNRG, PHX, and HUSA.
- Group EN-13 Natural Gas Integrated/Diversified has a few names that are technically attractive. Natural gas prices continue to develop positively and indicate RS leadership in the Energy patch. Attractive names include: WMB, EQT, CTRA, TXO, and EE.
- Group EN-15 Oil & Gas Equip./Svcs., Small-Cap has a few names that are technically interesting as they have improving RS. Attractive names include: GTLS, KGS, USAC, PUMP, FET, SOI, TTI, AROC, RNGR, NGS, FTK, FET, MTRX, and SOI.
- Group EN-16 Oilfield Services, Offshore has a number of small-cap names that are developing as leadership. Attractive names include: FTI, DRQ, OIS, and GIFI.
- Group EN-25 Gas transmission & Delivery has several compelling names technically. This is a much less volatile group in the Energy Sector. Attractive names include: ALTO, ENB, KMI, PAGP, PAA, DKL, REPX, and GLP.
- Group EN-26 Gas Processing/Storage/Distribution Midstream is a leadership Group. This Group often represents a safety trade in the Sector. Attractive names include: EPD, ET, AE, WES, AM, ENLC, HESM, TRGP, MMLP, and MPLX.
- Group EN-27 Propane/LNG is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: LNG, COP, and SPH.

Financials: Overweight

- Group FN-01 European Banks is a leadership Group. Attractive names: HSBC, UBS, SAN, BBVA, and DB.
- Group FN-02 U.K. Banks is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: BCS, LYG, and NWG.
- Group FN-03 Canadian Banks is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: **BMO** and **TD**.
- Group FN-05 Latin/South American Banks does have several technically attractive names including BCH, BSAC, GGAL, BMA, BBAR, and BLX.
- Group FN-15 Banks, Super-Regional remains a leadership Group. Attractive names include: BAC, WFC, and TFC.
- Group FN-24 Asset Management & Custody Banks, Large-Cap continues to be a leadership Group. Attractive names include: APO, AMP, ARES, STT, LPLA, NTRS, and CG.
- Group FN-25 Asset Management & Custody Banks, Mid-Cap is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: AMP, ARCC, SEIC, IVZ, and JHG.
- Group FN-27 Credit Card Issuers continues to be leadership. Attractive names include: AXP, COF, DFS, and SYF.
- Group FN-29 Pawn Shops/Cash Advance is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: FCFS, ENVA, EZPW, and ELA.
- Group FN-30 Investment Banking & Brokerage is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: JPM, MS, GS, C, SCHW, UBS, and NMR.
- Group FN-34 Electronic Exchanges/Markets is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: ICE, CBOE, NDAO, CME, IBKR, VIRT, and SNEX.
- Group FN-35 Insurance Brokers is emerging as a leadership Group. Attractive names include: MMC, AON, AJG, BRO, WTW, SLQT, CRD.B, and EHTH.



Financials (cont.): Overweight

- Group FN-36 Life & Health Insurance, Large-Cap is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: CBRG, PUK, EQH, UNM, and GL.
- Group FN-37 Life & Health Insurance, Small-Cap is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: LNC, CNO, BHF, and CIA.

Health Care: Underweight

- Much like Consumer Staples (above), long-term RS downtrends remain intact on the *cap-weighted* XLV and *equal-weighted* RSPH, but both display bullish short-term (4-month) RS downtrend reversals remain underweight/be selective. Despite underperformance at the Sector level, there continues to be many bright spots within the more technology/services-oriented names.
- Mega-cap, Large-Cap, and Mid-Cap Pharmaceuticals (Groups HC-01, HC-02, and HC-03) display short-term RS bottoms add selective exposure. Attractive names include: ARGX, ABT, JAZZ, ABBV, LLY, JNJ, LLY, BMY, and AZN.
- Group HC-04 Pharmaceuticals, Small-Cap displays bullish short-term price and RS reversals within a longer-term bottoming process add exposure. Attractive names include: **CPRX**, **CORT**, **ELTP**, **CDXS**, **ETON**, and **DBVT** (bottom-fishing candidate).
- Biotechnology (ETFs: IBB, XBI, Groups HC-06, -07, -08, and -09) is *not* broadly leading as determined by the XBI ETF. Be selective. Attractive names include: VRNA, LGND, INCY, GILD, VRTX, RPRX, AMGN, TGTX, ADMA, ADPT, CRMD, TVTX, EXEL, UTHR, PLSE, PTCT, AVXL, XERS, DVAX, MIRM, ARQT, OMER, BBIO, RYTM, LQDA, ALNY, ZLAB, NVCR, MNPR, ABSI, INSM, ETNB, SWTX, PRAX, MDGL, ACAD, ALKS, BEAM, BCRX, MTSR, and bottom-fishing candidates VIR, VERV, and ABCL.
- Group HC-15 Diagnostic & Test Services displays price and RS bottoms overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: NTRA, FMS, DGX, GH, and LH.
- Group HC-17 Drug Delivery displays bullish price and RS reversals topside steep downtrends add exposure. Attractive names include: **DCTH** and **PODD**.
- Health care services and providers (XHS, IHF) display bullish 5-month RS downtrend reversals, and have continued to outperform add exposure. Attractive names (in addition to those mentioned above) include: HIMS, WGS, BTSG, MD, CRVL, DOCS, GRAL, CLPT, AXGN, CAH, CLOV, PRVA, PHR, CDXC, AUNA, SOLV, WAY, ALHC, LNSR, TDOC, AVAH, DCGO, GOCO, HSIC, and bottom-fishing candidates CYH, BKD, AGL, SDGR, and CERT.
- Medical devices/equipment (IHI) Groups display price breakouts, and now RS is bottoming as well add exposure.
 Attractive names include: BSX, ISRG, BFLY, OFIX, VCYT, PEN, NVST, MASI, ANGO, WAT, RBOT, ATEC, ATRC, CVRX, ICUI, TMCI, SIBN, NPCE, ARAY, DXCM, TMDX, and GEHC.

Manufacturing: Market Weight

- Group MF-01 Industrial, Diversified, Large-Cap is a leadership Group. Many of these are at RS highs. Attractive names include: **GE, SIEGY, ABB, MMM, JCI, DOV,** and **EMR.**
- Group MF-06 Aerospace, Components & Products, Small-Cap is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: TDY, ERJ, SPR, AIR, TGI, CVU, SYPR, and TATT.
- Group MF-07 Aerospace, Comm/Electronics, Large-Cap is a leadership Group Attractive names: **TDY** and **ESLT**.
- Group MF-15 Rail Equipment & Products is a leadership Group. Attractive names include: GATX, and FSTR.
- Group MF-17 Agricultural equipment is a leadership group. Attractive names include: DE, CNHI, AGCO, VMI,
 LNN, and TITN. DE is very extended here and we would buy on pullbacks only.

Materials: Underweight

• Group MA-01 Metals, Steel, Integrated is showing signs of bottoming and reflects improving RS. Attractive names include: NUE, STLD, X, WOR, SMSY, ZEUS, and TMST.



Materials (cont.): Underweight

- Group MA-03 Metals, Specialty is a leadership Group. Attractive names are: CRS and USAP.
- Group MA-11 Cement/Aggregates remains a leadership Group. We have been very bullish in the Engineering and Construction area of the market due to onshoring. We believe this is a secular trend to establish control over the supply chains. This Group is continuing to benefit from this move. Attractive names include: SUM, CX, and CPAC.
- Group MA-14 Fertilizer is emerging as a leadership Group. Attractive names include: NTR, MOS, ICL, SQM, UAN, and IPI.
- Group MA-17 Forest Products, Paper & Packaging has several names that reflect improving technicals. Attractive names include: **SW**, **PACK**, **GLT**, and **IP**.
- Group MA-26 Gold, Western Hemisphere, Large-Cap is breaking down. We would like to see it hold above the 200-day moving average on GDX at the \$35.15 level. Many names are reversing multi-year price and RS downtrends. Attractive names include: **AEM**, **GOLD**, and **FNV**.
- Group MA-27 Gold, Western Hemisphere has broken the uptrend. We continue to believe that this is a normal pull-back and would use the 200-day as support on the GDXJ as a guide at \$43.28. Many names are reversing price and RS uptrends near-term. Attractive names include: **RGLD**, **KGC**, **AGI**, **IAG**, **NGD**, and **USGO**.
- Group MA-30 Silver/Platinum is a leadership Group. Attractive names: PAAS, CDE, MAG, FSM, and USAS.

Real Estate: Market Weight

• Group RE-02 REITs diversified is reversing a multi-year price and RS downtrend. Attractive names include: **VNO** and **CUZ**.

Services: Overweight

- RS on the Vermilion equal-weighted Services Sector remains topside a 4-year base and remains in a multi-year uptrend remain overweight/add exposure.
- Group SV-01 Data Processing & Outsourcing Svcs., Large-Cap displays price and RS bottoms, and is finally emerging as leadership <u>overweight</u>/add exposure. Attractive names include: **FI, MA, V, TOST, CPAY,** and **ADP.**
- Group SV-02 Data Processing & Outsourcing Svcs., Mid-Cap displays bullish price and RS inflections add exposure. Attractive names include: AVPT, FI, BFH, GDS, G, AFRM, PAYO, FOUR, PAY, and HQY.
- Group SV-03 Data Processing & Outsourcing Svcs., Small-Cap displays bullish price and RS inflections overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: **INOD**, **EXLS**, and **CSGS**.
- Group SV-04 IT Consulting, Gov't/Global, Large-Cap remains in gradual price and RS uptrends following the latest pullback add exposure. Attractive names include: WIT, KD, and CTSH.
- Group SV-06 Research & Consulting Services displays waning price and RS upside momentum, and we are no longer overweight (as of our 12/17/24 *Compass*). Be selective. Attractive names include: **CRAI**, **CBZ**, and **HURN**.
- Group SV-21 Auctions remains in price and RS uptrends overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: CPRT, RBA, and KAR.
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Services (cont.): Overweight

• A bottoms-up approach to stock selection uncovers additional opportunities within the Sector. With this in mind, attractive names include: APP, DAVE, SOFI, ECL, VERX, AVPT, UPST, AFRM, LB, GEO, HIPO, PBI, TILE, ARIS, KVYO, CSV, APG, MTRX, FTDR, and bottom-fishing candidates HIS and DV.

Technology: Market Weight

- RS remains in a consolidation phase on the *cap-weighted* **XLK**, while RS on the *equal-weighted* **RSPT** has essentially been consolidating sideways for 4 years. Price displays short-term consolidation on the XLK, as it coils just below major resistance at \$238-\$241 breakout potential.
- Semiconductors and semi-suppliers (see below bullet point) have admirably shaken-off DeepSeek/tariff concerns add exposure. The SMH is back above its 200-day MA after holding at \$235 support, which we highlighted in our 1/28/25 Compass. Be selective. A lot is riding on tomorrow's NVDA earnings report, both for semiconductors and the broad equity market. Attractive names within Large-, Mid-, and Small-Cap Semiconductor Groups (TE-01, TE-02, and TE-03) include: NVDA, TSM, AVGO, KOPN, MTSI, TSEM, MRVL, CEVA, AMBA, SLAB, HIMX, RMBS, LSCC, IFNNY, ADI, and bottom-fishing candidates. CRUS, INTC, NXPI, ALGM, and TXN.
- Semiconductor suppliers/equipment Groups (TE-04 and TE-05) are mixed be selective. Attractive semiconductor suppliers/equipment names include: **ADEA**, **NVMI**, and bottom-fishing candidates **KLAC** and **LRCX**.
- Group TE-11 Electronic Manufacturing Services remains in price and RS uptrends overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: CLS, FLEX, JBL, SANM, and RFIL.
- Group TE-17 Network Security Services & Software displays a bullish price and RS bases overweight/add exposure. Attractive names include: CYBR, CGNT, FTNT, OSPN, NET, ATEN, VRSN, OKTA, BB, and CHKP.
- Group TE-19 Network Infrastructure, Small-Cap displays major bullish price and RS reversals add exposure. Attractive names include: NTGR, CALX, SILC, and DGII.
- Group TE-21 Optical Equipment displays sharp price and RS pullbacks as part of the selloff in semiconductors hold. Attractive names include: **GLW**, **AAOI**, **CIEN**, and **VIAV**.
- Software Groups (ETF: IGV) exhibited bullish price and RS inflections in early-October, which is when we got bullish. Now, both price and RS are going through a consolidation phase. Watch for support at \$94-96 on the IGV. Attractive software stocks (in addition to Groups TE-17 and TE-47 listed above) include: PLTR, SAP, WIX, TWLO, SE, RBLX, BBAI, INTA, CWAN, RCAT, AMPL, GWRE, CRWD, NN, AUR, SHOP, FROG, DSP, PCTY, TEAM, CLBT, VERX, IOT, CVLT, FFIV, ZM, NTNX, AZPN (acquired by EMR; can sell), TTWO, PAYC, PCOR, HUBS, PL, KC, GTLB, CFLT, MGNI, NTES, FARO, ESTC, DT, DASTY, PRO, NTCT, SSNC, RSKD, APPS, ZETA, RDVT, GRRR, PONY, and bottom-fishing candidates FIVN, WDAY, CGNT, U, ALRM, and ZS.
- Group TE-34 Web Hosting remains leadership overweight/buy pullbacks. Attractive names include: **GDDY** and **VNET** (recommended in our previous two U.S. Macro Vision reports in October and December 2024).
- Group TE-66 3D Printing Systems displays price and RS bottoms add exposure. Attractive names include: **SSYS** and **DDD**.
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- Space-related stocks are leadership. Attractive names include ASTS, PL, BKSY, and SATL.



Sector Highlights -- new comments in green; Attractive Groups & Stocks Highlighted

Technology (cont.): Market Weight

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Transportation: Market Weight

- Group TR-01 Airlines, Major is benefiting from lower energy prices, Attractive names include: **DAL**, **UAL**, and **AAL**.
- Group TR-02 Airlines, Regional/Low-cost Is also benefitting from lower energy prices. Attractive names include: LUV, ALK, SKYW, JBLU, and ALGT.
- Group TR-09 Shipping, Energy is staging a reversal due to the recent sanctions on tankers that have hauled Russian crude; there are plenty of reversals in the group. Attractive names include: GLNG, FRO, INSW, GOGL, DHT, TNK, NVGS, CPLP, TK, NAT, and TNP.

Utilities: Overweight

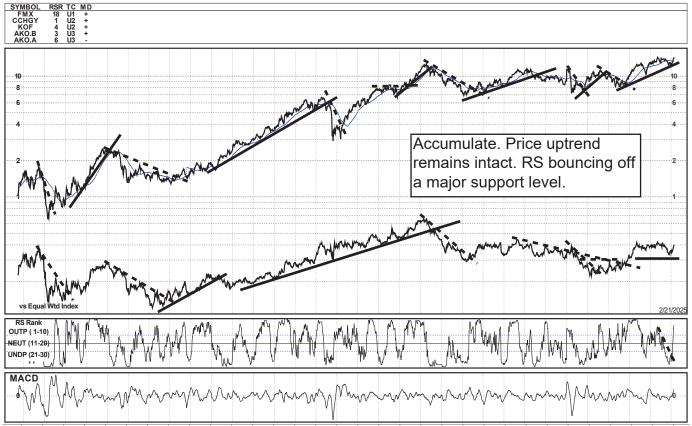
- As long as the gradual RS uptrends from the February 2024 lows remain intact on *cap* and *equal-weighted* Utilities (XLU, RSPU), our overweight recommendation is appropriate. RS is now reversing above the 4.5-month downtrend add exposure. Price on the XLU is now consolidating.
- Group UT-17 Foreign, South America has several bullish names, including: PAM, CEPU, TGS, and EDN.
- Group UT-18 Independent Power Production remains in price and RS uptrends, but are now pulling back hard remain overweight/hold. This is the Group to own during risk-on periods, meaning it is no surprise that it is underperforming during the current short-term risk-off phase. Attractive names include: VST, NRG, CEG, and TLN.
- Most other Groups within Utilities look virtually identical to the XLU and RSPU ETFs. Therefore, we prefer to
 evaluate the Sector from a bottoms-up perspective. Attractive names include: EXC, AEE, AEP, NFG, WEC, NI,
 EQT, TLN, CNP, ETR, IDA, CDZI, UGI, KEN, TXNM, ED, CWEN, EVRG, ES, FE, SO, ATO, CMS, DTE,
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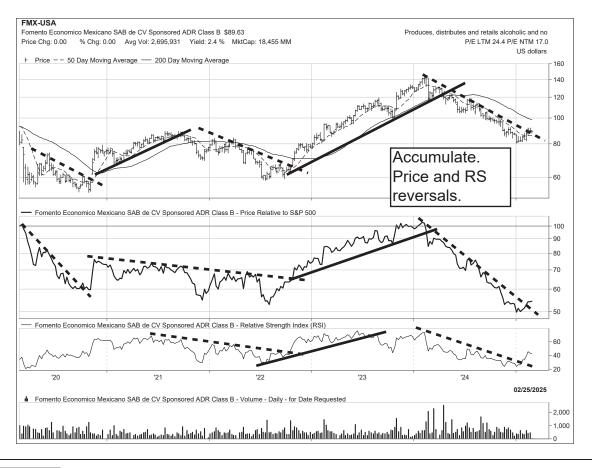
- CS-13 Soft Drinks & Bottlers, Foreign Stocks highlighted include: FMX, CCHGY, KOF, and AKO.B
- CS-21 Tobacco, Large-Cap Stocks highlighted include: PM, MO, BTI, and IMBBY
- HC-01 Pharmaceuticals, Mega-Cap Stocks highlighted include: LLY, JNJ, ABBV, NVO, NVS, and AZN
- HC-02 Pharmaceuticals, Large-Cap Stocks highlighted include: ABT, BMY, and GSK

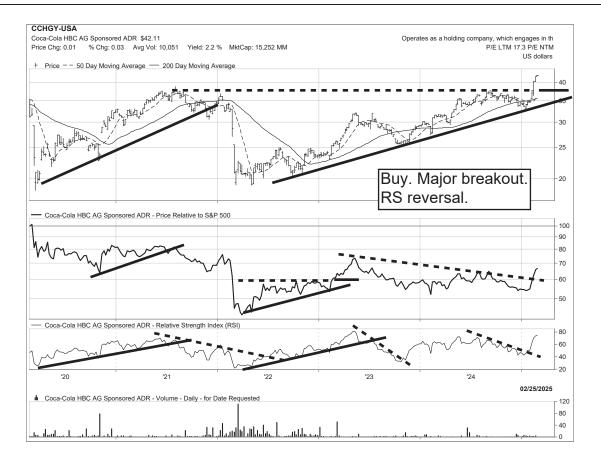


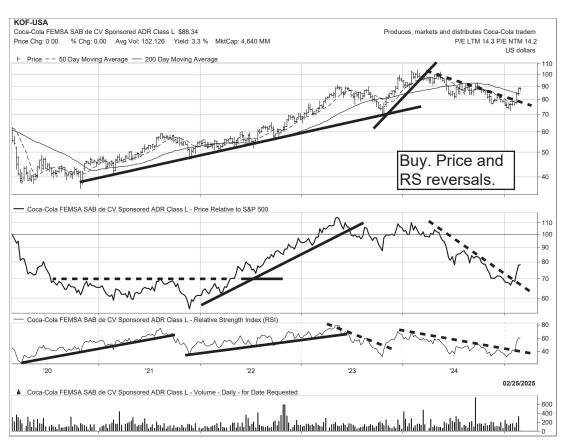
CS-15 Soft Drinks & Bottlers, Foreign



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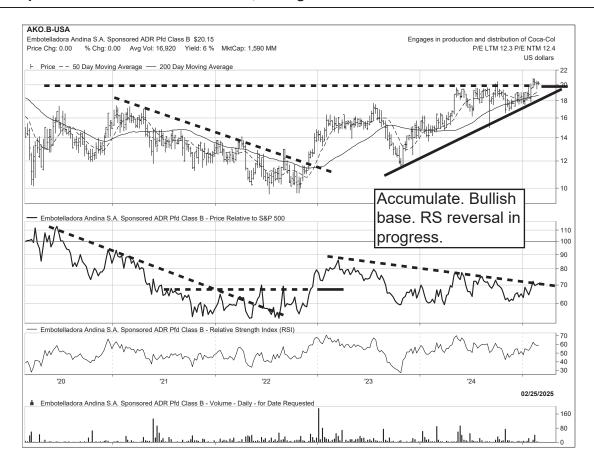








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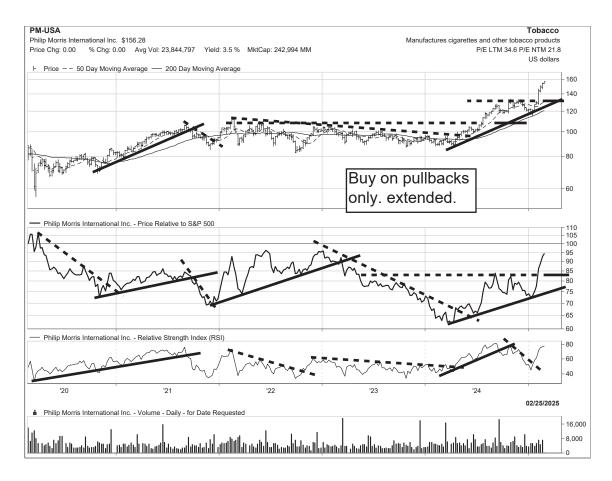




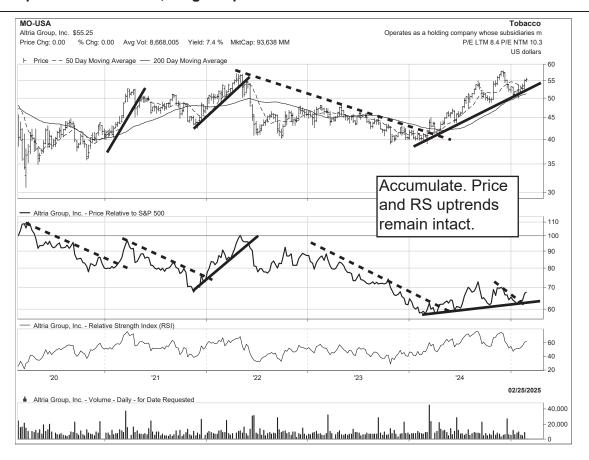
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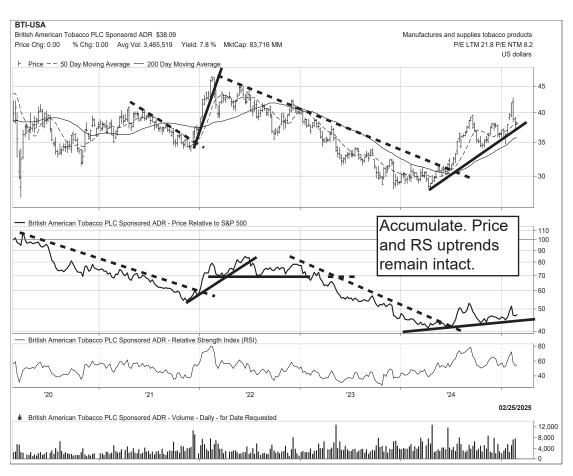


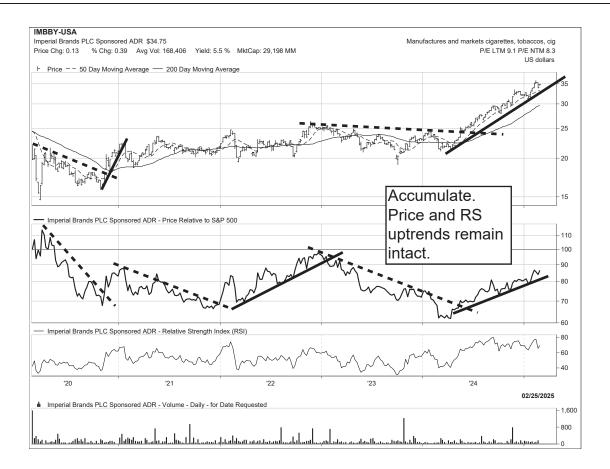
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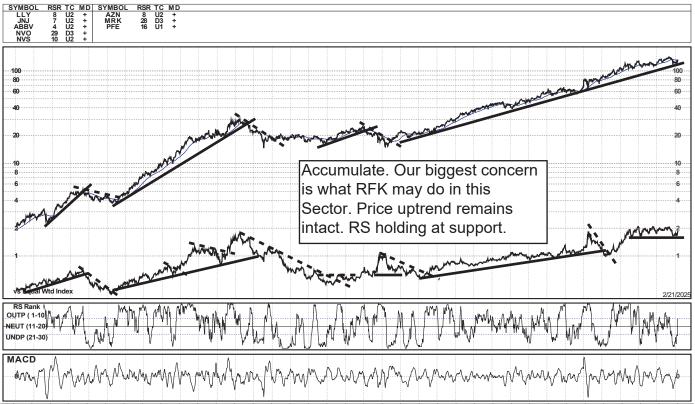




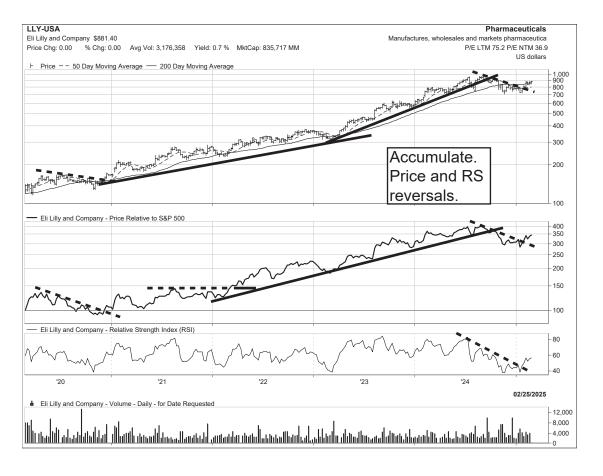


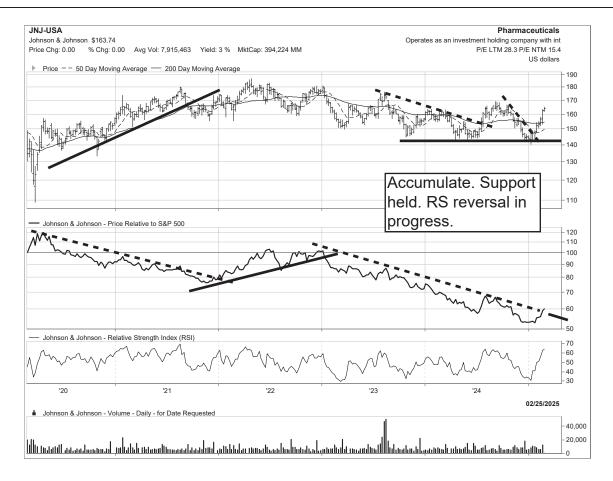


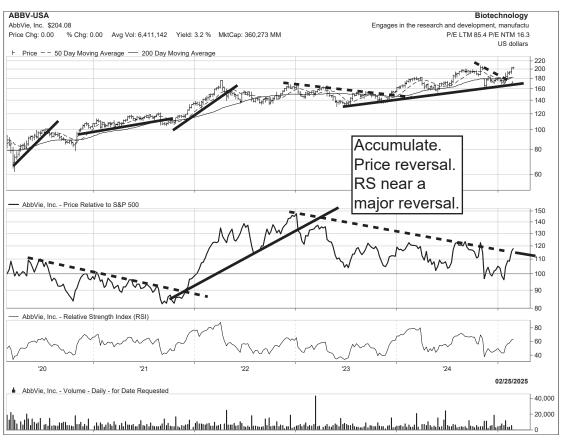
HC-01 Pharmaceuticals, Mega-Cap

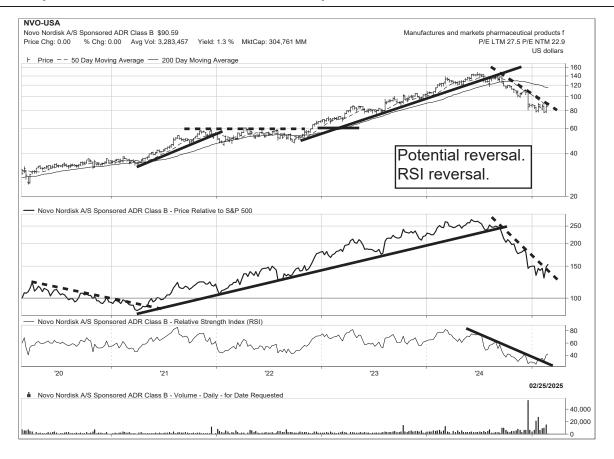


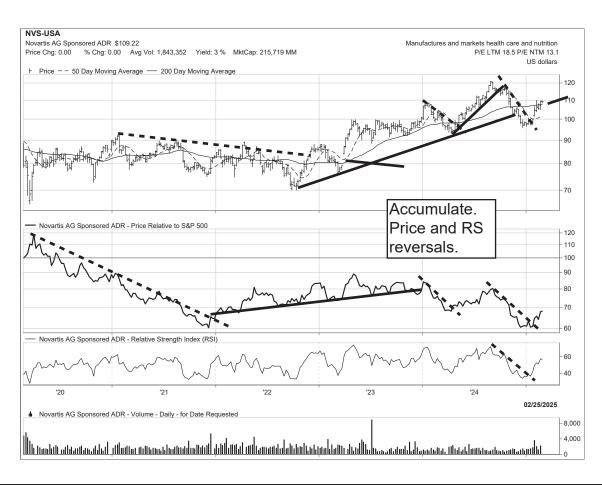
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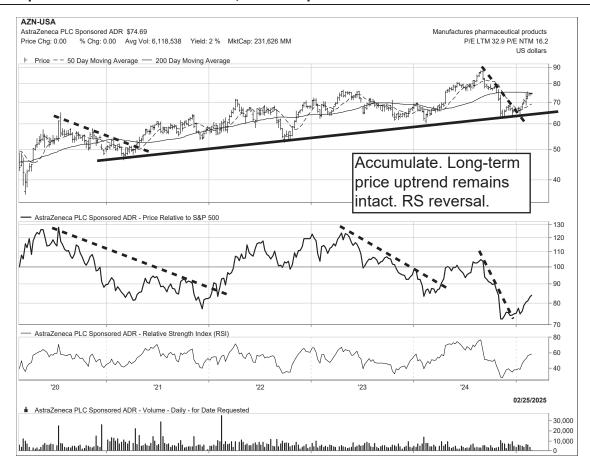




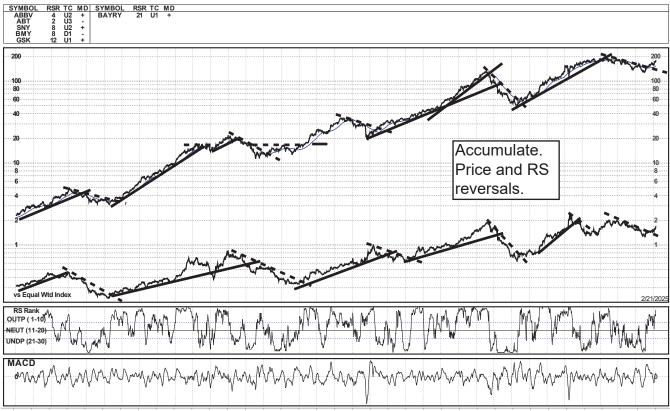


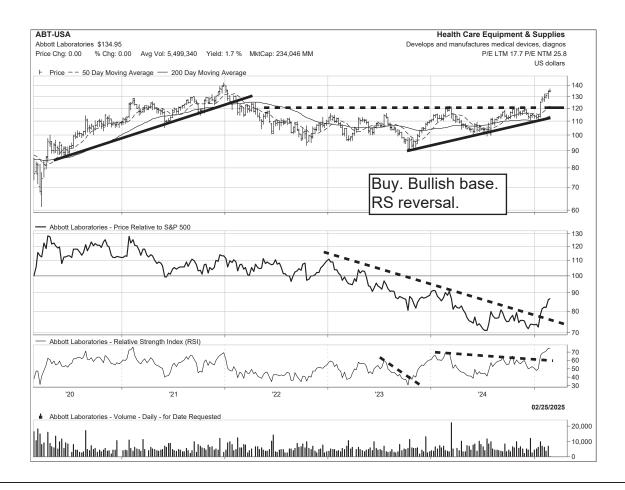


Attractive Groups: CD-19 Education Services, Small-Cap

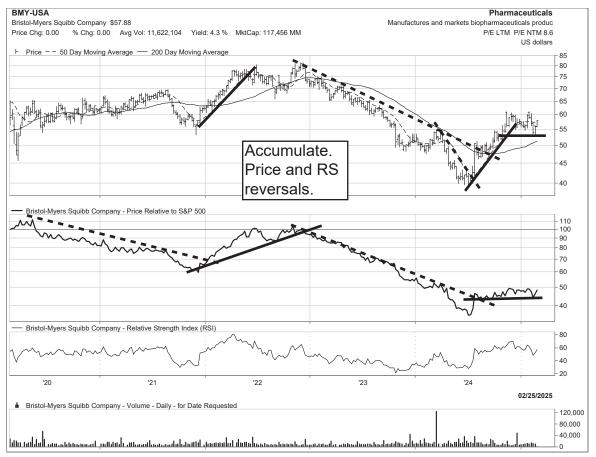


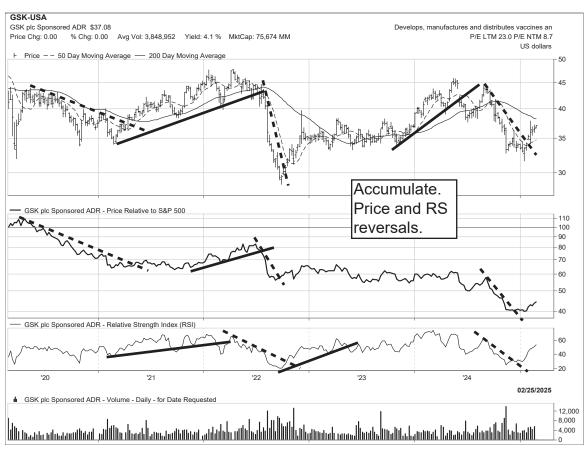
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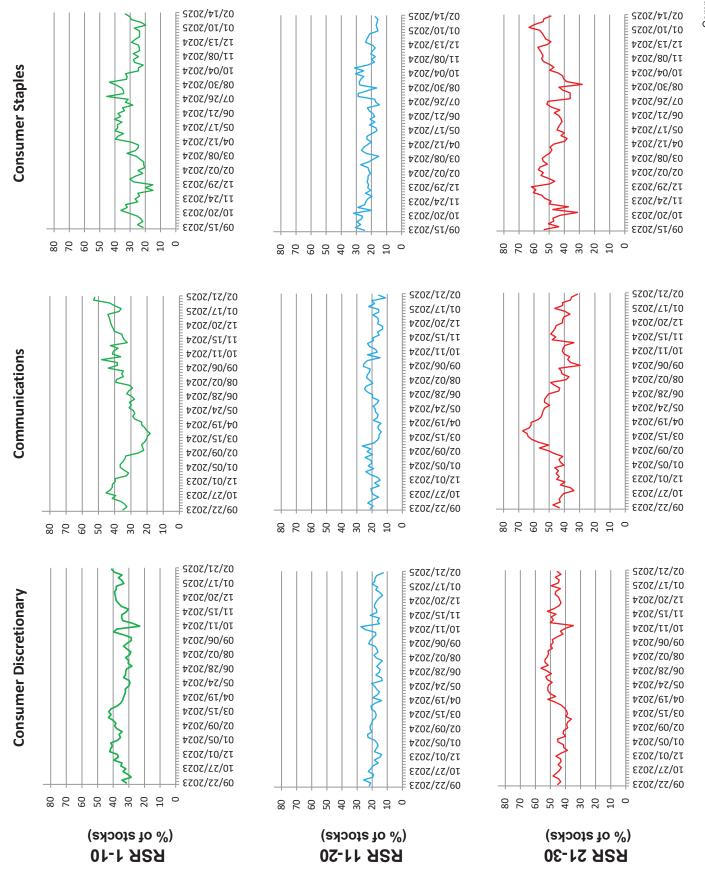
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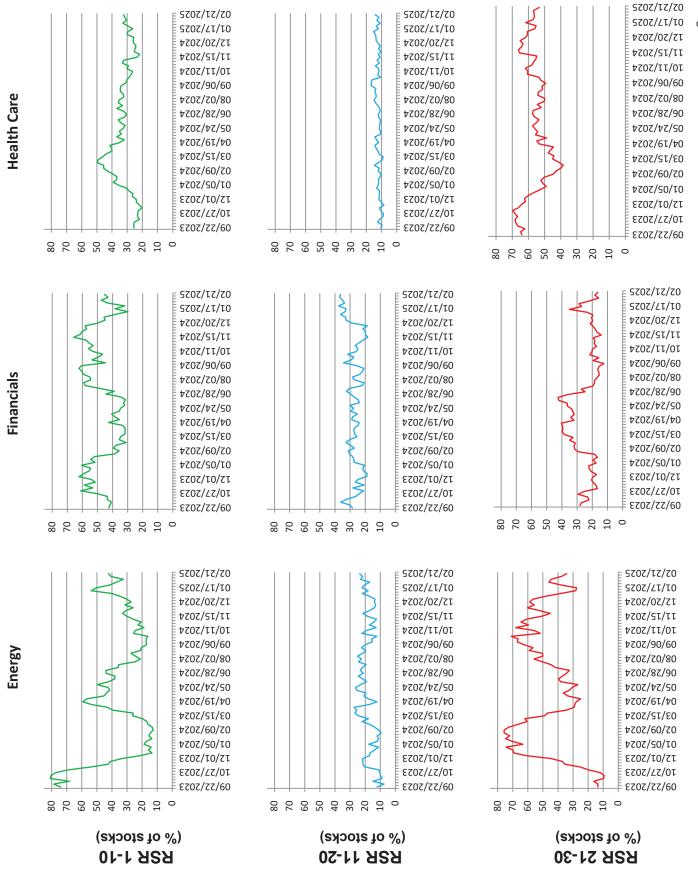
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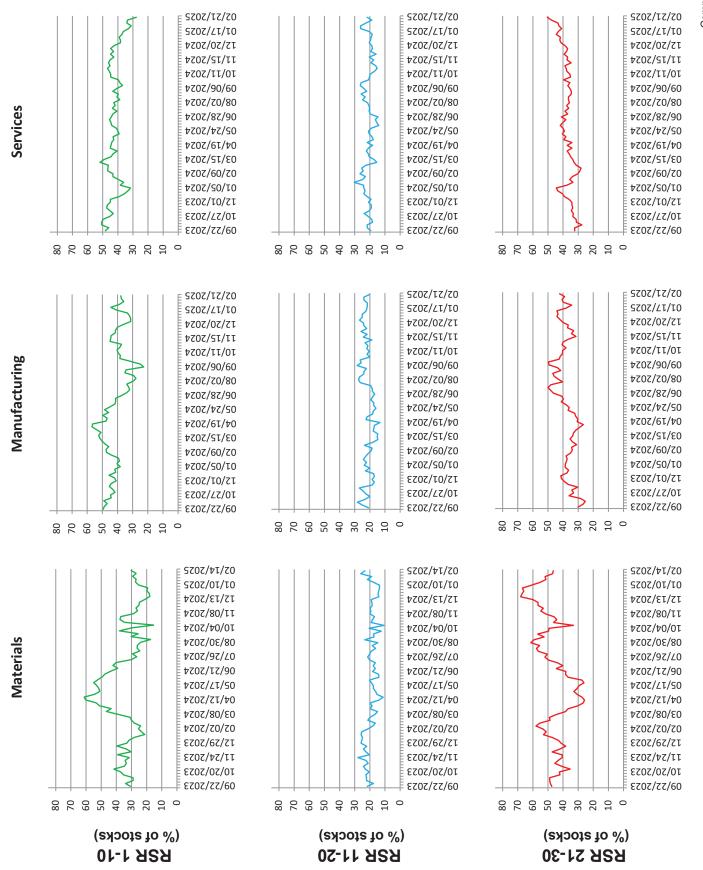
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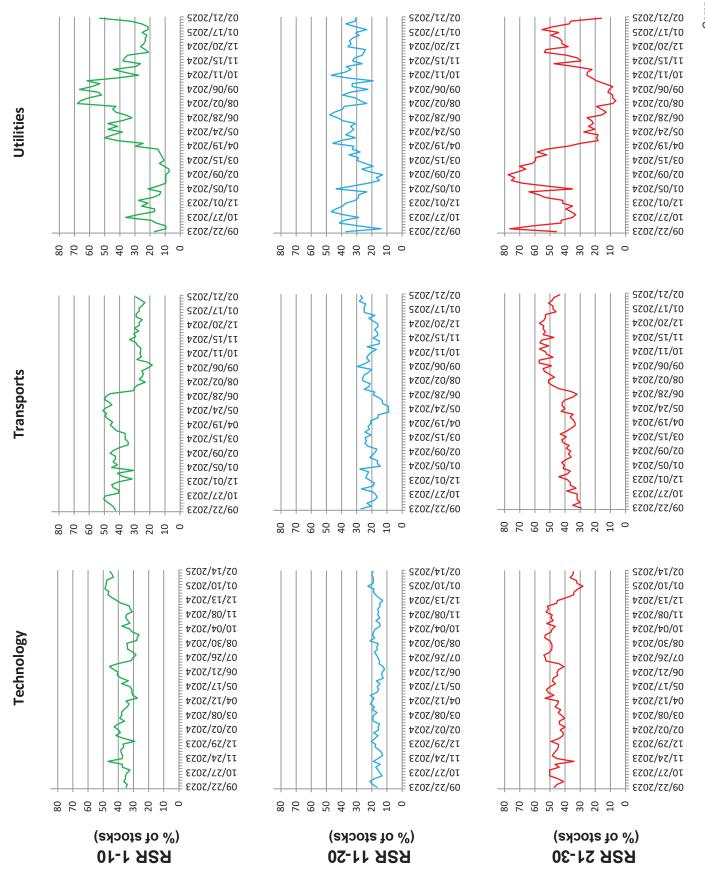
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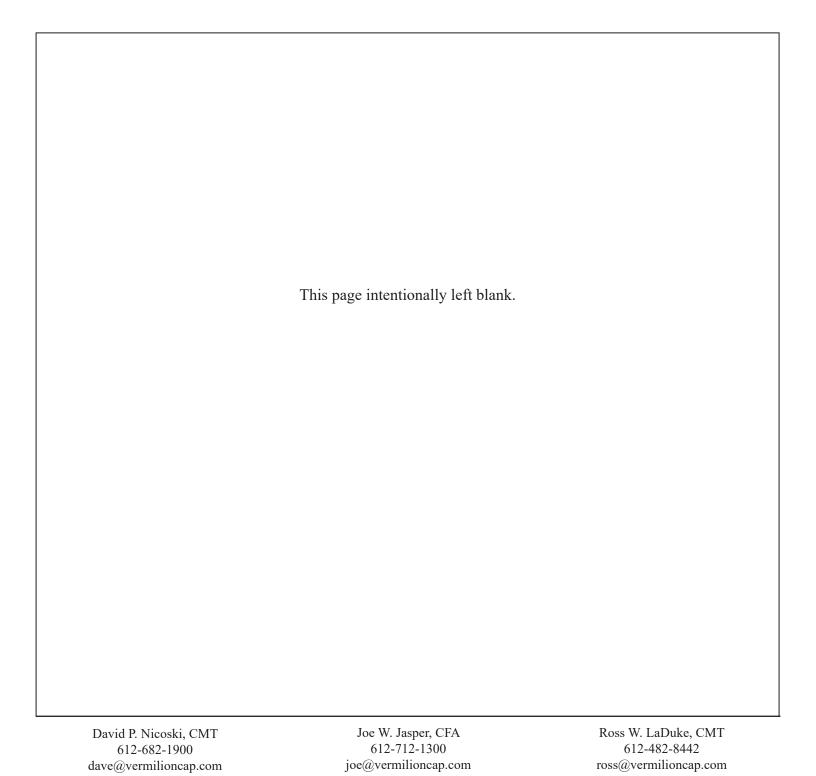




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