

5d performance: SPY +2.5%, DIA +2.9%, IWM +4.2%, QQQ +2.0%, EEM -0.2%, EFA +2.7%, TLT -0.3%, GLD +0.5%

Week Summary & Thoughts A pretty incredible week in terms of performance. Small Caps in particular rallied +4.2% and Micro Caps (IWC) +4.4%. In US sectors, breadth was very strong, there was no sector on my watchlist that was negative. For example, Oil & Gas (XOP) names were +9.3%, Homebuilders (ITB) +4.5%, Biotech (IBB) +3.9%, Transports (IYT) +3.9% to name a few groups that rallied hard. Interesting the Internet stocks (FANG related) still were up last week (FDN +1.7%), but were flat on Friday which indicated that there was perhaps a rotation into other areas in equities. Are we ok with such a rotation? ABSOLUTELY! The means there should be opportunities in other areas / groups.

So, in this weekend's newsletter, I will try to mix it up a bit and look at some groups that I have shied away from (like banks and energy) because I focus on relative strength. I am also skipping the Software group this week – it is been a crusher so far in'19, but I think it has gotten a bit overbought and would actually welcome a pause or mini correction within group.

Speaking of mini correction, are we do for one (or at this point a pause)? The IWM (Small Caps ETF) RSI is now 74 on the daily chart (anything on the relative strength index > 70 is technically overbought). This does not mean we get either but I will take the approach of using a little common sense with short term option positions and cash balance. For me, I do want to be able to buy the next dip and on Friday, took down a little risk so I do not get caught in short term volatility. Note I do not have a crystal ball and there is nothing in the charts indicating trouble, so if we climb higher, considering I am not fully invested, I will miss some gains. I am ok with this. I am reposting the next section from last week re being disciplined.



Conclusion / Strategy (from last week's newsletter) Nothing ground breaking here: be disciplined. Honor stops and don't get caught if we get a bout of volatility. One line in the sand I am watching is the top of value in SPY, QQQ, IWM, which held nicely on Friday. These Index levels are good proxies that tell me if I want to be taking more or less risk. If price remains above Feb value → excellent, I will continue as is and look for opportunities to swing trade single stocks. If we break into value → I will be more conservative.



Last week's sector performers:

Best 5d:

Worst 5d:

Symbol	Description	5d % chng
XOP	Oil & Gas Expl Prod	9.31%
OIH	Oil Services	6.49%
ROBO	Robotics & Automat	5.67%
XLE	Energy	5.05%
ITB	Home Builders	4.54%
IYZ	Telecom	4.25%
IBB	Biotech	3.93%
IYT	Transports	3.89%
SMH	Semis	3.74%
ITA	Defense & Aerospace	3.70%
XLI	Industrials	3.59%
KRE	Regional Banks	3.49%

Symbol	Description	5d % chng
GDX	Gold Miners	0.40%
XLP	Staples	1.04%
IYR	REITs	1.11%
KWEB	China Internets	1.41%
FDN	Internet- FANG	1.75%
TAN	Solar	2.15%
XLK	Tech	2.40%
IGV	Software	2.57%
XLY	Cons Discretion	2.73%
XME	Metals & Mining	2.83%
XLF	Financials	2.92%
SLX	Steel	3.13%

Last week's International performers:

Best 5d:

Worst 5d:

Symbol	Description	5d % chng
VNM	Vietnam	6.58%
ASHR	China A	5.12%
DXJ	Japan (FX'd)	4.42%
EWI	Italy	3.44%
NORW	Norway	3.39%
HEWG	Germany (FX'd)	3.39%
EWJ	Japan	3.34%
HEDJ	Europe (FX'd)	3.26%
EWQ	France	3.21%
EWZ	Brazil	3.20%
EWD	Sweden	3.09%
EWN	Netherlands	3.05%

Symbol	Description	5d % chng
EZA	South Africa	-2.88%
IDX	Indonesia	-2.83%
EPHE	Philippeanes	-2.17%
PLND	Poland	-2.21%
EPI	India	-1.73%
EWW	Mexico	-1.44%
RSX	Russia	-1.40%
UAE	UAE	-1.34%
ECH	Chile	-1.11%
TUR	Turkey	-0.36%
EEM	Emerging Mkts	-0.17%
EWM	Malaysia	-0.10%

ETF Flows (week ending 2/15/19)

US Equity ETFs saw +\$4.0B outflows last week (-\$1.6B previous week). **International ETFs saw inflows of -\$1.0B** (+\$2.2B previous week) & **Fixed Income ETFs saw outflows of -\$0.5B** (+\$2.3B previous week) last week.

US Equity ETFs broke the streak of outflows last week and posted +\$4.0B inflows. Did the money go into riskier areas of the market? *Not really.* The top 3 inflows last week were in more defensive equities: SPLV (Invesco S&P 500 Low Volatility ETF), USMV (iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol USA ETF), and XLU (Utilities) posted a combined +\$2.3B inflows which were over 50% of the US inflows. Note it wasn't all risk off as Tech posted +\$418M inflows last week.

A couple other bright stops were the **IHI** (Medical Devices ETF) posted +\$191M inflows, increasing the fund size by 6% and **PKW** (Buy Back ETF) posting +\$263M inflows, increasing its fund size by 22%.

International areas were much quieter last week. Emerging Markets still posted inflows but on a smaller scale, +\$260M vs a combined +\$6.4B over the two previous weeks. International Developed and European ETFs posted more inflows last week even though we saw a repeat short call buyer in the EFA ETF (see below for full International flow breakdown).

On the Fixed Income side, overall flows were also quiet. High Yield ETFs posted +\$382M and Inv Grade Corp Bonds posted +\$685M. One of the more interesting areas the last two weeks has been the **short term or cash like Bond ETFs seeing outflows.** Last week's outflows: BSV -\$387M, SHV -\$320M, SHY -\$218M, and BIL -\$178M. So, **it appears all the inflows these Bond ETFs saw in 2018, are starting to be unwound.**

Gold ETFs saw net outflows for the 2nd week with GLD -\$374M and IAU +\$127M.

US Sector Summary for the week:

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US Sector	5d market value change		
	Change		
Utilities	793,747,500		
Technology	418,616,850		
Materials	155,128,024		
Energy	86,725,039		
Health Care	19,295,408		
Thematic	14,741,407		
Consumer Discretionary	4,793,952		
REITs	(7,719,095)		
Industrials	(8,396,259)		
Communications	(13,236,500)		
Consumer Staples	(339,390,573)		
Financial	(540,023,597)		

International Summary for the week:

International	5d market value change
Emerging Markets	260,626,455
Hong Kong	128,367,000
Asian Pacific Region	58,506,829
South Korea	58,210,396
Brazil	23,936,225
Mexico	(65,685,000)
Japan	(76,347,688)
India	(76,738,768)
Taiwan	(85,358,000)
China	(107,771,202)
European Region	(363,832,152)
Developed Markets	(482,516,467)

Largest Flows by ETF

				Largest
	Inflows			
Ticker	Description	5d	Mkt Value Chng	Fund Size 5d % Chng
SPLV	LOW VOLATILITY EQUITIES	\$	985,072,000	10.7
USMV	MINUMUM VOLATILITY EQ	\$	718,704,000	3.2
BNDX	INTERNATIONAL BONDS	\$	687,803,670	4.5
XLU	UTILITIES	\$	685,233,000	7.9
IEF	7-10YR US TREASURIES	\$	595,308,000	5.1
IVV	SPX	\$	558,320,000	0.4
MBB	MBS	\$	556,924,000	3.7
GSY	ULTRA SHORT DURATION	\$	527,520,000	25.2
XLE	ENERGY	\$	333,906,000	2.5
DIA	DJIA	\$	323,312,500	1.5

Outflows				
Ticker	Description	5d	Mkt Value Chng	Fund Size 5d % Chng
ACWI	ACWI - ALL COUNTRY	\$	(634,590,000)	-6.0
SPY	SPX	\$	(624,105,000)	-0.2
VEU	ALL WORLD EX US	\$	(413,932,660)	-1.8
BSV	SHORT TERM BONDS	\$	(386,512,000)	-1.6
GLD	GOLD	\$	(374,400,000)	-1.1
XLP	CONSUMER STAPLES	\$	(339,687,500)	-3.3
IWM	SMALL CAPS	\$	(335,808,500)	-0.8
SHV	SHORT TERM TREASURIES	\$	(320,363,000)	-1.5
SPYV	S&P500 VALUE	\$	(280,953,000)	-10.1
SHY	1-3YR TREASURIES	\$	(217,568,000)	-1.1

Source: Bloomberg

Chart List — As mentioned above last week (and particularly on Friday) felt like a little rotation out there. I think this is natural, some areas get overbought and then they see profit taking.

A note about option activity – some I will post on the charts. My job is to find the trend & setup before we see call buying, because much of it is late, and when you see it, you often have to chase. That said, some are spot on and make for good trade ideas if the technical line up.

XHE - SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF (daily & weekly charts)



Taking a look under the hood in XHE

TNDM - Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.

This was a name I had a swing in weeks ago & took profits at the VPOC (\$45) on daily chart, also posted this in the charts section of Slack back on 2/11. This is a little tricky now because the name reports in 6 business day on the 26th. So, can buy and hold it looking for a further run up before earnings and then look to buy back on any weakness (note EW, ABT, IRSG, ALGN all sold off a bit on earnings, then they took off). Can also buy the XHE ETF (TNDM is the largest weight in the ETF at 2%).





ABMD - ABIOMED, Inc.



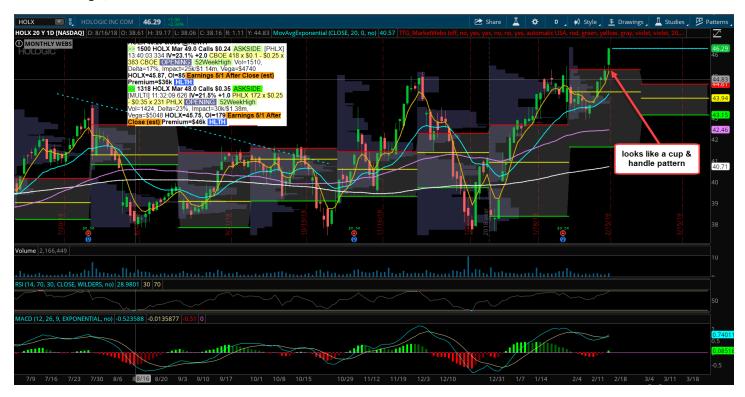
ABT - Abbott Laboratories



EW- Edwards Lifesciences Corporation



HOLX - Hologic, Inc.



OIH - VanEck Vectors Oil Services ETF



XOP - SPDR S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF



MCD- McDonald's Corporation (daily and 1hr chart)





HD- The Home Depot, Inc.



DIS- The Walt Disney Company



FLR- Fluor Corporation



BERY- Berry Global Group, Inc.



BLK- BlackRock, Inc.



JPM- JPMorgan Chase & Co.



EFA- iShares MSCI EAFE ETF



HIIQ- Health Insurance Innovations, Inc.



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