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US Strategy Weekly Disruptor

If you own a business that is part of the traditional mainstream of any industry, you will probably be very skeptical of any innovative upstart that enters your world. Not all upstarts are disruptors, but some are, and a few are legendary. For example, in 1994, Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN - \$226.65) led by Jeff Bezos, began a new online marketplace for books and soon became a massive disruptor to traditional bookstores. Not only did Amazon deal a major blow to Barnes and Noble (founded in 1873), but over time it changed the entire retail industry. Change is not easy for anyone. I remember being upset when the Borders bookstore closed in my neighborhood in 2011. Borders was a special place where I could take my young son on a Saturday morning, and he could peruse Manga (Japanese comic books) while I sipped a cappuccino at the instore coffee bar. I was an early skeptic of Amazon. Nevertheless, I am now an Amazon Prime member. Technology has and continues to change many industries, and artificial intelligence will take this to another level. In the end, bookstores have faded away, just like Blockbuster, the video store chain ended when streaming became available. It is impossible to say right now, but technology may also be changing politics.

President Trump has always been a disruptor. But in his second term, Elon Musk, and his expertise in technology, artificial intelligence, and business, may become a true disruptor of the political scene as we know it. By combining modern technology and business acumen to find redundancies, fraud, and dark pools of money in the political system, we wonder if Washington DC will ever be the same. Transparency of government money flows has been absent for generations and Washington DC is bereft of modern software systems and people who know how to use them. So, Elon Musk, by posting his findings on the DOGE website, is educating the voting public of the inner workings of federal agencies. This may be why we are seeing so much head spinning and uproar in the federal government this week. However, if this disruption actually results in reducing the federal deficit and making the government more efficient, we cannot imagine how anyone could be opposed. Nonetheless, it will mean many career federal workers will lose jobs and we doubt that they will go quietly.

The stock market has clearly taken the worries about tariffs in stride. The S&P 500 index scored a record high this week, and most of the other popular indices, including the Russell 2000 index, are not far behind. See page 11. Our 25-day up/down volume oscillator is at 2.77 and closing in on an overbought reading. In this indicator an overbought reading that lasts a minimum of five consecutive trading days or more, confirms a new high. What this would signal is that volume is supporting higher prices. See page 12. Last week's American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) survey indicated that bullishness fell 4.9% to 28.4% and bearishness rose 4.4% to 47.3%. Bullishness has declined 15% in the last three weeks and bearishness has increased 18%. These numbers are close to a bull/bear split of 20/50 which is rare and favorable. The 8-week bull/bear is minus 2.6% and neutral but closing in on a positive reading of minus 7.0%. See page 14. In short, the technical backdrop of this stock market continues to be favorable.



Conversely, valuation is not supportive of equities, but this is not new. Momentum, hope, and sentiment have been overruling valuation for two years. The SPX trailing 4-quarter operating multiple is 25.8 times, and well above all long- and short-term averages. See page 9. However, we have noticed that analysts have been raising their 2024 earnings estimates as fourth quarter earnings season ends but simultaneously lowering estimates for 2025 and 2026. Fears of economic slowdown and higher inflation as a result of tariffs appear to be the underlying cause of earnings forecasts falling, but we believe this is overdone. If we are correct, there will be positive earnings surprises on the horizon and that should support equities. See page 10.

Recent inflation data was unfriendly, but the consensus has already shifted to no Fed rate cuts for the near future, so this did not impact financial markets. Headline CPI rose from 2.9% YOY to 3.0% YOY and core CPI increased from 3.2% YOY to 3.3% YOY. Owners' equivalent rent remains high, but it did inch down from 4.8% YOY to 4.6% YOY. The areas of concern in January's report were transportation, which rose 1% over the month, and 3.2% YOY, and eggs, which are now in short supply due to the avian flu. The index for meat, poultry, fish, and eggs soared to 6.1% YOY in January, up from 4.2% YOY in December, but egg inflation should be temporary. For January, food at home rose 1.9% YOY (up 0.1%), but food away from home fell to 3.4% YOY (down 0.2%). See page 3.

Service sector inflation is slowly ratcheting lower, but it remains high at 4.2% YOY. Services less rent of shelter was 3.9% YOY, down from 4%. However, most core indices have been trending up, not down in recent months. One of the Fed's favorite inflation benchmarks is all items less food, shelter, and energy, and it rose to 2.3% YOY, up from 2.1% YOY in December. See page 4.

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January retail sales were solid. Advance estimates for total retail and food services sales for January 2025 were \$723.9 billion (seasonally adjusted), down 0.9% on a monthly basis, but up 4.2% YOY. Total sales excluding motor vehicles and parts were up 3.7% YOY and excluding autos and gasoline stations were up 3.9% YOY. Motor vehicle & parts dealers rose a solid 6.4% YOY and gasoline stations increased 2.0% YOY. General merchandise store sales increased 3.7% YOY (an acceleration) and nonstore retailers rose 4.7% YOY (a deceleration). See page 6.

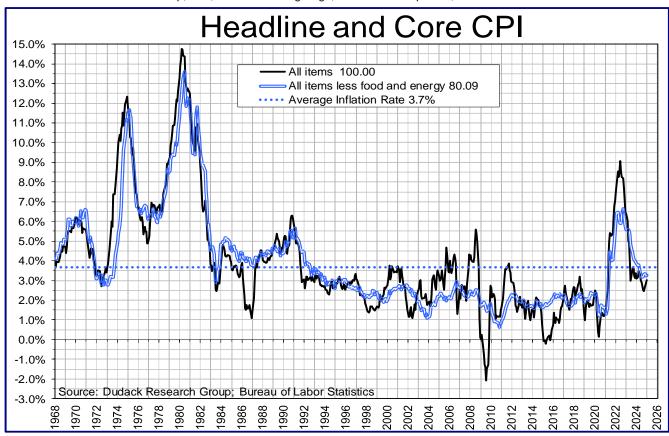
Industrial production rose 0.5% in January following an upwardly revised 1% gain in December. The overall industrial index rose 2% YOY. Manufacturing output rose 1% YOY and mining production rose 3.4% YOY. Utilities output, which can be volatile and weather-dependent, rose nearly 7% YOY. Overall, total capacity utilization rose from 77.5% to 77.8% YOY – the highest since August 2024 – and is back in line which levels seen prior to the pandemic. See page 7.

Retail sales and industrial production reflect a healthy level of consumption and an expanding economy; however, the housing market is showing some signs of weakness. After three consecutive months of improvement, the pending home sales index fell from 78.5 to 74.2 in December. The National Association of Home Builders confidence index for February also fell for the first time in seven months, dropping from 47 to 42, with the greatest weakness seen in the expected sales over the next 6 months, which declined from 59 to 46. High mortgage rates are one of the reasons President Trump is lobbying for lower interest rates; but this is out of his control. Meanwhile, the housing sector may be slowing.

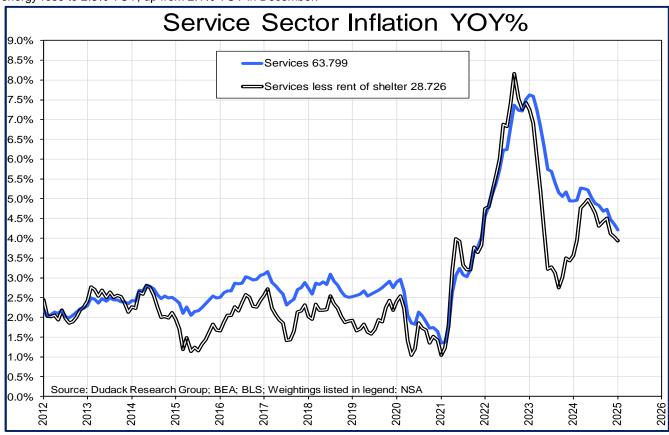
Inflation data for January was hotter than expected, but since the consensus has already shifted to no Fed rate cuts for the near future, the market took this in stride. Headline CPI rose from 2.9% YOY to 3.0% YOY and core CPI increased from 3.2% YOY to 3.3% YOY. Owners' equivalent rent remains high but inched down from 4.8% YOY to 4.6% YOY. The areas of concern in January were transportation, which rose 1% over the month, and 3.2% YOY, and eggs, which are now in short supply due to the avian flu. The index for meat, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 6.1% YOY in January, up from 4.2% YOY in December. For January, food at home rose 1.9% YOY (up 0.1%), but food away from home fell to 3.4% YOY (down 0.2%).

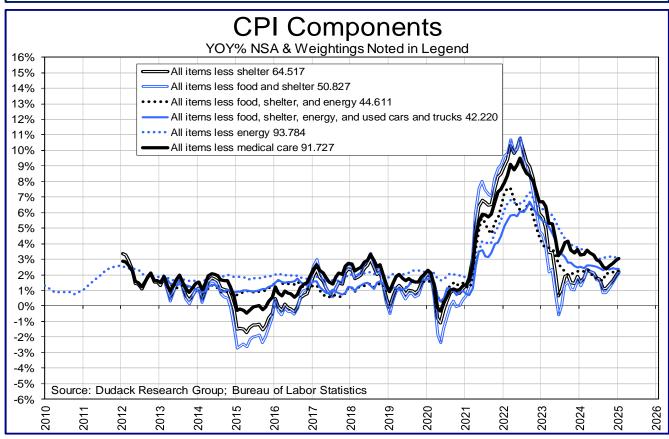
CPI Components Heavy Weights - Not Seasonally Adjusted	Component Weight*	Fuel Weight	Price Chg YOY%	Price Chg MOM%
Housing	44.2%	4.3%	3.9%	0.6%
Owners' equivalent rent of residences	26.3%		4.6%	0.3%
Fuels and utilities	4.3%		2.9%	1.6%
Transportation	16.6%	1.9%	3.2%	1.0%
Food and beverages	14.5%		2.4%	0.7%
Food at home	8.0%		1.9%	0.8%
Food away from home	5.6%		3.4%	0.2%
Alcoholic beverages	0.8%		1.4%	0.3%
Medical care	8.3%		2.6%	0.5%
Education and communication	5.7%		0.5%	0.3%
Recreation	5.3%		1.6%	1.2%
Apparel	2.5%		0.4%	0.9%
Other goods and services	2.9%		2.4%	-0.1%
Special groups:				
Energy	6.2%		1.0%	1.9%
All items less food and energy	80.1%		3.3%	0.6%
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Source: Dudack Research Group; BLS; *Dec. 2024 w eightings; Italics=sub-component; blue>headline

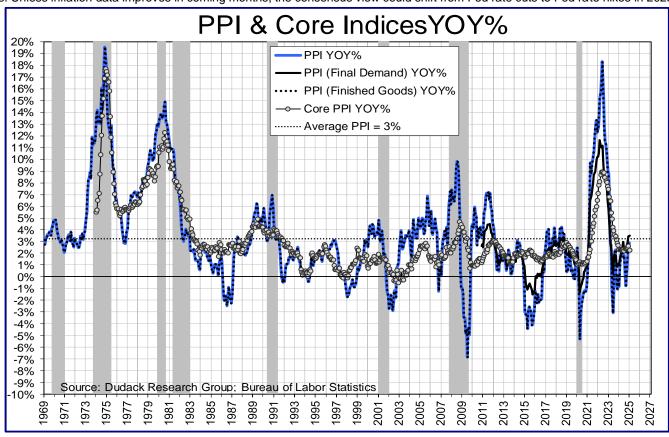


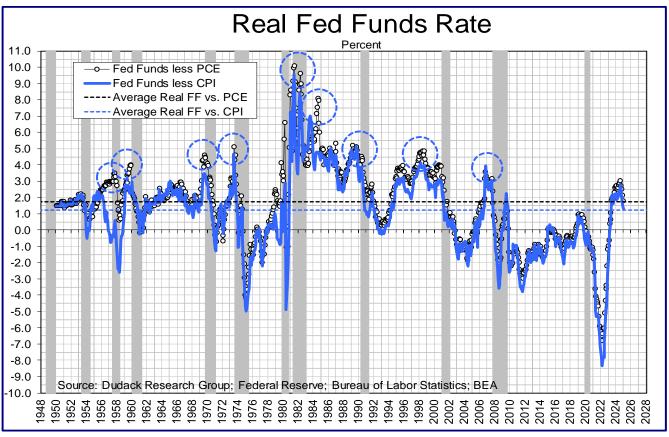
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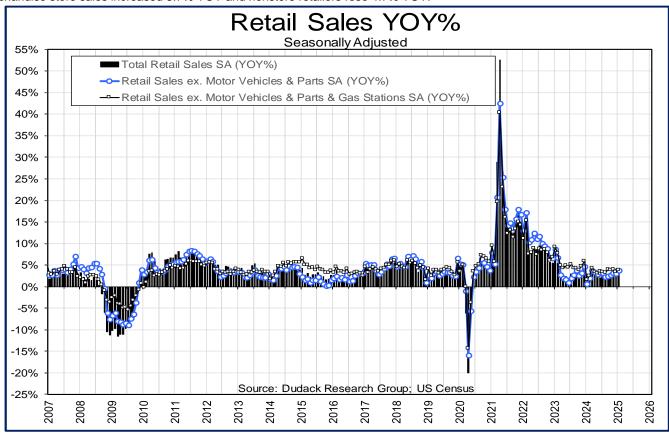
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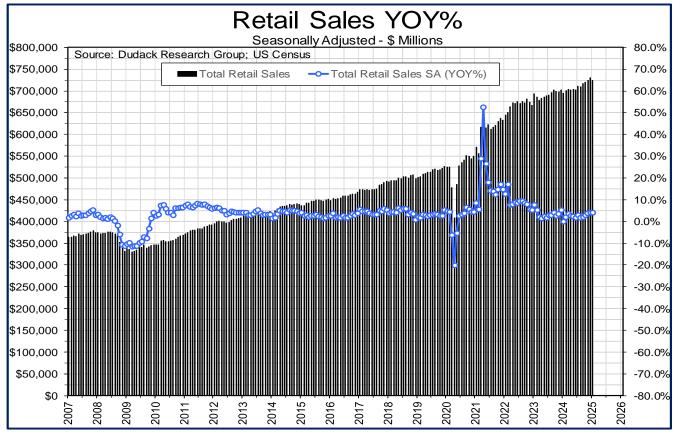






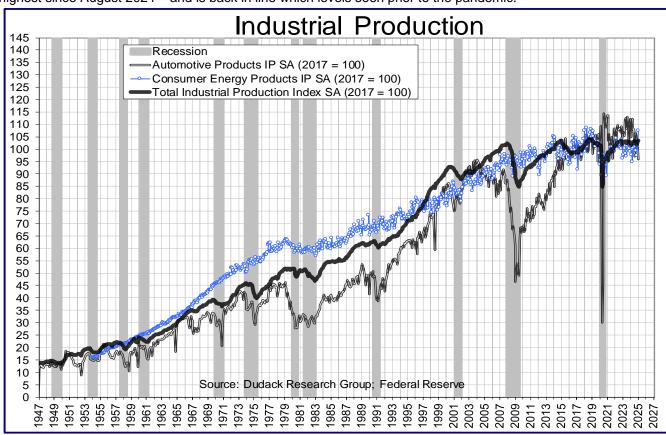
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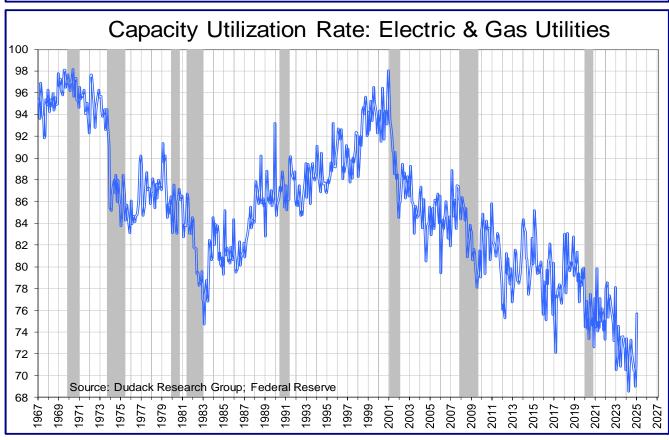






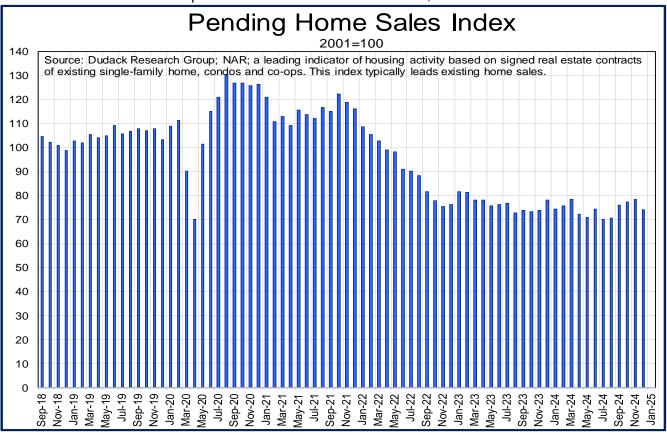
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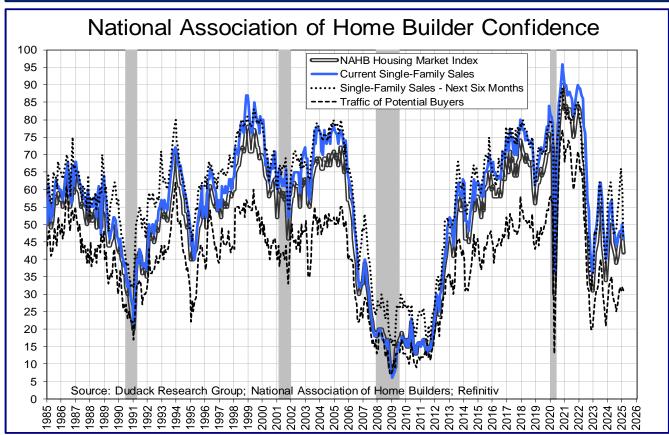




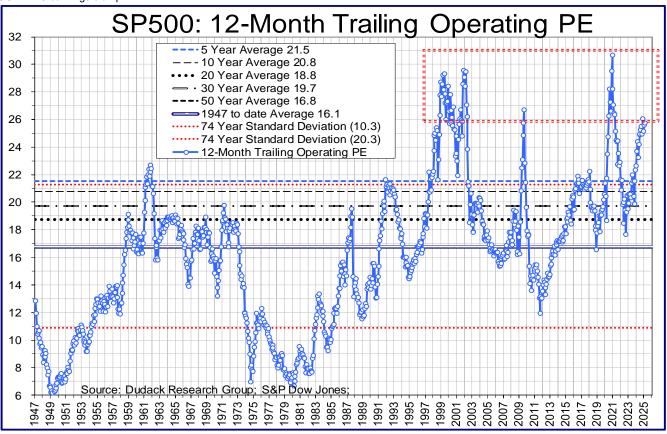


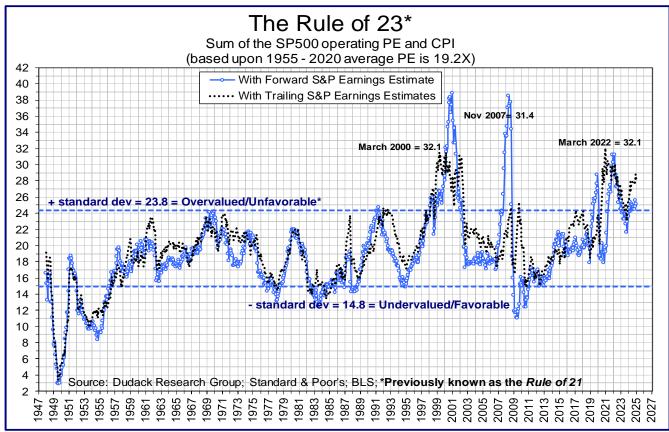
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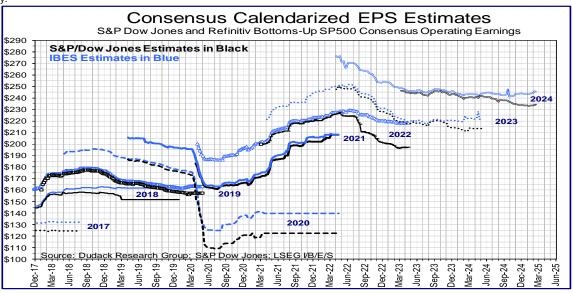


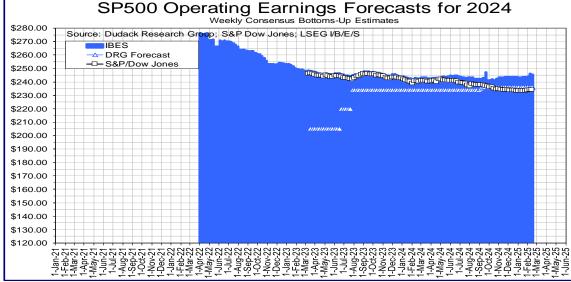
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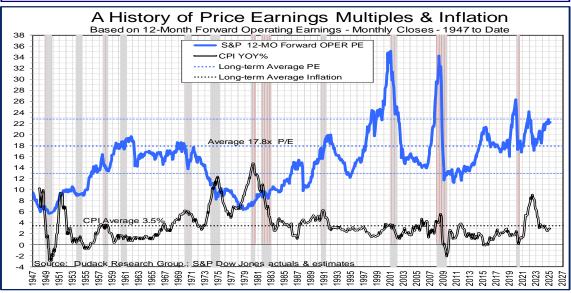




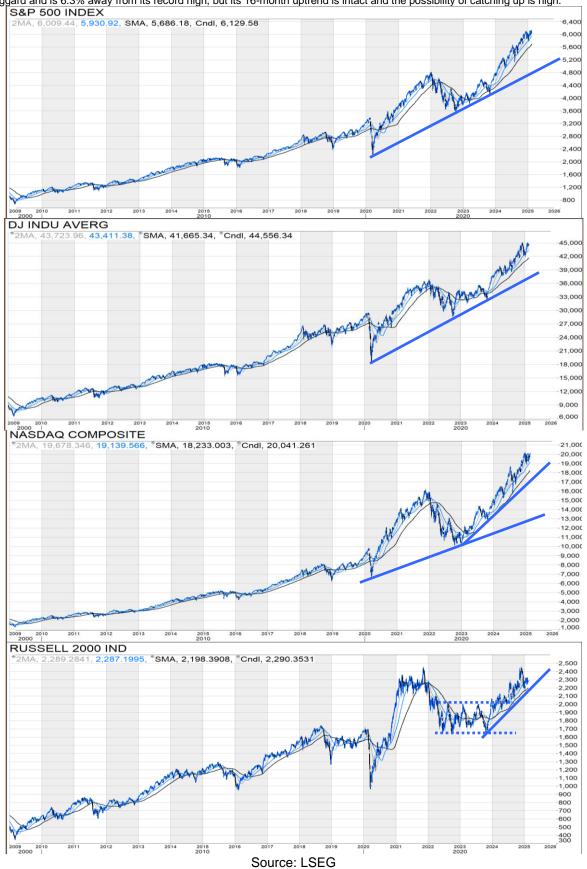
The S&P Dow Jones consensus estimate for calendar 2024 is \$234.10, up \$0.23 and the 2025 estimate is \$268.45, down \$0.66 this week. The LSEG IBES estimate for 2024 is \$245.56, down \$0.49, and the estimate for 2025 is \$270.95, down \$0.76. The IBES guesstimate for 2026 EPS is \$308.72, down \$0.68. The rally that began in December was based on hopes for an improvement in the economy and earnings growth. However, since President Trump began implementing tariffs, 2025 and 2026 estimates have been falling substantially.







The SPX made a new high on February 18, 2025 and the DJIA and Nasdaq Composite are 1% and 0.7% away from their record highs. The Russell 2000 index is the laggard and is 6.3% away from its record high, but its 16-month uptrend is intact and the possibility of catching up is high.

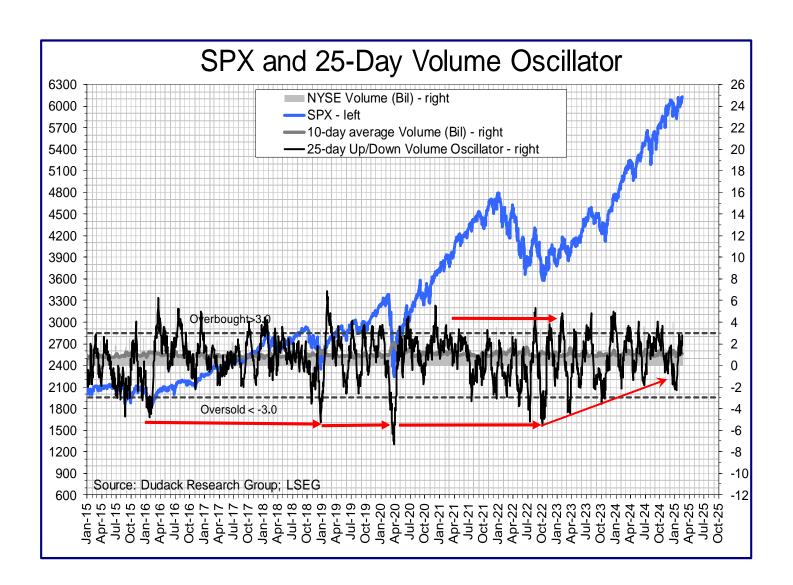




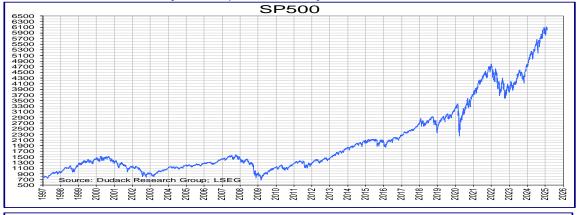
The 25-day up/down volume oscillator is 2.77 this week, neutral, but up for the week. This is the highest level in three weeks when it was closing in on an overbought reading of 3.0 or greater.

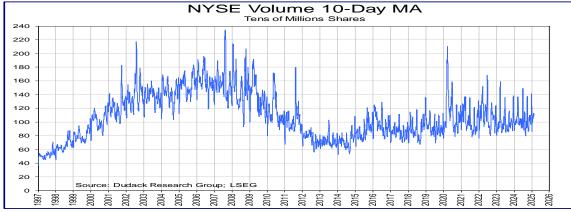
Surprisingly, the recent DeepSeek selloff in technology stocks and tariff concerns have not done any damage to this indicator. The market experienced a 91% down volume day on December 18, 2024, when the Federal Reserve shifted its forecast from four to two rate cuts this year. On January 27, 2025, the DeepSeek down day, downside volume was only 54% of total volume. The net result on this oscillator was positive.

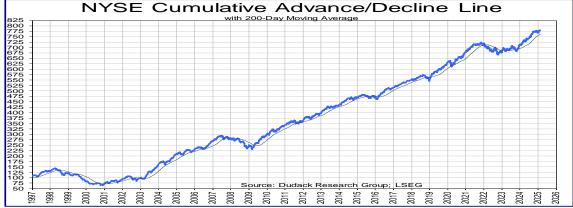
The indices are at or approaching new highs. To confirm these highs, this oscillator should move and stay in overbought territory for a minimum of five consecutive trading sessions. This would confirm that volume is following prices.

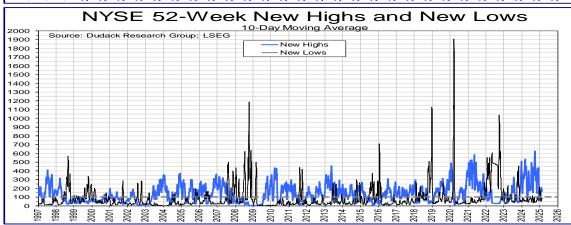


The 10-day average of daily new highs is 185 this week and new lows are averaging 80. This combination of daily new highs above 100 and new lows below 100 is positive. The NYSE cumulative advance/decline line made a new high on February 18, 2025, confirming the current advance. In sum, breadth indicators have a bullish bias.

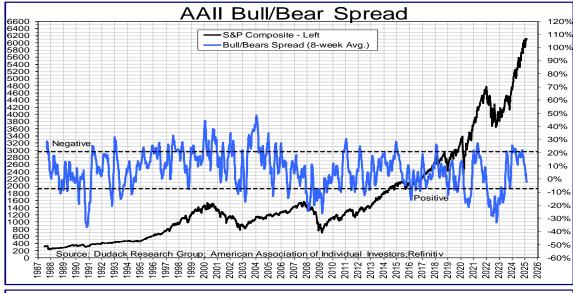


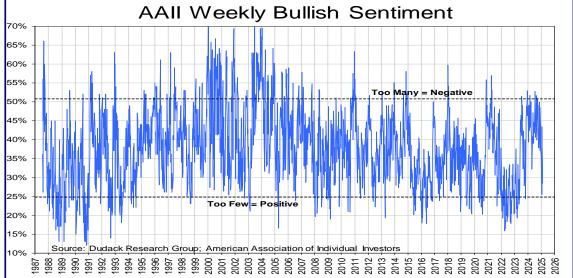


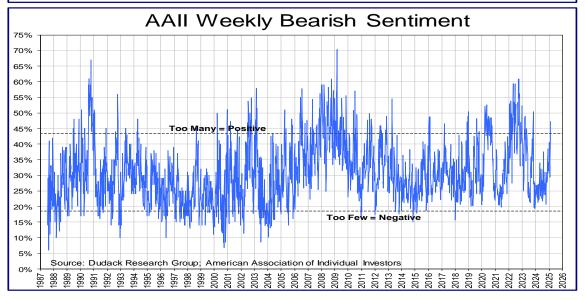




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iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF IBB.O 137.11 2.1% 3.4% 3.7%	3.7%
iShares Russell 1000 Growth ETF	3.7%
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iShares US Real Estate ETF	3.5%
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PowerShares Water Resources Portfolio PHO 67.87 -0.3% 0.1% 3.2%	3.2%
Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR XLP 80.90 0.4% 4.7% 2.9%	2.9%
iShares Russell 2000 ETF IWM 227.21 0.7% 0.8% 2.8%	2.8%
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF EWT 53.17 1.2% 2.2% 2.7%	2.7%
iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF IWN 168.17 0.1% 0.7% 2.4%	2.4%
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SPDR Homebuilders ETF XHB 105.48 -0.9% -4.7% 0.9%	0.9%
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Source: Dudack Research Group; Refinitiv

Priced as of February 18, 2025

Outperformed SP500
Underperformed SP500

DRG

SECTOR RELATIVE PERFORMANCE - RELATIVE OVER/UNDER/ PERFORMANCE TO S&P 500

DRG Recommended Sector Weights							
Overweight		Neutral		Underweight			
Communication Services		Healthcare		REITS			
Technology		Staples		Materials			
Consumer Discretionary		Utililties		Energy			
Financials		Industrials					





US Asset Allocation

	Benchmark	DRG %	Recommendation
Equities	60%	60%	Neutral
Treasury Bonds	30%	30%	Neutral
Cash	10%	10%	Neutral
	100%	100%	

Source: Dudack Research Group; 11/26/2024: moved 5% cash to equities

DRG Earnings and Economic Forecasts

	S&P 500	S&P Dow Jones	S&P Dow Jones	DRG	DDC TDC	LSEG IBES Consensus	LSEG IBES Consensus	S&P	S&P	GDP	GDP Profits	
	Price	Reported	Operating	Operating EPS Forecast	DRG EPS YOY %	Bottom-Up	Bottom-Up	Op PE Ratio	Divd Yield	Annual Rate	post-tax w/ IVA & CC	YOY %
		EPS**	EPS**			\$ EPS**	EPS YOY%					
2008	903.25	\$14.88	\$49.51	\$49.51	-40.0%	\$65.47	-23.1%	18.2X	2.5%	0.1%	\$1,029.90	-9.8
2009	1115.10	\$50.97	\$56.86	\$56.86	14.8%	\$60.80	-7.1%	19.6X	2.6%	-2.6%	\$1,182.90	14.9
2010	1257.64	\$77.35	\$83.77	\$83.77	47.3%	\$85.28	40.3%	15.0X	1.9%	2.7%	\$1,456.50	23.1
2011	1257.60	\$86.95	\$96.44	\$96.44	15.1%	\$97.82	14.7%	13.0X	2.0%	1.6%	\$1,529.00	5.0
2012	1426.19	\$86.51	\$96.82	\$96.82	0.4%	\$103.80	6.1%	14.7X	2.1%	2.3%	\$1,662.80	8.8
2013	1848.36	\$100.20	\$107.30	\$107.30	10.8%	\$109.68	5.7%	17.2X	2.0%	2.1%	\$1,648.10	-0.9
2014	2127.83	\$102.31	\$113.02	\$113.01	5.3%	\$118.78	8.3%	18.8X	2.2%	2.5%	\$1,713.10	3.9
2015	2043.94	\$86.53	\$100.45	\$100.45	-11.1%	\$117.46	-1.1%	20.3X	2.1%	2.9%	\$1,664.20	-2.9
2016	2238.83	\$94.55	\$106.26	\$106.26	5.8%	\$118.10	0.5%	21.1X	1.9%	1.8%	\$1,661.50	-0.:
2017	2673.61	\$109.88	\$124.51	\$124.51	17.2%	\$132.00	11.8%	21.5X	1.8%	2.5%	\$1,816.60	9.
2018	2506.85	\$132.39	\$151.60	\$151.60	21.8%	\$161.93	22.7%	16.5X	1.9%	3.0%	\$2,023.40	11.
2019	3230.78	\$94.55	\$157.12	\$157.12	3.6%	\$162.93	0.6%	20.6X	1.8%	2.5%	\$2,065.60	2.
2020	3756.07	\$109.88	\$122.38	\$122.38	-22.1%	\$139.72	-14.2%	30.7X	1.6%	-2.2%	\$1,968.10	-4.7
2021	4766.18	\$132.39	\$208.17	\$208.17	70.1%	\$208.12	49.0%	22.9X	1.3%	5.8%	\$2,382.80	21.
2022	3839.50	\$139.47	\$196.95	\$196.95	-5.4%	\$218.09	4.8%	19.5X	1.7%	1.9%	\$2,478.80	4.
2023	4769.83	\$94.14	\$213.53	\$213.53	8.4%	\$221.36	1.5%	22.3X	1.5%	2.5%	\$3,101.80	4.
2024P	5881.63	\$197.87	\$234.11	\$233.42	9.3%	\$245.56	10.9%	25.1X	1.4%	2.5%	NA	
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2018 1Q	2640.87	\$33.02	\$36.54	\$36.54	26.8%	\$38.07	23.2%	20.0	1.9%	3.3%	\$2,028.40	6.
2018 2Q	2718.37	\$34.05	\$38.65	\$38.65	26.7%	\$41.00	25.8%	19.4	1.9%	2.1%	\$2,071.00	9.
2018 3Q	2913.98	\$36.36	\$41.38	\$41.38	32.1%	\$42.66	27.5%	19.4	1.8%	2.5%	\$2,072.00	7.
2018 4Q	2506.85	\$28.96	\$35.03	\$35.03	3.5%	\$41.18	14.3%	16.5	2.1%	0.6%	\$2,099.60	6.
2019 1Q	2834.40	\$35.02	\$37.99	\$37.99	4.0%	\$39.15	2.8%	18.5	1.9%	2.5%	\$2,124.50	4.
2019 2Q	2941.76	\$34.93	\$40.14	\$40.14	3.9%	\$41.31	0.8%	19.0	1.9%	3.4%	\$2,147.20	3.
2019 3Q	2976.74	\$33.99	\$39.81	\$39.81	-3.8%	\$42.14	-1.2%	19.5	1.9%	4.8%	\$2,220.30	7.
2019 4Q	3230.78	\$35.53	\$39.18	\$39.18	11.8%	\$41.98	1.9%	20.6	1.8%	2.8%	\$2,199.60	4.
2020 1Q	2584.59	\$11.88	\$19.50	\$19.50	-48.7%	\$33.13	-15.4%	18.6	2.3%	-5.5%	\$1,993.80	-6.
2020 2Q	4397.35	\$17.83	\$26.79	\$26.79	-33.3%	\$27.98	-32.3%	35.1	1.9%	-28.1%	\$1,785.00	-16
2020 3Q	3363.00	\$32.98	\$37.90	\$37.90	-4.8%	\$38.69	-8.2%	27.3	1.7%	35.2%	\$2,386.80	7
2020 4Q	3756.07	\$31.45	\$38.19	\$38.19	-2.5%	\$42.58	1.4%	30.7	1.6%	4.4%	\$2,137.60	-2
2021 1Q	3972.89	\$45.95	\$47.41	\$47.41	143.1%	\$49.13	48.3%	26.4	1.5%	5.6%	\$2,401.00	20
2021 2Q	4297.50	\$48.39	\$52.03	\$52.03	94.2%	\$52.58	87.9%	24.5	1.3%	6.4%	\$2,596.30	45
2021 3Q	4307.54	\$49.59	\$52.02	\$52.02	37.3%	\$53.72	38.8%	22.7	1.4%	3.5%	\$2,553.30	7
2021 4Q	4766.18	\$53.94	\$56.71	\$56.71	48.5%	\$53.95	26.7%	22.9	1.3%	7.4%	\$2,521.90	18
2022 1Q	4530.41	\$45.99	\$49.36	\$49.36	4.1%	\$54.80	11.5%	21.6	1.4%	-1.0%	\$2,497.90	4
2022 2Q	3785.38	\$42.74	\$46.87	\$46.87	-9.9%	\$57.62	9.6%	18.5	1.7%	0.3%	\$2,712.60	4.
2022 3Q	3585.62	\$44.41	\$50.35	\$50.35	-3.2%	\$56.02	4.3%	17.6	1.8%	2.7%	\$2,754.60	7.
2022 4Q	3839.50	\$39.61	\$50.37	\$50.37	-11.2%	\$53.15	-1.5%	19.5	1.7%	3.4%	\$2,700.10	7.
2023 1Q	4109.31	\$48.41	\$52.54	\$52.54	6.4%	\$53.08	-3.1%	20.5	1.7%	2.8%	\$2,588.60	3.
2023 2Q	4450.38	\$48.58	\$54.84	\$54.84	17.0%	\$54.29	1	21.4	1.5%	2.4%	\$2,601.80	-4.
2023 3Q	4288.05	\$47.65	\$52.25	\$52.25	3.8%	\$58.41	4.3%	20.4	1.6%	4.4%	\$2,697.90	-2.
2023 4Q	4769.83	\$47.79	\$53.90	\$53.90	7.0%	\$57.16	7.5%	22.3	1.5%	3.2%	\$2,803.20	3.
2024 1Q	5254.35	\$47.37	\$54.63	\$54.63	4.0%	\$56.56	6.6%	24.4	1.3%	1.6%	\$2,726.80	5
2024 2Q	5521.50	\$53.12	\$58.36	\$58.36	6.4%	\$60.40	11.3%	25.2	1.3%	3.0%	\$3,141.60	20.
2024 3Q	5521.50	\$53.75	\$59.17	\$59.17	13.2%	\$63.21	8.2%	24.4	1.3%	2.8%	\$3,128.50	16
2024 4QE	5881.63	\$58.33	\$61.95	\$61.26	13.7%	\$64.19	12.3%	25.1	1.3%	NA	NA	
2025 1QE*	6068.50	\$55.70	\$60.24	\$63.75	16.7%	\$60.69	7.3%	25.3	NA	NA	NA	
2025 2QE	NA	\$60.31	\$65.58	\$65.25	11.8%	\$66.07	9.4%	24.6	NA	NA	NA	
2025 3QE	NA 	\$65.22	\$70.10	\$68.00	14.9%	\$70.62	11.7%	23.5	NA	NA	NA	
2025 4QE*	NA	\$67.91	\$72.53	\$73.00	19.2%	\$73.08	13.8%	22.6	NA	NA	NA	



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