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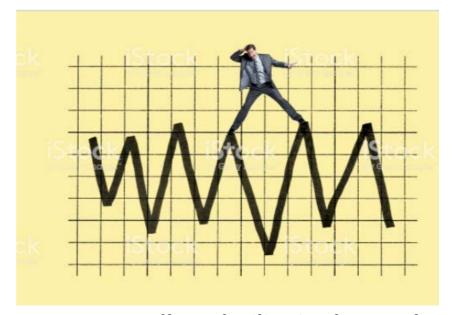
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Topics Today

Markets

- Recent Market Actions
- Dealing with Volatility
- Leveraged ETFs
 - Pros and Cons
 - Backtest Results



Can You Handle Volatility in the Markets?

"When the Music Plays too Fast to Dance, it's Time to Sit It Out."

S&P 500 - Bounce from Dec Drop



What Happened in Dec?

- Too Many Worries for Market to Handle
 - China Trade War No Progress Impacting US Companies
 - Fear of Global Economic Slowdown and Recession
 - Slowdown in Earnings Growth (from 22% last year to 8%)
 - Uncertainty of BREXIT Impact on EU Economy
 - Fed Rate Increases Taking Liquidity From Markets
- 10 Year Bull Market Overdue for Correction
 - Valuations Too High for New Positions
- Volatility in Equities Take Away Easy Profits
 - Many Investors Seek Shelter in Cash & Bonds Rather than Play the Market

Too Much Bad News

The stock market is on pace for its worst December since the Great Depression

Michael Sheetz | @thesheetztweetz

Published 4:24 PM ET Mon, 17 Dec 2018 | Updated 3:56 PM ET Tue, 18 Dec 2018



Dow plunges, now stock market faces worst December since 1931

By Alex Veiga The Associated Press

Updated December 24, 2018 - 351 pm





'Worst Christmas Eve' in US stock market history

BUSINESS

US stock market suffers worst week in nearly a decade

By Carleton English

December 21, 2018 | 4:19pm

MarketWatch

The stock market just booked its ugliest Christmas Eve plunge — ever

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Dow slide deepens as shadow of bear market hovers over battered stock market Stock markets slide toward worst December since 1931

Dow's worst week since 2008 financial crisis; Nasdaq closes in bear market



Drawdowns of Major Indexes

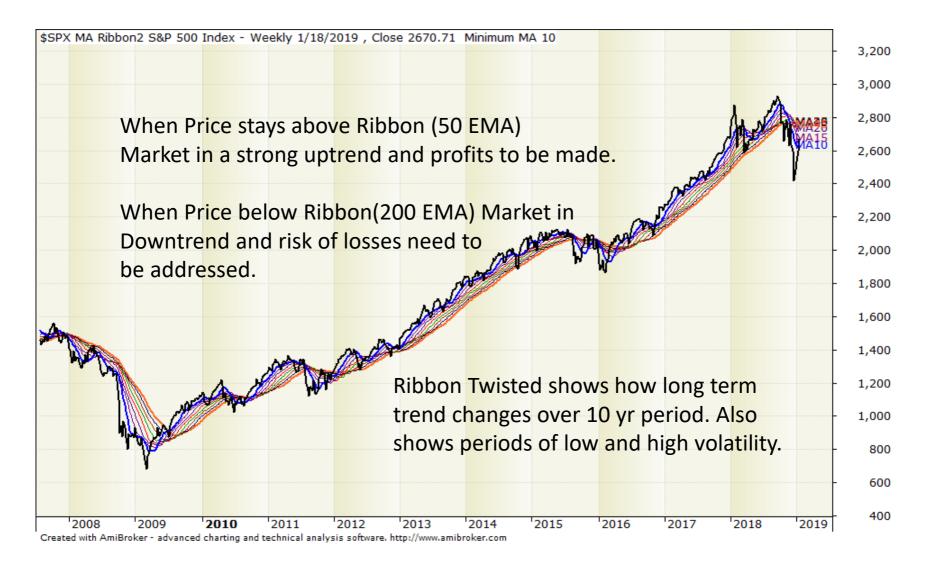


Simple Analysis Tool for Long Term Trends SP500 Ribbon in 2008-2011



Concept from: Ciovacco Capital Management

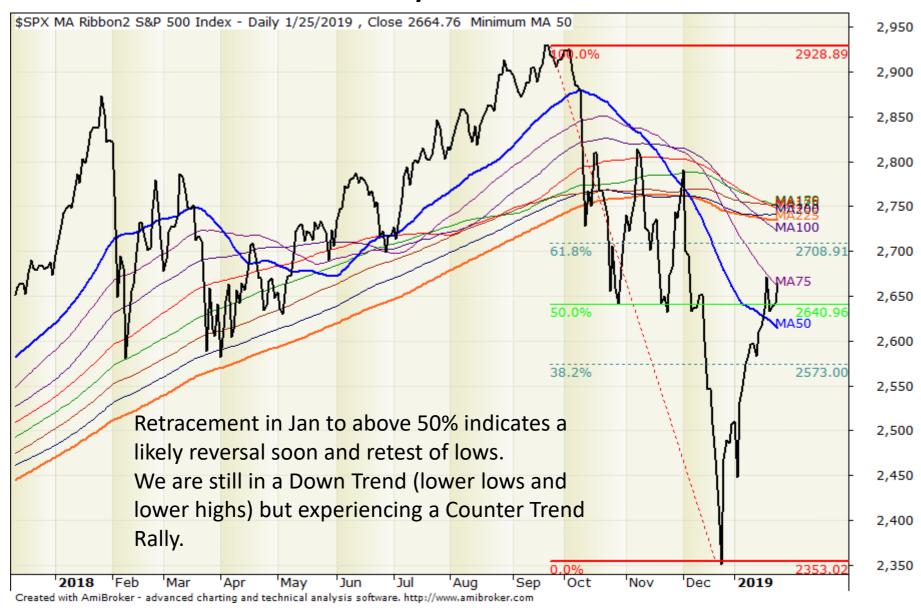
SP500 Weekly Ribbon in 2008-2019



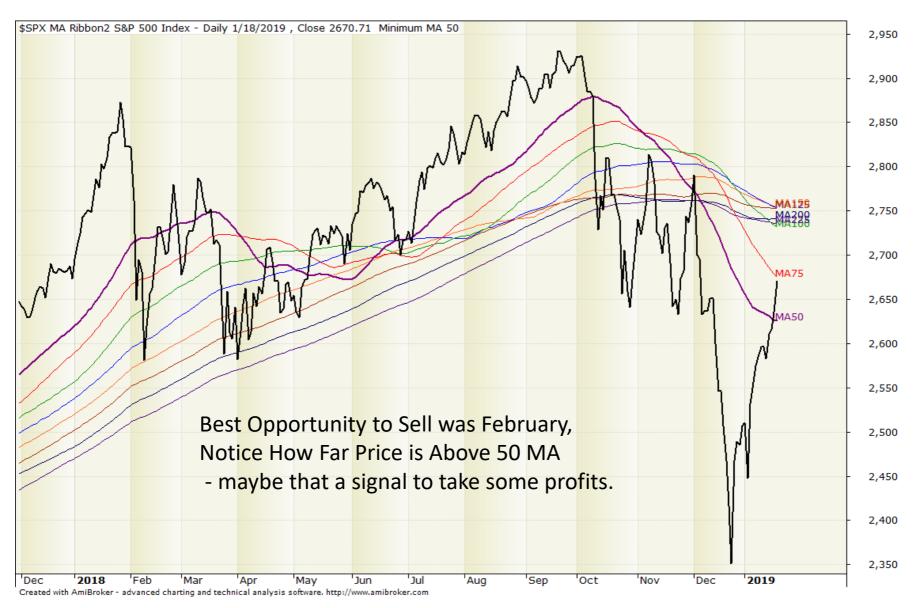
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SP500 Ribbon Didn't Deteriorate Until Dec



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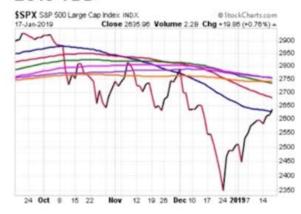
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2011 BULLISH



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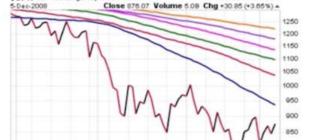
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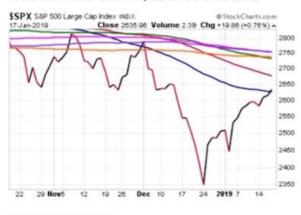
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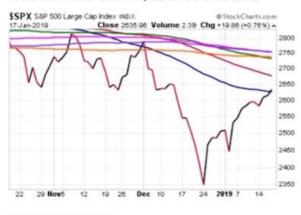
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200-DAY S&P 500 INDEX PATIENT, PRUDENT, MEASURED, AND DATA DEPENDENT

2009



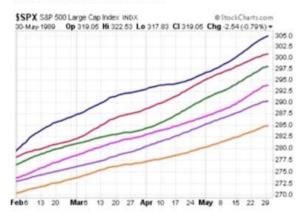
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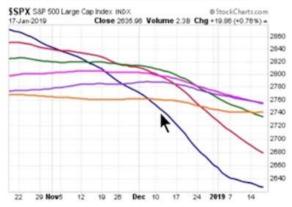
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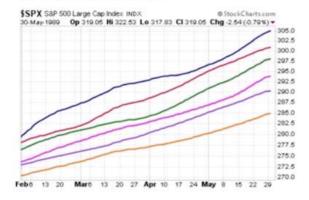
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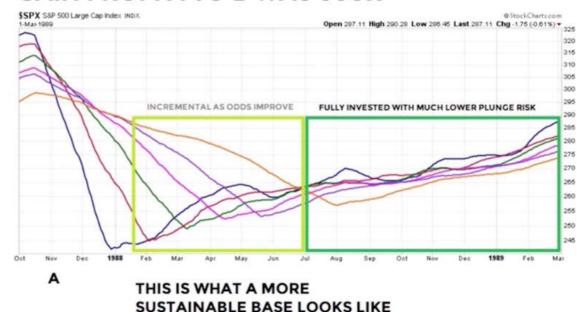
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Wait for Ribbon to Turn Around and Incrementally Phase Back In. If Ribbon Begins to Turn, You're Only Partially Committed

IF GOOD THINGS HAPPEN, DATA WILL IMPROVE

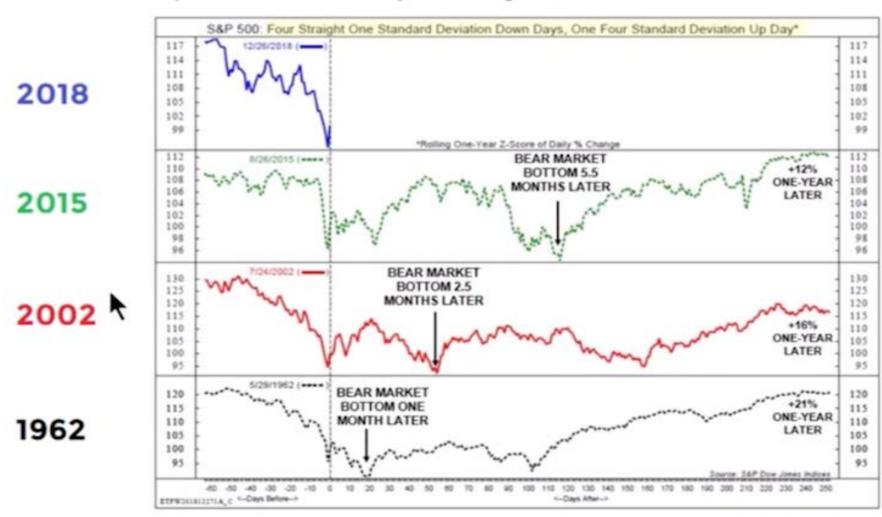
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When Is The Next Bottom

SOURCE: NED DAVIS RESEARCH

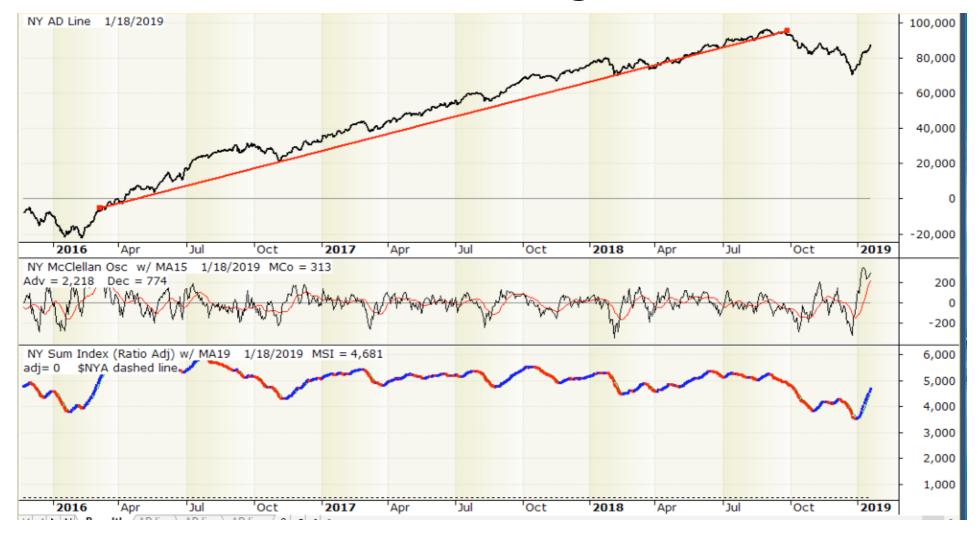
Similar price action to the last five days came during 1962, 2002, & 2015 bear markets.



Conclusions from Ribbon Charts

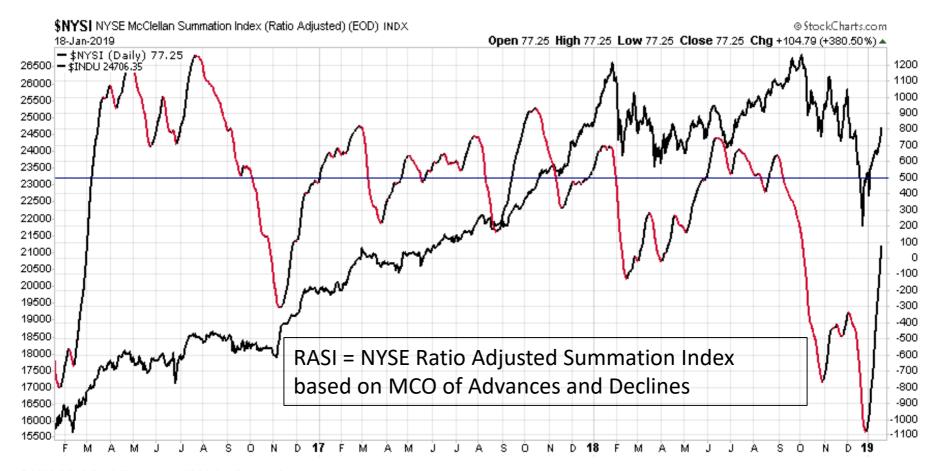
- Analysis of Ribbon Patterns helpful to compare with past situations and how those situations turned into Bullish Trends or Bearish Trends.
 - It appears right now, that the Market could go either way over the next few months.
 - SP500 has retraced over 50% from Oct High Drop to Dec Bottom which usually means next week or two, it will reverse and maybe retest the Dec Lows.
 - The next 4 8 weeks will give us a better sense of what direction the market will take, and which of the patterns will become the one to follow.
- It's time to sharpen out plans for any asset reallocation, rebalancing, or risk reduction (hedging).

NYSE AD Line – Rising Since 2019



What Does It Take to Recover?

According to Tom McClellan - Above 500, Market is Immune to Bear Mkt. Up move on RASI can mean Recovery (above 500), a go/no-go for a sustained uptrend. Falling short of 500 means market has liquidity problems and stock rallies are under-funded.



S&P 500 %Bullish Major 1 Month Recovery



Dow Retraced above 50%



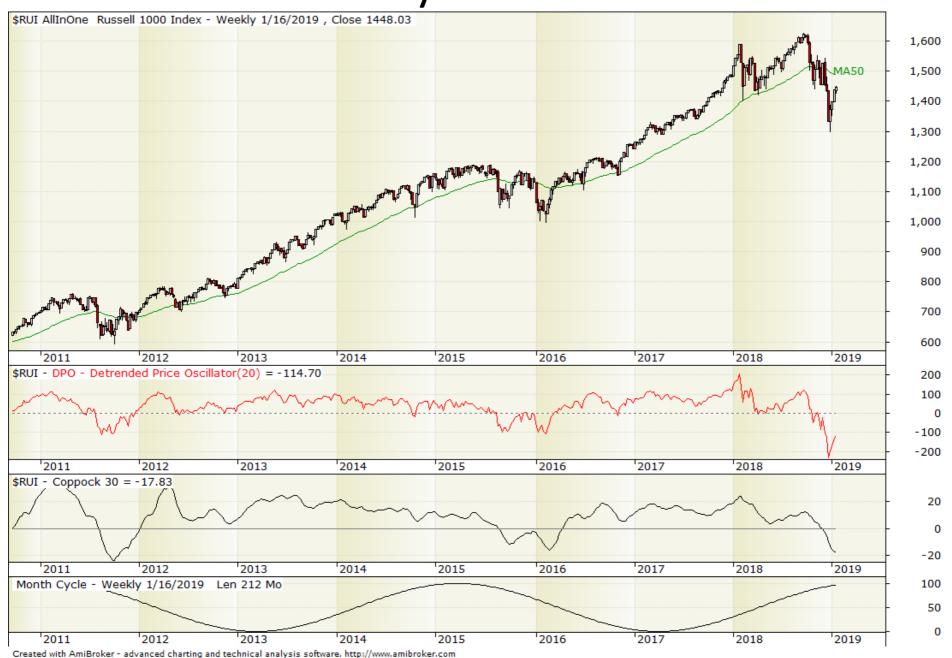
Dow Weekly – Consolidation, Now Down



NASDAQ Weekly- In Downtrend



Russell 1000 Weekly - Shows A Downtrend



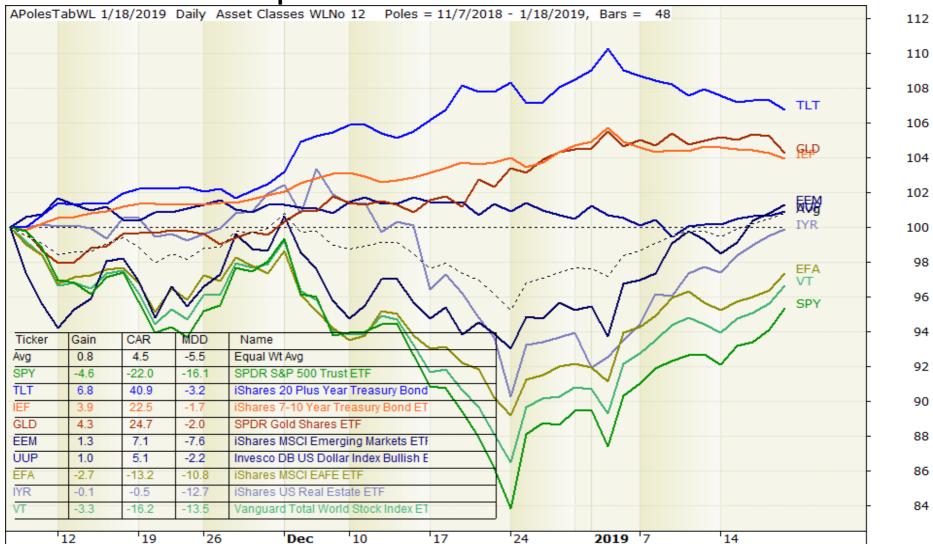
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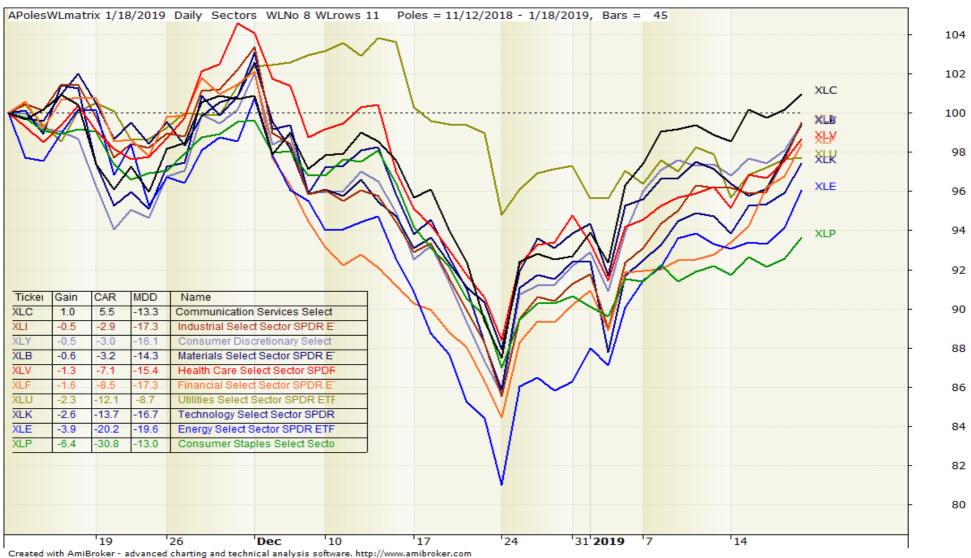


Comparison of Asset Classes

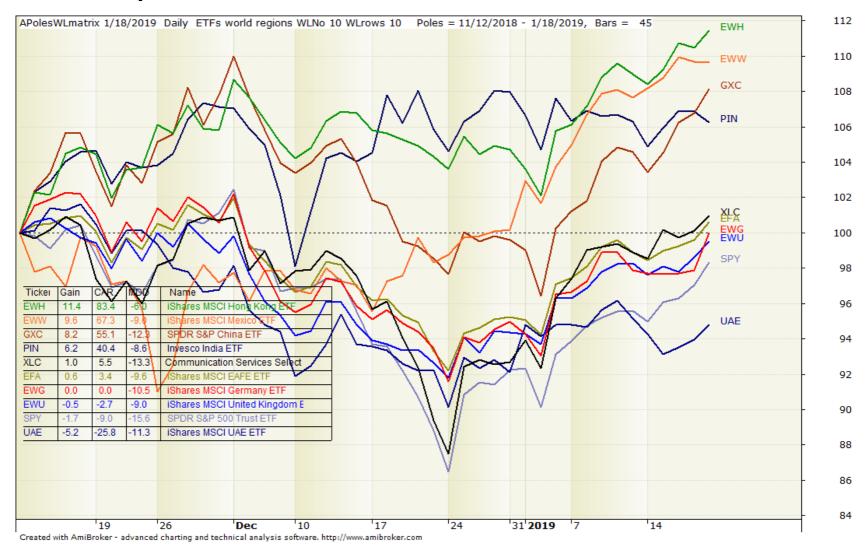


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Comparison of Sectors



Comparison of World Market Performance



Dollar Strong and Consolidating



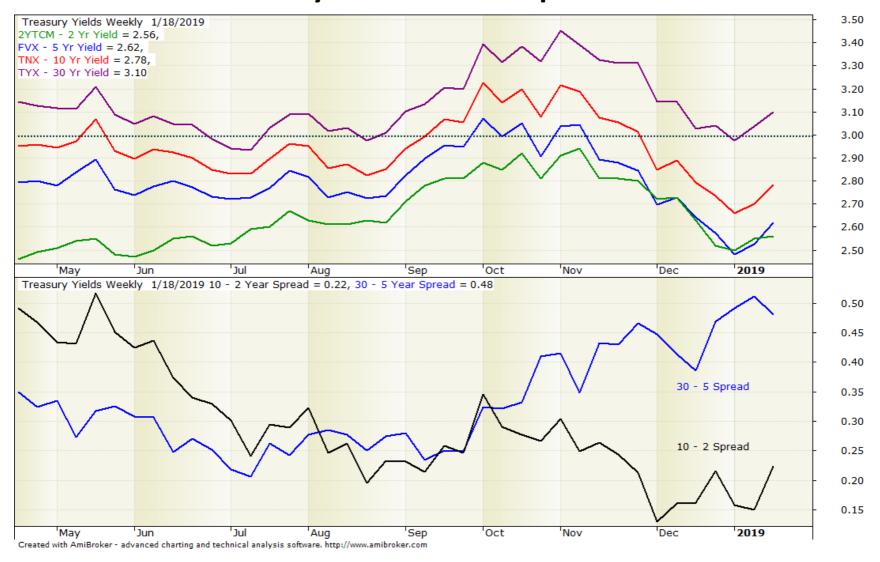
30 Yr Treasury Prices Down with Market



Drawdowns of Bonds vs SP500



Treasury Yields & Spreads



Top 20 ETFs (ranked by ETFReplay.com)

Symbol	ETF	ReturnA	ReturnB	Volatility	Rank
vwo	Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets	+5.4%	+7.8%	16.7 %	1
IEMG	iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets	+4.6%	+7.8%	17.8 %	2
EWZ	iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	+9.9%	+17.1%	27.2 %	3
EEM	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets	+4.5%	+8.0%	18.2 %	4
IAU	iShares COMEX Gold Trust	+4.7%	+3.0%	9.5 %	5
GLD	SPDR Gold Shares	+4.5%	+3.1%	10.1 %	6
ЕМВ	iShares JPM Emerg Markets Bond (7-8yr)	+2.8%	+3.1%	4.4 %	7
MBB	iShares Barclays MBS Bond Fund (2yr)	+2.9%	+0.5%	2.6 %	8
BIV	Vanguard Barclays Govt-Credit Mix	+3.0%	+0.8%	3.8 %	9
MUB	iShares S&P National Muni Bond (2-3yr)	+2.7%	+0.3%	2.1 %	10
VCSH	Vanguard Short-Term Inv Grd Bond (2-3yr)	+1.4%	+0.8%	1.9 %	11
IGSB	iShares Barclays 1-3 Year Credit (2yr)	+1.4%	+0.8%	1.3 %	12
VCIT	Vanguard Interm Corp Bond (6-7yr)	+2.2%	+1.4%	3.3 %	13
AGG	iShares Core Total US Bond	+2.4%	+0.4%	2.9 %	14
BSV	Vanguard Short-Term Bond	+1.6%	+0.4%	1.9 %	15
BNDX	Vanguard Total International Bond	+2.2%	+0.3%	2.4 %	16
LQD	iShares iBoxx Invest Grade Bond	+2.1%	+1.2%	3.6 %	17
TLT	iShares Barclays Long-Term Treasury	+5.6%	-1.3%	9.3 %	18
VMBS	Vanguard Mortgage-Backed Bonds	+2.6%	+0.3%	3.1 %	19
IEI	iShares Barclays 3-7 Yr Tsy Bond (4-5yr)	+2.7%	+0.3%	3.9 %	20

Reducing Risk in a Volatile Market

- High Volatility Markets are Trendless and Require More Work
 - When Market Bounces Around in a Trading Range / Consolidation
 - Active Investors Need to Become Traders
 - Future Long Term Direction Unknown Poor time to add new money to Market
- Main Choices When Expecting Lower Markets (Breakout to Down side)
 - Switch to Lower Volatile Positions (From Individual Stocks to ETFs / Funds)
 - Switch to Alternative Asset Classes (Equities to Bonds, REITs)
 - Sell Most Volatile Positions, go to Cash
 - Apply a Hedging Technique
 - Sell Short requires experience and margin account, introduces high risk
 - Buy Puts requires options experience
 - Use ETFs with Negative Correlations (Short or Inverse ETFs)
 - Use a Long/Short Fund or ETF that is close to market neutral

Using Short ETFs for Avoiding Risk

Hedging with Short ETFs

- Designed for very short-term due to decay of returns over time
- Optimally designed for day trading.
- Benefits include quick and cheap trading
- Opportunity to benefit from declining stock prices.
- Can be tailored to specific types of stocks/sectors, bonds, currencies.
- Can be used in most IRAs where shorting is not allowed.
- Lower costs and fees than using put options or short selling.
- Avoid Capital Gains by hedging position rather than selling it

Limited Risk

 Risk is limited because the most money you can lose is your cost of the ETF.

Performance Choices

 Use of Leverage (1x, 2x, 3x, 4x) offers greater returns depending on volatility.

Hedging vs Speculation

Some Investors Use Leverage and Inverse ETFs to add to portfolio performance, anticipating market behavior.

Inverse ETFs

From inverse-etfs.com

- Inverse Equity ETFs aim to return the opposite, or inverse, of an equity index or a specific stock market sector, such as financials, biotechs, REITs or MLPs.
- There are dozens of equity inverse ETFs that have been created to hedge or speculate against equity exposure in all corners of the global investment spectrum.

Sample Categories (taken from inverse-etfs.com)

Each category has several ETFs to choose from. See website.

Equity Categories
US Market Indexes
International Indexes
Technology
Health Care & Biotech
Real Estate/REITs
Utilities

Consumer

ond Categories
Treasury
High Yield
Investment Grade
Total Bond

Commodity Categories
Oil
Gold
Metals & Materials
MLP
Broad Commodity
Natural Gas

Currency Categories

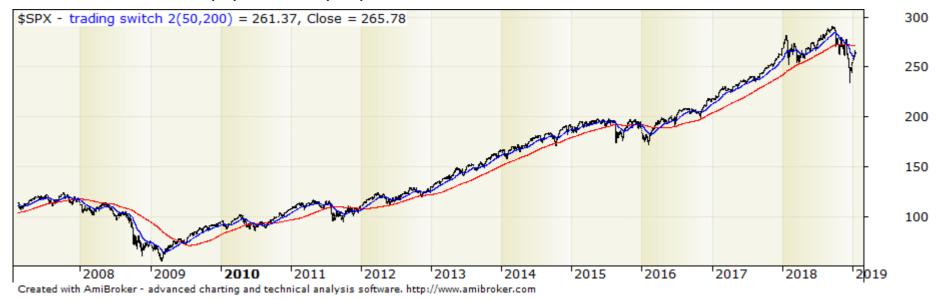
Hedging the SP500

- Hedging stocks with the 'Short S&P 500' (SH), an inverse ETF no leverage, which better represents the broader stock market.
- It is market cap-weighted and has more financial products tied to its performance than any other.
- It is the largest inverse stock ETF at over \$1.6 billion in assets under management and it trades millions of shares per day.
- It is a single inverse ETF -1X (no leverage) and aims to return the inverse of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index on a daily basis.

Drawdowns of SP500 vs Inverse

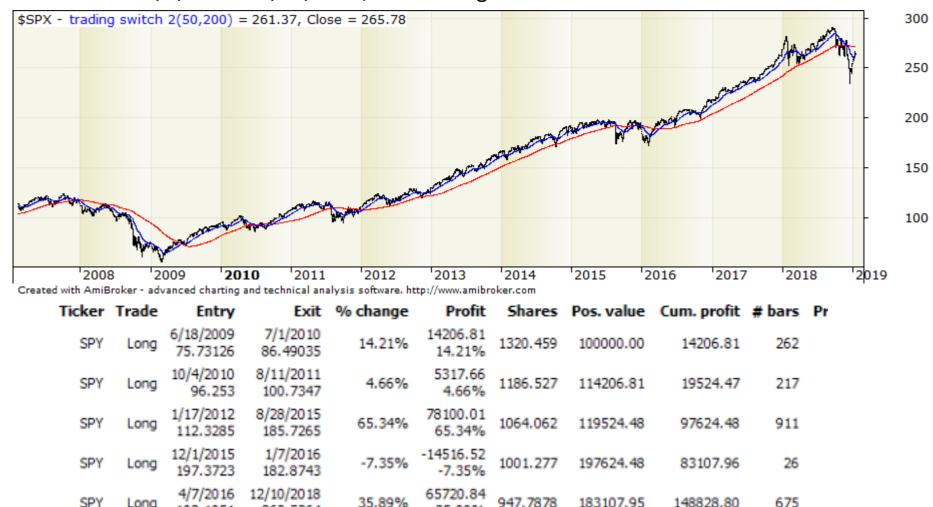


Case0: Buy & Hold. Don't use Bailout Signal (EMA 50 cross EMA 200) From 10/2/2008 – 1/18/2019 Total Return 294.5%



Ticker	Trade	Entry	Exit	% change	Profit	Shares	Pos. value	Cum. profit	# bars	F
SPY	Long	10/2/2008 90.46349	1/18/2019 266.46	194.55%	194549.76 194.55%	1105.418	99999.99	194549.76	2592	

Case1: No Hedge. Go to Cash When Bailout Signal (50/200) Sells. From 10/2/2015 – 1/18/2019, Two Sell Signals & Re-Entries. Total Return 248.8%



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Case2: Hedge. Go to SH (-1X SPY) When Bailout Signal (50/200) Sells. From 10/2/2008 – 1/18/2019, 5 Signals & Re-Entries. Total Return 164.7 %

Ticker	Trade	Entry	Exit	% change	Profit	Shares	Pos. value	Cum. profit	# bars	P
SPY	Long	6/18/2009 75.73126	7/1/2010 86.49035	14.21%	14206.81 14.21%	1320.459	100000.00	14206.81	262	
SH	Long	7/1/2010 109.0616	10/4/2010 96.95905	-11.10%	-12673.56 -11.10%	1047.177	114206.82	1533.25	66	
SPY	Long	10/4/2010 96.253	8/11/2011 100.7347	4.66%	4727.56 4.66%	1054.858	101533.25	6260.81	217	
SH	Long	8/11/2011 89.52348	1/17/2012 77.53955	-13.39%	-14224.41 -13.39%	1186.96	106260.81	-7963.60	109	
SPY	Long	1/17/2012 112.3285	8/28/2015 185.7265	65.34%	60138.67 65.34%	819.3503	92036.40	52175.07	911	
SH	Long	8/28/2015 43.22915	12/1/2015 40.30237	-6.77%	-10302.84 -6.77%	3520.196	152175.06	41872.23	66	
SPY	Long	12/1/2015 197.3723	1/7/2016 182.8743	-7.35%	-10421.23 -7.35%	718.805	141872.23	31450.99	26	
SH	Long	1/7/2016 43.34779	4/7/2016 40.67811	-6.16%	-8095.73 -6.16%	3032.473	131451.00	23355.26	63	
SPY	Long	4/7/2016 193.1951	12/10/2018 262.5364	35.89%	44274.49 35.89%	638.501	123355.26	67629.75	675	
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Case3: Hedge. Go to SDS (-2X SPY) When Bailout Signal (50/200) Sells. From 10/2/2015, Two Sell Signals & Re-Entries. Total Return 103.6 %

Ticker	Trade	Entry	Exit	% change	Profit	Shares	Pos. value	Cum. profit	# bars
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SPY	Long	12/1/2015 197.3723	1/7/2016 182.8743	-7.35%	-7210.50 -7.35%	497.3442	98161.99	-9048.50	26
SDS	Long	1/7/2016 86.57485	4/7/2016 75.77763	-12.47%	-11343.14 -12.47%	1050.553	90951.50	-20391.64	63
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Summary of Results

For period from 10/2/2015 thru 1/18/2019

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 Total Return 248.8%

• Switch to SH (-1x) at signal Total Return 164.7%

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These back tests are not fine tuned and do not explore many other ideas such a partial hedge positions (less than 100%), but they do illustrate two important points.

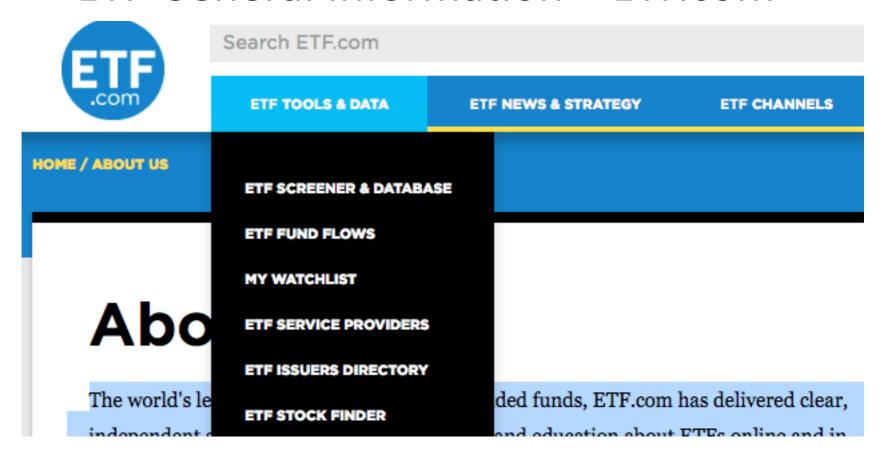
- 1. During Low Volatility Periods, Buy and Hold is a good, simple strategy.
- 2. Over Long Periods, Highly Leveraged ETFs perform poorly.

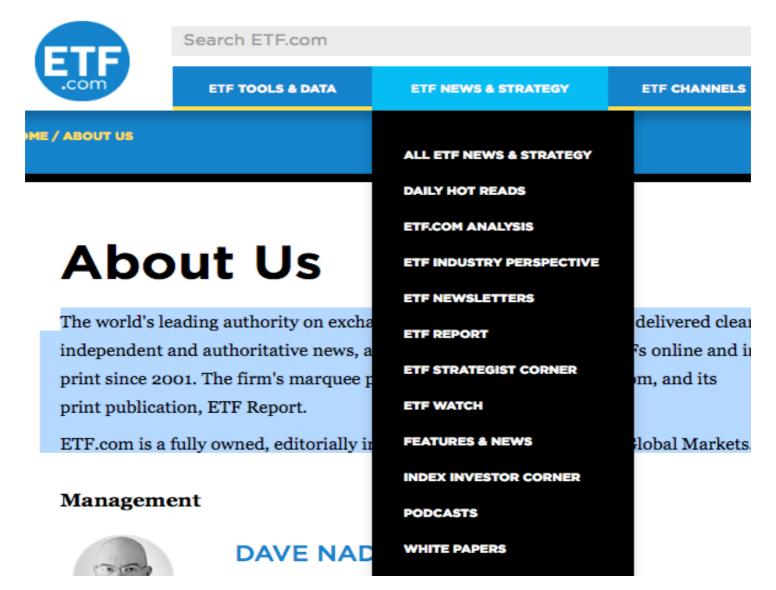


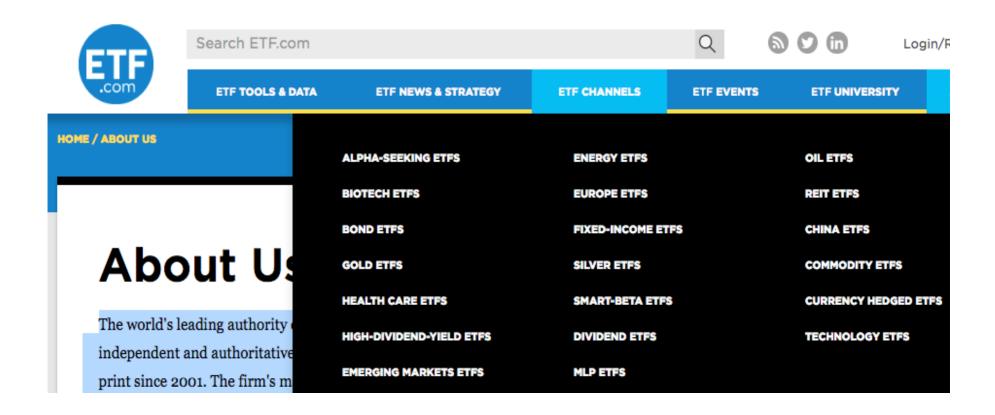


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ETF Flows – ETF.com

Flows for 01/08/2019 - 01/14/2019

Top 10 Creations (All ETFs)

Ticker	Fund Name	Net Flows*	Details
HYG	iShares iBoxx USD High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	1,781.12	0
QUAL	iShares Edge MSCI U.S.A. Quality Factor ETF	1,589.98	0
LQD	iShares iBoxx USD Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	1,268.25	0
IEMG	iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	1,099.50	0
JNK	SPDR Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond ETF	764.17	0
USFR	WisdomTree Floating Rate Treasury Fund	585.09	0
EMB	iShares JP Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF	514.40	0
DIA	SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average ETF Trust	436.48	0
XLV	Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund	387.31	0
SHV	iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF	386.24	0

Top 10 Redemptions (All ETFs)

Ticker	Fund Name	Net Flows*	Details
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	-1,989.09	0
QQQ	Invesco QQQ Trust	-1,503.58	0
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF	-1,019.49	0
XLF	Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	-948.97	0
IWD	iShares Russell 1000 Value ETF	-754.18	0
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	-747.63	0
ITE	SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Term Treasury ETF	-746.92	0
BSV	Vanguard Short-Term Bond ETF	-745.94	0
VGT	Vanguard Information Technology ETF	-621.43	0
XLE	Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	-471.48	0

^{*} Net Flows in USD Millions

Which ETFs hold Which Stocks

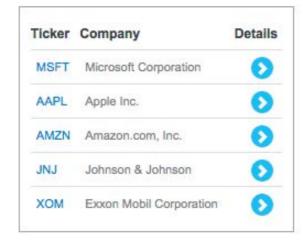
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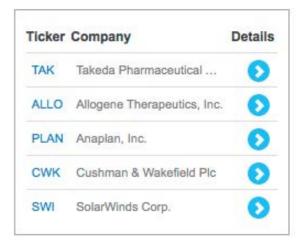
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