



Turning Point Analytics utilizes a time-tested, real-world strategy that optimizes the client's entry and exit points and adds alpha. TPA defines each stock as Trend or Range to identify actionable inflection points.

"In the short run, the market is a voting machine, but in the long run, it is a weighing machine." - Benjamin Graham

WORLD SNAPSHOT – COMMENTS & CHARTS

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INVESTORS RAMP UP RISK-TAKING

In yesterday's World Snapshot entitled "This is a Market at Extremes" TPA told clients that there is evidence that investors are just "picking up the trash" or "buying beaten-up stocks instead of buying good companies." Today, TPA examines the 30 stocks with the greatest 1-month percentage change to see if this is true. The table below shows the 30 stocks that have moved up the most in the past month. On average, they were up 44.58% versus the S&P500, which was up just 1.87% in the same timeframe.

TPA used Bloomberg data to look at the liquidity, leverage, and profitability of these companies and the answers are not encouraging. The stocks that rallied the most in the past month are generally, illiquid, highly leveraged, and unprofitable. Specifically, TPA found that:

- 18 stocks or 60% have Quick Ratios less than 1.00, which indicates questionable liquidity.
- 28 stocks or 93% have Total Debt to Total Equity ratios over 5.0 or very high leverage.
- 11 stocks or 36% were unprofitable in 2020.
- 13 stocks or 43% are not expected, by analysts, to be profitable in 2021.

As TPA has been telling clients, big growth stocks have stalled since the beginning of September as investors have broadened their interest and focus to the rest of the market. Unfortunately, it seems that looking far away from the largest and most profitable stocks has brought investors to the refuse pile and that may not bode well for future performance.

Table below.....

30 STOCKS WITH THE BEST 1 MONTH PERFORMANCE

						Under 1.0	Over 5.0	Negative	Negative
			SHORT	(\$Billions)		Liquidity	Leverage	Profitability	Profitability
TICKER	SHORT_NAME	PX_LAST	CHG_PCT	CUR_MKT	GICS_SECTOR_NAME	QUICK	TOT_DEBT_TO	NET	BEST_NET
			1M	CAP		RATIO	TOT_EQY	INCOME	INCOME
RIG	TRANSOCEAN LTD	2.49	111.02	1.532	Energy	1.42	83.16	-1255.00	-132.77
EGHT	8X8 INC	31.00	64.72	3.296	Information Technology	1.69	204.41	-172.37	-3.13
JWN	NORDSTROM INC	31.16	62.38	4.913	Consumer Discretionary	0.29	489.79	496.00	74.34
X	US STEEL CORP	17.92	61.44	3.950	Materials	0.65	95.02	-630.00	-158.03
CATM	CARDTRONICS PL-A	35.77	56.34	1.591	Information Technology	0.29	218.06	48.27	24.60
OXY	OCCIDENTAL PETE	19.84	56.22	18.475	Energy	0.63	116.96	-667.00	-585.38
GCI	GANNETT CO INC	2.63	51.15	0.363	Communication Services	0.83	201.44	-119.84	-22.85
KSS	KOHL'S CORP	38.58	47.53	6.082	Consumer Discretionary	0.26	112.37	691.00	107.76
WDR	WADDELL & REED-A	25.19	46.97	1.575	Financials	#N/A N/A	21.30	114.99	26.83
OII	OCEANEERING INTL	8.65	45.62	0.859	Energy	1.32	90.88	-348.44	-24.42
CORT	CORCEPT THERA	26.18	44.64	3.041	Health Care	7.62	0.93	94.18	22.50
APA	APACHE CORP	15.89	42.64	5.998	Energy	0.71	178.15	-3553.00	-46.07
PTEN	PATTERSON-UTI	5.72	42.11	1.072	Energy	1.28	35.40	-425.70	-119.14
MTDR	MATADOR RESOURCE	12.44	41.20	1.453	Energy	0.57	85.07	87.78	9.06
MSTR	MICROSTRATEGY	285.79	40.14	2.648	Information Technology	2.70	22.22	34.36	#N/A N/A
MUR	MURPHY OIL CORP	13.13	38.50	2.017	Energy	0.78	58.87	1149.73	-19.02
CLB	CORE LABS NV	28.70	38.31	1.277	Energy	1.28	209.61	101.98	7.81
SEDG	SOLAREEDGE TECHNO	313.77	37.45	16.069	Information Technology	1.42	7.18	146.55	44.34
GES	GUESS? INC	18.86	36.37	1.200	Consumer Discretionary	0.92	179.52	95.98	35.33
NCR	NCR CORP	33.84	36.23	4.362	Information Technology	0.79	269.91	564.00	80.80
CMD	CANTEL MEDICAL	76.46	34.57	3.230	Health Care	2.37	152.14	13.71	20.06
HP	HELMERICH & PAYN	24.92	34.41	2.681	Energy	3.51	15.85	-494.50	-86.08
FANG	DIAMONDBACK ENER	48.16	34.04	7.608	Energy	0.58	36.13	240.00	118.03
M	MACY'S INC	10.74	33.92	3.335	Consumer Discretionary	0.19	116.21	564.00	9.82
CPRI	CAPRI HOLDINGS L	40.35	33.88	6.079	Consumer Discretionary	0.63	201.43	-223.00	144.61
ELY	CALLAWAY GOLF CO	23.66	33.75	2.228	Consumer Discretionary	0.47	98.95	79.41	-20.84
PLCE	CHILDREN'S PLACE	46.19	33.23	0.674	Consumer Discretionary	0.17	257.07	73.30	-6.40
THC	TENET HEALTHCARE	42.30	33.06	4.463	Health Care	0.71	828.26	-232.00	94.90
AAL	AMERICAN AIRLINE	17.01	32.99	10.291	Industrials	0.30	---	1686.00	-2259.14
AIR	AAR CORP	35.34	32.56	1.248	Industrials	1.51	75.85	4.40	5.87

TPA - CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS (All clients)		
TOTAL	32	
BUY	16	50%
SELL	16	50%
AVERAGE RECOMMENDATION PERIOD (CAL. DAYS)		77
Total TPA Recommendations since 2009 inception		3957

TPA WORLD BAROMETER - A broad brush view of Trend Strength in the world. TPA focuses on: 1. US Sectors: more uptrend % is better. 2. % stocks with 50DMA > 200DMA: higher is more positive. 3. Russell 3000 50DMA (99% of US market cap): rising is positive.											
	WEEKLY										
	12/14/20	12/7/20	11/29/20	11/22/20	11/16/20	11/9/20	11/1/20	10/26/20	10/18/20	10/11/20	10/5/20
WORLD MARKETS (60)											
UPTREND %	75%	81%	78%	69%	47%	14%	5%	8%	5%	3%	2%
DOWNTREND %	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%	10%	31%	12%	8%	12%	27%
RANGE %	10%	7%	8%	14%	15%	47%	41%	64%	63%	58%	49%
US MSCI GROUPS											
UPTREND %	40%	30%	30%	10%	0%	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%
DOWNTREND %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	10%	10%
RANGE %	50%	60%	50%	50%	60%	80%	70%	80%	70%	90%	70%
EUROPE IND. GROUPS (10)											
UPTREND %	70%	70%	70%	70%	60%	10%	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%
DOWNTREND %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	40%	10%	10%	10%	30%
RANGE %	20%	20%	30%	10%	0%	40%	30%	70%	80%	70%	70%
EM IND. GROUPS (10)											
UPTREND %	90%	90%	90%	90%	80%	30%	30%	50%	40%	30%	30%
DOWNTREND %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	20%
RANGE %	0%	10%	10%	10%	10%	50%	40%	50%	60%	40%	30%
US SECTORS (124)											
UPTREND %	62%	60%	64%	52%	30%	6%	2%	22%	24%	18%	5%
DOWNTREND %	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	23%	2%	1%	3%	9%
RANGE %	22%	23%	22%	18%	27%	55%	41%	53%	50%	54%	61%
SPX INDEX CLOSE	3663.46	3699.12	3638.35	3557.54	3585.15	3509.44	3269.96	3465.39	3483.81	3477.13	3348.44
RUSSELL 3000 INDEX											
* %'S DO NOT HAVE TO EQUAL 100%. SOME INDEXES ARE NOT IN A DEFINED UPTREND, DOWNTREND OR RANGE.											
	12/14/20	12/7/20	11/29/20	11/22/20	11/16/20	11/9/20	11/1/20	10/26/20	10/18/20	10/11/20	10/5/20
LAST PRICE > 50 DMA	59.97%	62.69%	62.75%	60.17%	59.50%	44.25%	26.00%	48.76%	46.33%	49.92%	31.48%
LAST PRICE > 200 DMA	63.91%	64.25%	62.89%	59.70%	57.35%	44.98%	37.41%	46.00%	43.52%	43.88%	35.72%
50 DMA > 200 DMA	58.81%	55.89%	51.44%	48.03%	45.14%	42.35%	41.66%	41.06%	40.50%	39.44%	38.28%
CHANGE %	5.22%	8.64%	7.11%	6.39%	6.58%	1.67%	1.45%	1.39%	2.69%	3.03%	1.76%

TPA MARKETSCOPE EXPLAINED

Market timing is not a complete investment strategy in and of itself, but should be utilized as a tool for successful investing. Knowing when stocks are at extremes can present investors with opportunities and help them to avoid pitfalls. The TPA Marketscope uses a set of carefully watched indicators to assess if the market is at or near extremes. When the market is oversold, risk-return favors buying and not selling and when the market is overbought, risk-return favors selling and not buying.

The seven indicators below were developed after years of observation and the extreme limits used have historically been levels that mark short-term and medium-term inflection points.

Indicators explained:

- **Short term market score** – is a daily analysis of the S&P500 relative to the normal distribution using the 2 standard deviation Bollinger Band. TPA then adjusts the score by the amount of overbought or oversold as measured by RSI.
- **Percent stocks above or below the 2 standard deviation Bollinger Band** – Bollinger Bands identify ranges using standard deviations away from a moving average. They, therefore, measure volatility (the width of the band) and extremes (using normal statistical distributions). In a normal distribution, 2 standard deviations identifies 96% of all occurrences. As a stock reaches the extreme of the 2 standard deviation Bollinger Band, it becomes more probable that the price will regress back to the mean. TPA has found that historically market reversions are very likely when 40% of stocks are above or 60% of stocks are below the 2 standard deviation Bollinger Band.
- **Percent stocks above the 50DMA** – when a large number of stocks (85%) are trading above their 50DMA, the market is at an overbought extreme. When a small number of stocks (15%) are trading above the 50DMA, the market is oversold.
- **Percent stocks RSI above 70 or below 30** – RSI is a measure of the speed and size of a recent move in a stock or index; the greater the price move and the quicker that move has taken place, the higher RSI. TPA has found that historically market extremes occur when 30% of stocks are trading above RSI 70 or when 55% of stocks are trading below RSI 30.
- **Percent stocks 50DMA>200DMA** – This is a longer-term measure of extremes. An uptrend is defined when short term prices consistently trade above longer-term prices. An example of an uptrend is Last > 20DMA > 50DMA > 200DMA. Technically, a long-term uptrend is defined by the 50DMA trading above the 200DMA. TPA has found that historic oversold extremes occur when 22% or less stocks are trading 50DMA>200DMA. The overbought extreme has become trickier since it has been declining

since 2010 as a small number of TECH stocks have garnered an increasingly large percentage weighting in the S&P500. Currently, the extreme is approximately 40% to 50% of stocks trading 50DMA > 200DMA.

TPA notes that not all of these indicators are equally consistent. Clients should use the “Historical Importance” comments to determine the weight they will assign to each alert.

CLICK ON LINKS BELOW FOR TECHNICAL INDICATOR EXPLANATIONS:

[ASCENDING - DESCENDING TRIANGLE](#)

[BASING-TOPPING-CONSOLIDATION](#)

[BREAKOUT \(Breakdown\)](#)

[CHANNEL & RANGE](#)

[DIRECTIONAL MOVEMENT INDEX \(DMI\)](#)

[DOUBLE BOTTOM or DOUBLE TOP](#)

[MACD-MOVING AVERAGE CONVERGENCE-DIVERGENCE](#)

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[SUPPORT, RESISTANCE, BREAKOUT, BREAKDOWN](#)

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Over 80% of portfolio performance is determined by sector and market forces (Ibbotson & Kaplan study – January/February 2000)

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