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- Charts
- What Else is Happening?
- Hot Right Now
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S&P 500



S&P 500
One Year

NASDAQ



Nasdaq
One Year

Russell 2000



Russell 2000
One Year

S&P 500 vs. Equal Weight

One Year, Daily Candles



Growth vs. Value

one year, daily candles



Hot Right Now

- Energy
 - Thermal Coal
 - Oil & Gas Drilling
 - Oil & Gas Integrated
- Utilities
 - Diversified
 - Regulated Water
 - Regulated Electric
- Consumer Defensive
 - Confectioners
 - Tobacco
 - Beverages - Non-Alcoholic
- Industrial
 - Infrastructure Operations
 - Conglomerates
 - Airports & Air Services
- Basic Materials
 - Coking Coal
 - Copper
 - Other Precious Metals and Mining

What Else is Going On?

- Federal Reserve Still in the Driver's Seat
 - Slowing pace of hikes
 - Terminal Rate (how high will they go) remains a question
 - Rates likely to remain "elevated" for a while, but how long?
 - Data shows inflation slowing
 - Is it for real?
 - Will the Fed trust it without a rise in unemployment?
- Economic Data Generally Pretty Good
 - CPI tomorrow likely to be a big volatility maker
 - Most data shows some softening, but nothing that looks like a recession
- Earnings Season
 - Some companies are cutting guidance
 - Analysts also cutting estimates
 - Potentially sets up a situation where there are lots of "beats", but it doesn't move the market much.
 - Tech weakness likely to continue
 - Advertising-based businesses
 - Lots of them were advertising for other ad-based businesses.
 - In-app ads for apps that themselves are ad supported

Questions?

I noticed that most of the best stocks of the Farming sector had low fundamental scores, relative to other stocks. Is this a byproduct of the past couple of years, or is it just an inherent part of farming?

– Charles

- Farming is a commodity business. No real product differentiation. Corn is corn, eggs are eggs.
- This mean there's very little price competition. So you can only grow margins by saving on production costs... BUT those are also commodities. A pound of chicken is basically 2.6 pounds of corn. A pound of corn takes roughly a pound of nitrogen fertilizer.
- Exposure to weather, various global events... It's not easy to model or plan ahead for.
- So, if margins are set externally, all you can control is what you produce, which leads to the classic boom/bust commodity cycle. Increase production when margins are high, flood the market, margins collapse, cut production.
- Some of these companies pay a dividend, and aren't likely to disappear, but they're not really growth stories, which is what most of Fundamental score is about.

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Questions?

*Maybe an ETF to park \$ - like for rare earth metals.....I have copper but Nickel seems to be growing over lithium???
International issues and then TSM will need it in the US. Any comments? Thanks, Marceen*

– Marceen

- Maybe depends on the definition of "park"
 - Small, emerging commodity-based industries can be really volatile.
- Certainly seems like an opportunity for growth
 - Is it included in some other ETFs?
 - Metals and Mining
 - International
- Risks
 - Biggest ones seem to have a lot of China exposure
 - A lot of the non-China companies are very small
- Thesis generally seems sound
 - I'm not sure how much nickel and lithium are considered "rare earth"

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