



Next key technical levels for SPX & Nasdaq - Growth vs Value update and Sector and group relative performance rotation matrix

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With today's surprise employment report out, we wanted to update you on the key technical levels for the S&P and Nasdaq, and at the risk of stating the obvious, continue to focus on the more important technical event developing within equity markets, the rotation toward oversold/bottoming cyclicals.

1) MARKETS: Key technical levels for the S&P cash, S&P E-mini futures and Nasdaq 100

- At the index level, there are two short-term levels that bear watching. The S&P today is pushing above short-term resistance at the March 4 bounce highs at 3130 and the Nasdaq 100 (NDX) is attempting to break out above February 19, all time, highs at 9736.
- Next resistance: S&P 3259, 3328 then 3394, NDX 9736 (February 2020 all time highs which it is pushing above today)
- Support: S&P 3100, 3006, 2934 NDX 9406, 9194, 8810.
- What would suggest the rally is slowing? Short-term momentum indicators remain
 positive after turning up again following the mid-April to mid-May consolidation. A -1.48%
 decline by the S&P would be needed to suggest the rally is decelerating and begin to
 turn short-term momentum indicators negative.

<u>However</u>, should a pullback develop, our expectation continues to be that it will likely be shallow, short-lived and an opportunity to continue building equity exposure given the improving longer-term and intermediate-term trend and cycle backdrop currently in place.

In addition, please see Tom Lee's COVID-19 update from last night as he has included an equity ideas list cross referencing FS Insight's favorably ranked DQM1 quant ideas with our technical recommendations and Brian Rauscher's earnings revision model recommendations.



S&P 500 - Daily

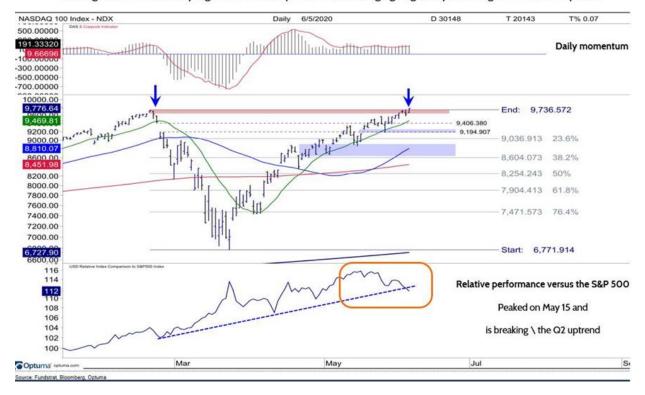


- More importantly, while the Nasdaq 100 is challenging its next key price level at its February highs, relative performance versus the S&P 500 (bottom panel) has been seesawing <u>lower</u> since May 15 which was the day most cyclicals established secondary lows following their March lows.
- Relative performance vs the S&P 500 (bottom panel) is now breaking a key uptrend at the Q2 2020 uptrend, which not surprisingly, is similar to the relative trends we are seeing for other Growth proxies. See growth vs value below.



Nasdaq - Daily

Breaking above the February highs with relative performance diverging negatively, breaking the Q2 2020 uptrend



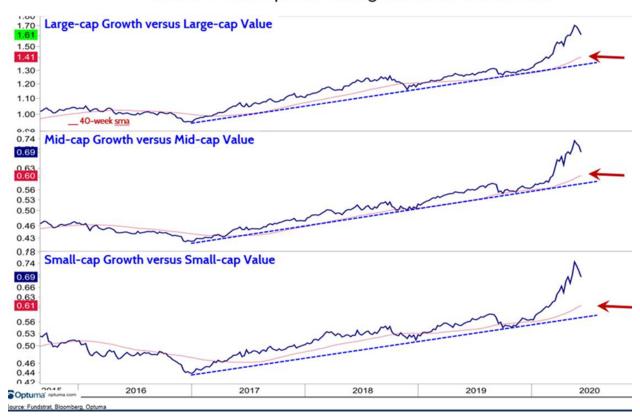


2) Style rotation - Growth vs Value

- The intermediate-term trend of Growth vs Value has been well advanced above its 3year trend for many weeks but is now showing evidence of mean-reverting.
- Although there is insufficient technical evidence at this point to signal this move is a
 much longer-term reversal, simply catching up to the 40-week sma and/or linear uptrend
 will meaningfully impact portfolio performance into YE.

Growth versus Value - Weekly

Growth vs Value uptrend stalling at from advanced levels.

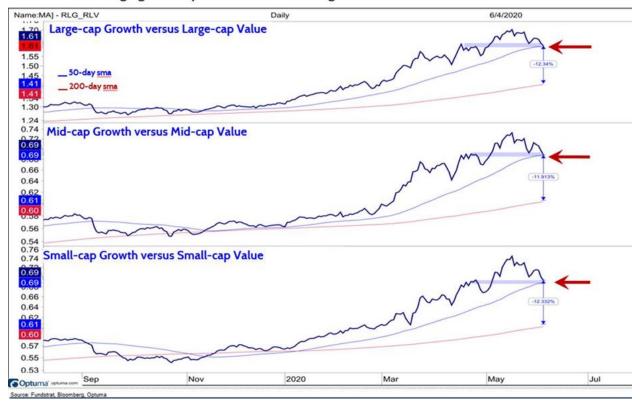


- Zooming in to the shorter-term, daily chart, Growth vs Value is now just challenging its 50-dma(sma). How much farther could Growth fall vs Value?
- There's no magic number here, but using the 200-dma as proxy for the intermediateterm trend, a break below the 50-dma could see a ~-12% decline.



Growth versus Value - Daily

Challenging next key technical level at rising 50-dma's with 200-dma's ~11-12% lower



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3) Sector and group rotation

- Moving on to what really matters, the relative performance matrix below is one of the more efficient technical tools I've used over the past 28 years to track leadership shifts.
- What this screen illustrates is what most investors are now likely well aware of but understandably may not fully agree with fundamentally. Regardless, the technical backdrop is worth paying attention to as it reflects the emerging relative performance improvement that has been developing since May 15th for cyclicals and the weakening relative performance of safety sectors (utilities, staples and more recently healthcare).
- This is a 2D screen that highlights the intermediate-term, 1-2 quarter relative performance trends vs the S&P 500 in each column while the green and red highlights indicate ETFs that are making 2-week relative performance highs and lows respectively. It's an effective way to flag/highlight the shorter-term 1-2 week shifts developing (red and green highlights) within the more important 1-2 quarter relative performance trends organized in columns.
- The key takeaway is that while many cyclicals have surged recently from oversold levels and are overbought very short-term, financials, consumer discretionary, industrials, materials and energy are still early in intermediate-term, 1-2 quarter relative performance uptrends with most pressing to multi-week relative highs as of 10am this morning. Sure, some are becoming overbought short-term in absolute price but we believe it's important to stay focused on the bigger tactical trends developing.
- Technology is noteworthy given most groups remain in established relative performance
 uptrends but the more secular growth groups are showing evidence of decelerating
 making multi-week relative performance lows (highlighted in red) while the more cyclical
 Semis also remain in established uptrends BUT are continuing to notch multi-week
 relative performance highs (highlighted in red). We would recommend tech investors
 continue to add to Semis.
- Bottom line: Continue to increase exposure to cyclical, using safety stocks as a source
 of funds.





For those that enjoy blues guitar once in a while, I'll leave you with a Shuggie Otis classic instrumental Slow Goonbash Blues to listen while working through data.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.



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