

Weekly Market Analysis #589 — 21 November 2025

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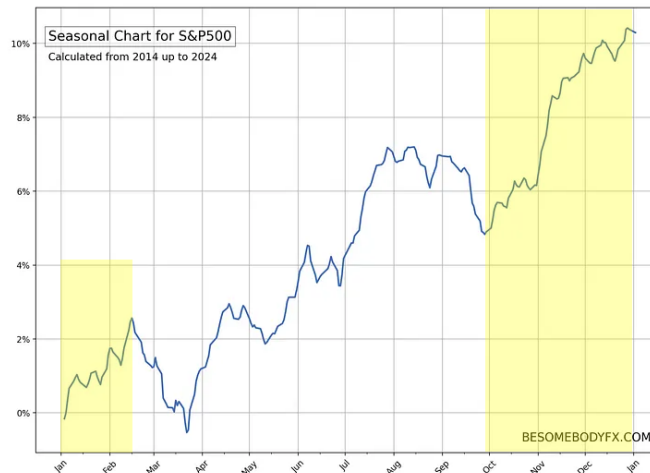
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This Week

Counting the number of weeks since a security made an equal or higher close in the past (or an equal or lower low close) is something that's easy for a person to do, but not so easy for a computer. Some years ago I wrote a function to do these counts and it seemed to be right. But for the last month or more, I've been noticing some overly optimistic counts returned by that code.

This week I rewrote the function for counting the New High Weeks and New Low Weeks using a more accurate algorithm. The new function seems to be working correctly but please write to me if you notice any errors.

A lot of people are getting very nervous about what's going on in the market right now. Many are just about ready to dump their positions. But if you look at seasonal analysis, even in just the last 10 years, it's easy to see that we are right in the beginning of a repeating year-end rally that starts at the beginning of October and continues until the middle of February.



Something worth considering — On November 7th, David Hickson noted in his [Hurst Cycle analysis](#) video that an 80-day cycle trough should arrive in mid-November. That 80-day trough could be a major factor in the decline that started in late October. If it's late, this week's low could be the bottom of that trough, and the market could suddenly turn up again.

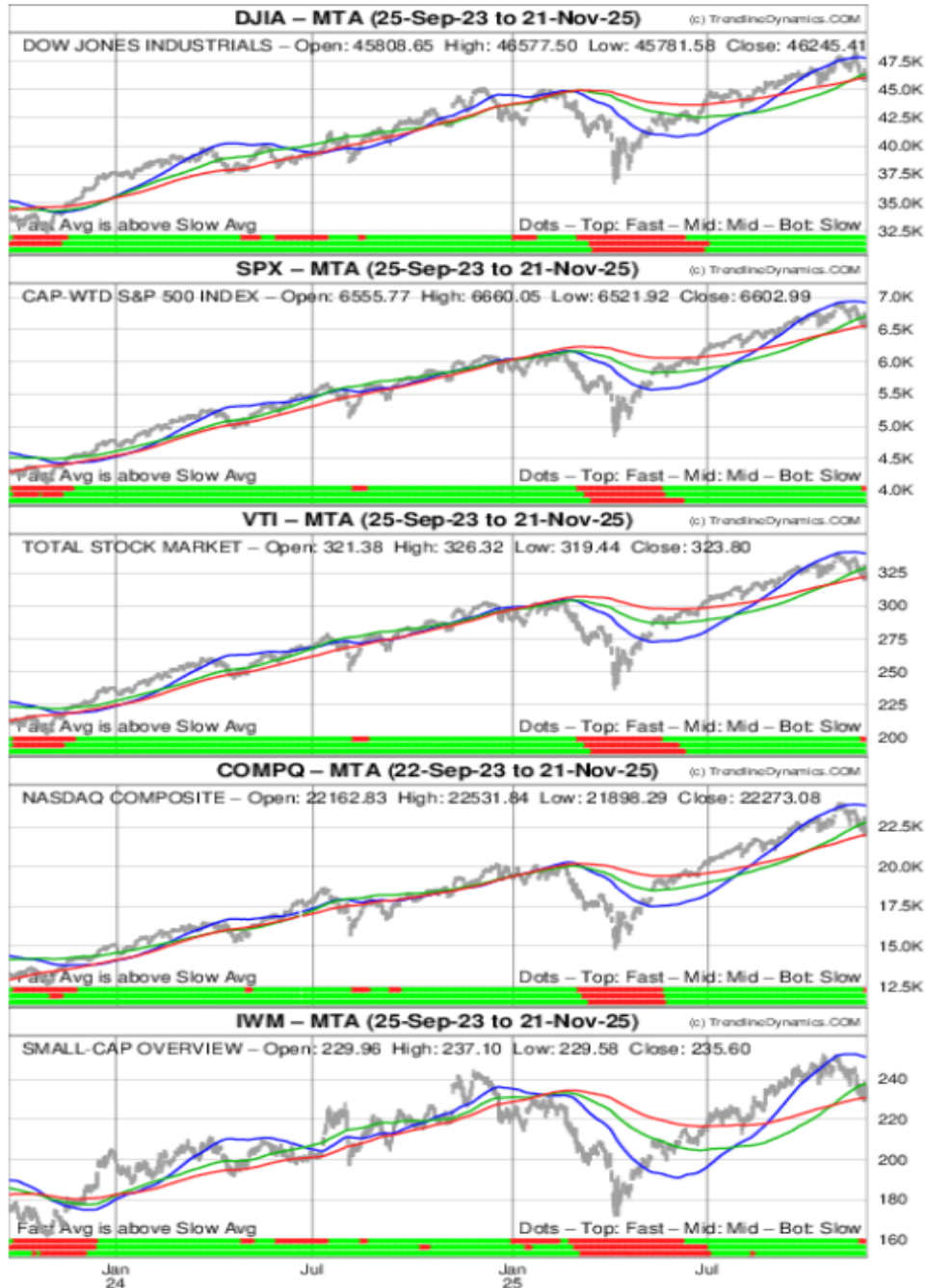
Another question that everyone seems to be asking is whether AI stocks are in a bubble? I believe the answer is yes. There are lots of AI companies whose stocks are going through the roof, despite the fact that those companies are not making money yet, and may not for a long time to come.

If this is a bubble, then the next question is, "Should we sell?" Here are my answers.

1. If you do not have an objective exit strategy to capture profits when the bubble reaches a top and starts into a decline, then yes, you should sell and get out now. Without clear-cut, objective exit rules, then when the inevitable decline starts, there's a 90% chance you will freeze and be unable to sell until all of your profits have evaporated.
2. If you're among the 10% of traders/investors who does have an objective exit strategy, then you have to be ruthless about executing it when the signal comes. Don't wait, don't ponder, just do it. Remember that an exit is not a terminal event. You don't sell and then pretend the security does not exist any more. If you sell and it turns out not to be the true top, in other words, if price turns back up and starts climbing again, then if you get a buy signal from your objective entry strategy, you can always take another position in the security.

Market Barometers

4 of the 5 major indexes have declined far enough to turn their fastest MTA average down, causing a red dot on the right side of their charts. Meanwhile, DJIA is the only index to still have all three averages up. Both the week-over-week and month-over-month changes for all 5 indexes were negative.



Week-over-week: DJIA: -1.9%, SPX: -1.9%, VTI: -1.8%, COMPQ: -2.7%, IWM: -0.8%

Month-over-month: DJIA: -2.0%, SPX: -2.8%, VTI: -3.0%, COMPQ: -4.0%, IWM: -5.5%

A Closer Look

The SPX fell Monday and Tuesday, stalled on Wednesday, fell hard on Thursday, then had an anemic recovery on Friday. The drop on Thursday took price below a similar down day on Oct 10th. BPSPX was subdued this week, ending at 39%. NYAD ended the week down. Both SPXA50R and SPXA200R ended the week up a little, but SPXA50R ended below 50. SPXA200R ended a little above 50 but still in a clear downtrend for the last few months.



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The Relative Strength History table shows the sector with the highest slope at the top and the sector with the lowest slope at the bottom. The lower table shows the corresponding ETFs and their slopes for the current week.

Relative Strength History 29-Aug-2025 to 21-Nov-2025

29 Aug	05 Sep	12 Sep	19 Sep	26 Sep	03 Oct	10 Oct	17 Oct	24 Oct	31 Oct	07 Nov	14 Nov	21 Nov
SEMIS	SEMIS	BLDRS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	BIOTC	BIOTC
DFEND	DFEND	SEMIS	BLDRS	TECHS	TECHS	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	SEMIS	SEMIS
TECHS	BLDRS	DFEND	TECHS	DFEND	BIOTC	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD
BLDRS	TECHS	TECHS	DFEND	BLDRS	GOLD	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS
INFRA	SALES	SALES	SALES	SALES	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	HLTHY
SALES	INFRA	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	UTILS	UTILS	UTILS	SP500	DFEND
COMMS	COMMS	INFRA	BIOTC	BIOTC	SALES	SALES	INFRA	COMMS	SP500	SP500	HLTHY	SP500
INDUS	BANKS	BIOTC	DISCR	GOLD	BLDRS	DISCR	SP500	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	UTILS	UTILS
SP500	DISCR	BANKS	GOLD	DISCR	DISCR	SP500	UTILS	SP500	COMMS	HLTHY	INFRA	INFRA
DISCR	SP500	DISCR	BANKS	BANKS	INFRA	INFRA	SALES	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR
BANKS	INDUS	GOLD	INFRA	INFRA	SP500	BLDRS	DISCR	SALES	HLTHY	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS
UTILS	BIOTC	SP500	SP500	SP500	BANKS	BANKS	INDUS	HLTHY	SALES	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS
TRANS	GOLD	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	UTILS	TRANS	INDUS	INDUS	TRANS	TRANS	ENRGY
BIOTC	UTILS	TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	INDUS	BLDRS	TRANS	TRANS	SALES	ENRGY	TRANS
GOLD	TRANS	UTILS	FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	TRANS	BANKS	BLDRS	FINAN	ENRGY	SALES	FINAN
FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	MATER	ENRGY	UTILS	FINAN	HLIHY	FINAN	ENRGY	FINAN	FINAN	SALES
MATER	MATER	MATER	UTILS	UTILS	ENRGY	ENRGY	FINAN	BANKS	BLDRS	BANKS	BANKS	INSUR
STAPL	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	MATER	MATER	HLTHY	ENRGY	ENRGY	BANKS	REALE	REALE	BANKS
ENRGY	STAPL	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	HLTHY	MATER	MATER	REALE	REALE	BLDRS	INSUR	REALE
REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE	HLTHY	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER
INSUR	INSUR	STAPL	HLTHY	REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	BLDRS	STAPL
HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	BLDRS

Details

Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name	Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name
1. XBI	6.78	BIOTC	BIOTECH	12. XLI	0.73	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS
2. SMH	5.61	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	13. XLE	0.70	ENRGY	ENERGY
3. GLD	4.43	GOLD	GOLD	14. IVT	0.69	TRANS	TRANSPORTATION
4. IGM	3.20	TECHS	TECHNOLOGY	15. XLF	-0.14	FINAN	FINANCIALS
5. XLV	2.47	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE	16. XRT	-0.31	SALES	RETAIL SALES
6. IIA	2.41	DFEND	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	17. KIE	-0.38	INSUR	INSURANCE
7. SPX	1.77	SP500	S&P 500	18. KBE	-0.51	BANKS	BANKS
8. XLU	1.68	UTILS	UTILITIES	19. XLRE	-0.51	REALE	REAL ESTATE
9. PAVE	1.45	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	20. XLB	-0.84	MATER	MATERIALS
10. XLY	0.85	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR	21. XLP	-1.25	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES
11. XLC	0.78	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	22. ITB	-1.44	BLDRS	HOMEBUILDERS

Oddly enough, there were very few sector changes from last week. Healthcare jumped from 7th to 5th and Insurance jumped from 19th to 17th, but all the other changes were limited to two sectors trading places, like Consumer Staples swapping places with Home Builders, or Energy trading places with Transportation. 10 sectors didn't move at all.

Sector Universe

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The order of the sector ETF's and their synonyms in this SPX Sector Universe Summary table should match the order of the synonyms in the rightmost column of the Relative Strength History Table above. This table provides a quick look at sector MTA status, Relative-Strength, Chaikin Money Flow, the number of weeks since price made a New High and New Low, and the MACD Histogram score.

SPX Sector Universe Summary for 21-Nov-2025								
Symbol	Synonym	Description	Instr	MTA 3	RelStr	CMF	NH/NL	MCHist
XBI	BIOTC	BIOTECHNOLOGY	ETF	UP	6.78:1.65	=up=	197/1	-0.0
SMH	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	ETF	UP	5.61:1.65	-DN-	0/8	-1.3
GLD	GOLD	SPDR GOLD SHARES	ETF	UP	4.43:1.65	«up»	0/1	-0.2
IGM	TECHS	EXPANDED TECH SECTOR	ETF	UP	3.20:1.65	DN	0/10	-1.0
XLV	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE	ETF	UP	2.47:1.65	up	56/1	0.5
ITA	DFEND	SPACE & DEFENSE	ETF	UP	2.41:1.65	-DN-	0/11	-1.2
SPX	SP500	CAP-WTD S&P 500 INDEX	INDEX	UP	1.77:1.65	DN	0/10	-0.6
XLU	UTILS	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	1.68:1.65	=DN=	0/7	-0.2
PAVE	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	ETF	UP	1.45:1.65	DN	1/14	-1.1
XLY	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR	ETF	UP	0.85:1.65	DN	0/15	-1.2
XLC	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	ETF	UP	0.78:1.65	=DN=	1/13	-0.4
XLI	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS	ETF	UP	0.73:1.65	DN	0/20	-0.7
XLE	ENRGY	ENERGY	ETF	DN	0.70:1.65	«UP»	0/2	0.2
IYT	TRANS	TRANSPORT NDX	ETF	UP	0.69:1.65	up	0/14	-0.3
XLF	FINAN	FINANCIALS	ETF	UP	-0.14:1.65	-DN-	1/21	-0.3
XRT	SALES	RETAIL	ETF	UP	-0.31:1.65	«dn»	1/20	-0.4
KIE	INSUR	INSURANCE SECTOR	ETF	DN	-0.38:1.65	DN	1/2	0.3
XLRE	REALE	REAL ESTATE	ETF	DN	-0.51:1.65	=DN=	1/30	-0.1
KBE	BANKS	S&P BANK SECTOR	ETF	UP	-0.51:1.65	DN	1/4	-0.1
XLB	MATER	MATERIALS	ETF	DN	-0.84:1.65	DN	1/27	0.1
XLP	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES	ETF	DN	-1.25:1.65	«UP»	4/1	0.2
ITB	BLDRS	HOME CONSTRUCTION	ETF	UP	-1.44:1.65	«dn»	1/20	-0.7

MoM price changes for the top 5 sectors: [XBI](#): 7.6%, [SMH](#): -7.1%, [GLD](#): -0.9%, [IGM](#): -6.2%, [XLV](#): 5.9%

MoM price changes for the Big 7 plus AVGO (8 stocks which currently make up 31% of the SPX) are: [AAPL](#): 3.3%, [AMZN](#): -1.6%, [AVGO](#): -3.9%, [GOOGL](#): 15.3%, [META](#): -19.5%, [MSFT](#): -9.8%, [NFLX](#): -90.5%, [TSLA](#): -9.8%

This Week's Selections

Last week my sector choices were: GLD, IGM, ITA, SMH, XBI, BIL (50%)

Top Sector ETFs By Slope

Symbol	MTA	ARI	SSlope	8% Stop	Close	Position
XBI	UP	Up	6.78%	\$107.32	\$116.65	Hold 10%
SMH	UP	Up	5.61%	\$339.12	\$326.13	SELL
GLD	UP	Up	4.43%	\$355.361.75	\$374.27	WATCH -
IGM	UP	Up	3.20%	\$124.86	\$123.06	SELL
XLV	UP	Up	2.47%	\$142.24	\$154.61	BUY
ITA	UP	Up	2.41%	\$201.39	\$198.23	SELL
SPX	UP	Up	1.77%	\$6339.62	\$6602.99	INDEX
XLU	UP	Up	1.68%	\$85.47	\$88.15	no
PAVE	UP	Up	1.45%	\$44.68	\$46.45	no
XLY	UP	Up	0.85%	\$222.81	\$225.50	no
URA	UP	Up	5.53%	\$40.23	\$41.59	no

Legend: Up: ↑, Down: ↓, Flat/Stable: —

Analysis

[XBI](#) held above \$113 and made a 197-week high. [SMH](#) opened and closed below the 8% stop on Nov 18th, so I should have sold this at the open on Nov 19th. This is what happens when you take your eye off the ball. [GLD](#) — As usual, 20/20 hindsight says I should have sold GLD in late October when it closed below the 8% stop line and the KB centerline on the same day. I'll have to go back and read what the heck I was thinking on October 27th, but for now I have to deal with the situation at hand. In this case I got lucky. GLD rallied up and settled near \$374. At this point I think the \$355.11 stop is too low, so I'm manually adjusting it upward to \$361.75, about 50 cents below the Nov 4th close. [IGM](#) closed below its ARI, 8% stop, and KB lower green line on Thursday, and it did not recover on Friday so I'm going to sell it Monday morning.

[XLV](#) — While other securities were getting killed at the end of the week, XLV made a 56-week high close on Friday. [ITA](#) — Speaking of getting killed, ITA declined on Wednesday through Friday, slipping through psychological and historical support near \$200. [SPX](#) made a big drop from open to close of \$199 on Thursday and ended the week even further down at \$6603. [XLU](#) made a 7-week low as it continues in its 5-week decline but it is not oversold. [PAVE](#) made a 14-week low as it continues in its 4-week decline. Among the KB/RSI/CMF, only one is oversold. [XLY](#) made a 15-week low as it continues in its 3-week decline and all three (KB/RSI/CMF) are oversold.

[URA](#) may have found support at \$40 as it made an 11-week low in its 5-week decline. Only the RSI is fully oversold.

Thoughts and Decisions

Sell SMH, IGM, and ITA. Monitor GLD on a daily basis. Buy XLV.

So my sector choices this week are still: GLD, XBI, XLV, BIL (70%).

New Highs and New Lows

There was 1 all-time high this week and no all-time lows.

SECURITIES MAKING NEW HIGHS DURING THE WEEK OF 21-Nov-2025					
SYMBOL	COMPANY	INSTR	MTA	SLOPE	WEEKS
JNJ	JOHNSON AND JOHNSON (DK)	STOCK	UP	4.05	999
GOOGL	ALPHABET INC	STOCK	UP	9.88	453
AZN	ASTRAZENECA	STOCK	UP	3.99	341
RY	ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (DS 1870)	STOCK	UP	2.28	303
AMGN	AMGEN	STOCK	UP	3.41	298
IBB	BIO-TECH & PHARMA	ETF	UP	5.27	210
XBI	BIOTECHNOLOGY	ETF	UP	6.78	197
MDT	MEDTRONIC (DK)	STOCK	UP	1.27	176
UGI	UGI CORP	STOCK	UP	0.00	138
PANL	PANGAEA LOGISTICS	STOCK	UP	5.42	57
XLV	HEALTH CARE	ETF	UP	2.47	56
BIIB	BIOGEN IDEC	STOCK	UP	5.90	53
SECURITIES MAKING NEW LOWS DURING THE WEEK OF 21-Nov-2025					
NFLX	NETFLIX	STOCK	UP	-9.36	458
IIPR	INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES	REIT	DN	-3.56	348
CLX	CLOROX (DK)	STOCK	DN	-5.04	303
TGT	TARGET (DK)	STOCK	DN	-2.19	303
FLO	FLOWERS FOODS	STOCK	DN	-7.95	291
ADDYY	ADIDAS AG	STOCK	DN	-4.53	107
DLY	DOUBLELINE YIELD OPPTY	CEF	DN	-1.53	102
PSA	PUBLIC STORAGE (DA)	STOCK	DN	-1.38	75
COST	COSTCO WHOLESALE	STOCK	DN	-1.65	52