

Weekly Market Analysis #592 — 12 December 2025
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This Week

Micah Lamar at WallStreet.IO said:

The global robotics market is sitting around 85 billion dollars right now and is projected to reach roughly 210 billion dollars by 2030. That kind of expansion is rare. It signals a major shift in how global industries operate. Automation is accelerating. AI is transforming how robots think and move. Labor shortages are forcing companies across logistics, healthcare, manufacturing, and technology to adopt robotics faster than ever.

In "[Jared Dillian Money](#)", Jared wrote:

As you might have heard, the government recently announced that it is going to create investment accounts for all new children born in the United States, funding them with \$1,000 to be invested in...an S&P 500 index fund.

...[These] accounts are a bell ringer for the stock market. Do you know when the lows in interest rates were? When the Treasury decided to issue floating-rate notes—at the ding-dong lows in yields. Out of all dumb actors in the financial markets, the government is the biggest and dumbest. The government has just put the seal of approval on the S&P 500. You should run the other way as fast as you can, screaming.

Steve Blumenthal explained the term "Fiscal dominance"

The short version is that the government is so far in debt (and continuing to borrow even more), that the interest payments on the national debt are becoming unaffordable. In Steve's words, "the Fed feels forced to keep interest rates lower than it otherwise would, and sometimes even print money (QE, buying Treasuries, etc.) to help the government finance its deficits on the cheap." In other words fiscal necessity is dominating Fed policy.

Steve goes on:

...fiscal dominance in action: the Fed says "this is just technical plumbing," but everyone knows part of the reason they're doing it is that the government can't afford much higher interest rates.

Bottom Line: Fiscal dominance is when debt and deficits get so big that the central bank loses its ability to say "no" and instead becomes the government's helper, keeping rates low and liquidity flowing so the borrowing party can continue.

It's why people like Lyn Alden say "nothing stops this train." This past week, the Fed sprinkled more liquidity into the system in order to keep the plumbing from breaking—another sign along the road towards a future restructuring. QE occurs when central banks begin buying longer-duration Treasury notes and bonds. I think that day is coming.

This highly condensed version doesn't really do justice to the subject. Read Steve's well-written article [here](#).

[[In my opinion, terms like "Fiscal dominance" are intentionally created to disguise processes or activities the government and/or the Fed wants the average person to accept without really understanding them (i.e., it is doublespeak). When those in charge employ terms like this, intelligent investors should make it their business to find out what's really going on. Many years ago Edward Deming reminded us, "Learning is not mandatory. Neither is survival."]]

Market Barometers

All 5 major indexes are back to solid green.



Week-over-week: DJIA: 1.0%, SPX: -0.6%, VTI: -0.5%, COMPQ: -1.6%, IWM: 1.2%

Month-over-month: DJIA: 2.1%, SPX: 1.3%, VTI: 1.8%, COMPQ: 1.4%, IWM: 7.2%

A Closer Look

On Thursday the market closed one dollar above \$6900. Then it ended the week lower than the previous week at \$6827. BPSPX matched its early October high and ended the week at 59.8%. NYAD made a long-time high on Thursday (green ellipse). For the week, SPXA50R and SPXA200R also did better than price, ending the week with a net gain.



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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 19-Sep-2025 to 12-Dec-2025

19 Sep	26 Sep	03 Oct	10 Oct	17 Oct	24 Oct	31 Oct	07 Nov	14 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov	05 Dec	12 Dec
SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC
BLDRS	TECHS	TECHS	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	BIOTC	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS
TECHS	DFEND	BIOTC	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD
DFEND	BLDRS	GOLD	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY
SALES	SALES	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	HLTHY	TECHS	TECHS
COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	UTILS	UTILS	UTILS	SP500	DFEND	DFEND	SP500	SP500
BIOTC	BIOTC	SALES	SALES	INFRA	COMMS	SP500	SP500	HLTHY	SP500	SP500	INFRA	TRANS
DISCR	GOLD	BLDRS	DISCR	SP500	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	UTILS	UTILS	UTILS	DFEND	INFRA
GOLD	DISCR	DISCR	SP500	UTILS	SP500	COMMS	HLTHY	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	TRANS	ENRGY
BANKS	BANKS	INFRA	INFRA	SALES	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	ENRGY	ENRGY	DFEND
INFRA	INFRA	SP500	BLDRS	DISCR	SALES	HLTHY	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS
SP500	SP500	BANKS	BANKS	INDUS	HLTHY	SALES	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	DISCR	INDUS	BANKS
INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	UTILS	TRANS	INDUS	INDUS	TRANS	TRANS	ENRGY	TRANS	BANKS	SALES
TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	INDUS	BLDRS	TRANS	TRANS	SALES	ENRGY	TRANS	INDUS	UTILS	INDUS
FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	TRANS	BANKS	BLDRS	FINAN	ENRGY	SALES	FINAN	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR
MATER	ENRGY	UTILS	FINAN	HLTHY	FINAN	ENRGY	FINAN	FINAN	SALES	FINAN	SALES	FINAN
UTILS	UTILS	ENRGY	ENRGY	FINAN	BANKS	BLDRS	BANKS	BANKS	INSUR	BANKS	FINAN	REALE
ENRGY	MATER	MATER	HLTHY	ENRGY	ENRGY	BANKS	REALE	REALE	BANKS	SALES	DISCR	BLDRS
INSUR	INSUR	HLTHY	MATER	MATER	REALE	REALE	BLDRS	INSUR	REALE	REALE	REALE	STAPL
REALE	HLTHY	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER	BLDRS	UTILS
HLTHY	REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	BLDRS	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	DISCR
STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	BLDRS	BLDRS	MATER	MATER

Details

Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name	Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name
1. XBI	7.61	BIOTC	BIOTECH	12. KBE	0.76	BANKS	BANKS
2. SMH	4.81	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	13. XRT	0.64	SALES	RETAIL SALES
3. GLD	4.06	GOLD	GOLD	14. XLI	0.63	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS
4. XLV	3.08	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE	15. KIE	0.24	INSUR	INSURANCE
5. IGM	2.61	TECHS	TECHNOLOGY	16. XLF	0.20	FINAN	FINANCIALS
6. SPX	1.56	SP500	S&P 500	17. XLRE	-0.63	REALE	REAL ESTATE
7. IYT	1.50	TRANS	TRANSPORTATION	18. ITB	-0.67	BLDRS	HOMEBUILDERS
8. PAVE	1.44	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	19. XLP	-0.77	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES
9. XLE	1.16	ENRGY	ENERGY	20. XLU	-4.94	UTILS	UTILITIES
10. ITA	1.03	DFEND	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	21. XLY	-5.03	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR
11. XLC	0.88	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	22. XLB	-6.08	MATER	MATERIALS

The top 5 sectors remained the same. Consumer Staples is starting to show signs of life, while Utilities have dropped from #8 to #20 in just two weeks.

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 12-Dec-2025								
Symbol	Synonym	Description	Instr	MTA 3	RelStr	CMF	NH/NL	MCHist
XBI	BIOTC	BIOTECHNOLOGY	ETF	UP	7.61:1.55	=up=	205/1	-0.1
SMH	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	ETF	UP	4.81:1.55	<<up>>	999/2	1.0
GLD	GOLD	SPDR GOLD SHARES	ETF	UP	4.06:1.55	=UP=	8/1	0.1
XLV	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE	ETF	UP	3.08:1.55	<dn>	1/4	-0.9
IGM	TECHS	EXPANDED TECH SECTOR	ETF	UP	2.61:1.55	UP	6/2	0.6
SPX	SP500	CAP-WTD S&P 500 INDEX	INDEX	UP	1.56:1.55	-UP-	999/2	0.2
IYT	TRANS	TRANSPORT NDX	ETF	UP	1.50:1.55	<<up>>	999/1	0.7
PAVE	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	ETF	UP	1.44:1.55	-UP-	442/1	0.4
XLE	ENRGY	ENERGY	ETF	DN	1.16:1.55	-DN-	35/0	0.1
ITA	DFEND	SPACE & DEFENSE	ETF	UP	1.03:1.55	UP	4/0	0.4
XLC	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	ETF	UP	0.88:1.55	-up-	0/0	0.7
KBE	BANKS	S&P BANK SECTOR	ETF	UP	0.76:1.55	=UP=	999/0	1.0
XRT	SALES	RETAIL	ETF	UP	0.64:1.55	≡UP≡	199/0	1.1
XLI	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS	ETF	UP	0.63:1.55	=UP=	999/1	0.3
KIE	INSUR	INSURANCE SECTOR	ETF	DN	0.24:1.55	-dn-	35/2	-0.2
XLF	FINAN	FINANCIALS	ETF	UP	0.20:1.55	-UP-	999/1	0.4
XLRE	REALE	REAL ESTATE	ETF	DN	-0.63:1.55	DN	0/2	-0.0
ITB	BLDRS	HOME CONSTRUCTION	ETF	UP	-0.67:1.55	DN	1/2	0.4
XLP	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES	ETF	DN	-0.77:1.55	<<UP>>	7/2	0.1
XLU	UTILS	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	-4.94:1.55	-dn-	0/502	-9.1
XLY	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR	ETF	UP	-5.03:1.55	=UP=	1/281	-8.5
XLB	MATER	MATERIALS	ETF	DN	-6.08:1.55	-dn-	1/286	-7.8

MoM price changes for the top 5 sectors: [XBI](#): 10.0%, [SMH](#): 2.7%, [GLD](#): 3.3%, [XLV](#): 0.9%, [IGM](#): 1.5%

MoM price changes for the Mag 7 plus AVGO (8 stocks which currently account for over 30% of the SPX): [AAPL](#): 2.0%, [AMZN](#): -4.8%, [AVGO](#): 5.9%, [GOOGL](#): 11.0%, [META](#): 5.6%, [MSFT](#): -4.9%, [NFLX](#): -17.5%, [TSLA](#): 14.2%

This Week's Selections

Last week my sector choices were: GLD, XBI, XLV, BIL (70%).

Top Sector ETFs By Slope

Symbol	MTA	ARI	SSlope	8% Stop	Close	Position
XBI	UP	Up	7.61%	\$113.77	\$123.13	Hold 10%
SMH	UP	Up	4.81%	\$344.17	\$354.12	BOUGHT
GLD	UP	Up	4.06%	\$363.80	\$395.44	Hold 10%
XLV	UP	Up	3.08%	\$146.07	\$154.06	Hold 10%
IGM	UP	Up	2.61%	\$123.48	\$129.42	no
SPX	UP	Up	1.56%	\$6348.92	\$6827.41	INDEX
IYT	UP	Up	1.50%	\$70.33	\$76.38	BUY
PAVE	UP	Up	1.44%	\$45.77	\$49.07	no
XLE	DN	Up	1.16%	\$42.49	\$45.51	no
ITA	UP	Up	1.03%	\$192.66	\$209.41	no
URA	UP	Up	2.26%	\$45.26	\$46.05	no

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

Analysis

[XBI](#) made a 205-week high, but its Adjusted RSI and MACD are declining. [SMH](#) closed above October high (\$368.61) on Tuesday. I bought SMH on Wednesday morning for \$368.85. [GLD](#) made another run at \$400. It touched it on Friday then fell back to \$395. This week the 8% stop moved above the adjusted stop I had chosen. [XLV](#) found support at \$150 and bounced up off it on Wednesday. [IGM](#) ended the week below the KB centerline and the ATS low stop. [SPX](#) closed above \$6900 on Thursday but fell back on Friday.

[IYT](#) just made an all-time high and all basic charts are up. [PAVE](#) made a 442-week high and we got 3 days above \$49. An open and a close above \$50 will make this a buy. [XLE](#) got close to \$50 about 21 months ago, but since then...meh. [ITA](#) is down from 12 months ago. [URA](#) is down 20.6% from its October high.

Thoughts and Decisions

IYT's SSlope is slightly lower than the SPX's, but IYT's SSlope is also climbing much faster than the SPX SSlope. So IYT's all-time high and a couple of whole candles above \$75 make it a buy.

My sector choices this week are: GLD, IYT, SMH, XBI, XLV, BIL (50%).

New Highs and New Lows

There were 15 all-time highs this week and two close misses.

SECURITIES MAKING NEW HIGHS DURING THE WEEK OF 12-Dec-2025					
SYMBOL	COMPANY	INSTR	MTA	SLOPE	WEEKS
DJIA	DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS	INDEX	UP	1.43	999
DJTA	DOW JONES TRANSPORTS	INDEX	UP	2.84	999
IWM	SMALL-CAP OVERVIEW	ETF	UP	1.88	999
IYT	TRANSPORT NDX	ETF	UP	1.50	999
JNJ	JOHNSON AND JOHNSON (DK)	STOCK	UP	4.74	999
KBE	S&P BANK SECTOR	ETF	UP	0.76	999
RSP	EQU-WTD S&P 500 INDEX	ETF	UP	0.65	999
SMH	SEMICONDUCTORS	ETF	UP	4.81	999
SOXX	PHLX SEMICONDUCTORS	ETF	UP	4.82	999
SPX	CAP-WTD S&P 500 INDEX	INDEX	UP	1.56	999
SPY	S&P 500 (LARGE-CAP)	ETF	UP	1.59	999
VTI	TOTAL STOCK MARKET	ETF	UP	1.55	999
WMT	WALMART STORES	STOCK	UP	2.48	999
XLF	FINANCIALS	ETF	UP	0.20	999
XLI	INDUSTRIALS	ETF	UP	0.63	999
SLV	SILVER TRUST	ETF	UP	9.34	988
GDX	MARKET VECTORS GOLD MINERS	ETF	UP	6.84	983
ACWX	ACWI INDEX MINUS U.S.	ETF	UP	1.58	892
AVGO	BROADCOM	STOCK	UP	6.12	823
COPX	GLOBALX COPPER MINERS	ETF	UP	7.12	788
KBWB	BIG BANKS	ETF	UP	2.26	453
VIG	DIVIDEND APPRECIATION	ETF	UP	1.26	451
IVE	S&P 500 VALUE	ETF	UP	1.30	450
IWN	SMALL-CAP VALUE	ETF	UP	1.95	447
IEFA	EUROPE/AUSTRALIA/FAR-EAST	ETF	UP	1.17	446
IQLT	GLOBAL QUALITY	ETF	UP	0.91	446
PAVE	INFRASTRUCTURE	ETF	UP	1.44	442
MOAT	MORNINGSTAR WIDE MOAT	ETF	UP	1.70	425
BMO	BANK OF MONTREAL (DS 1829)	STOCK	UP	1.80	405
VGK	FTSE EUROPE	ETF	UP	1.09	342
SECURITIES MAKING NEW LOWS DURING THE WEEK OF 12-Dec-2025					
XLU	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	-4.94	502
GIS	GENERAL MILLS	STOCK	DN	-2.47	301
DEO	DIAGEO	STOCK	DN	-3.53	293
LYB	LYONDELL BASELL INDUSTRIES	STOCK	DN	-5.43	288
XLB	MATERIALS	ETF	DN	-6.08	286
XLY	CONSUMER DISCR	ETF	UP	-5.03	281
PG	PROCTER AND GAMBLE (DA)	STOCK	DN	-2.24	138
PSA	PUBLIC STORAGE (DA)	STOCK	DN	-2.14	77
TMUS	T-MOBILE US	STOCK	DN	-4.08	64
COST	COSTCO WHOLESALE	STOCK	DN	-1.98	56