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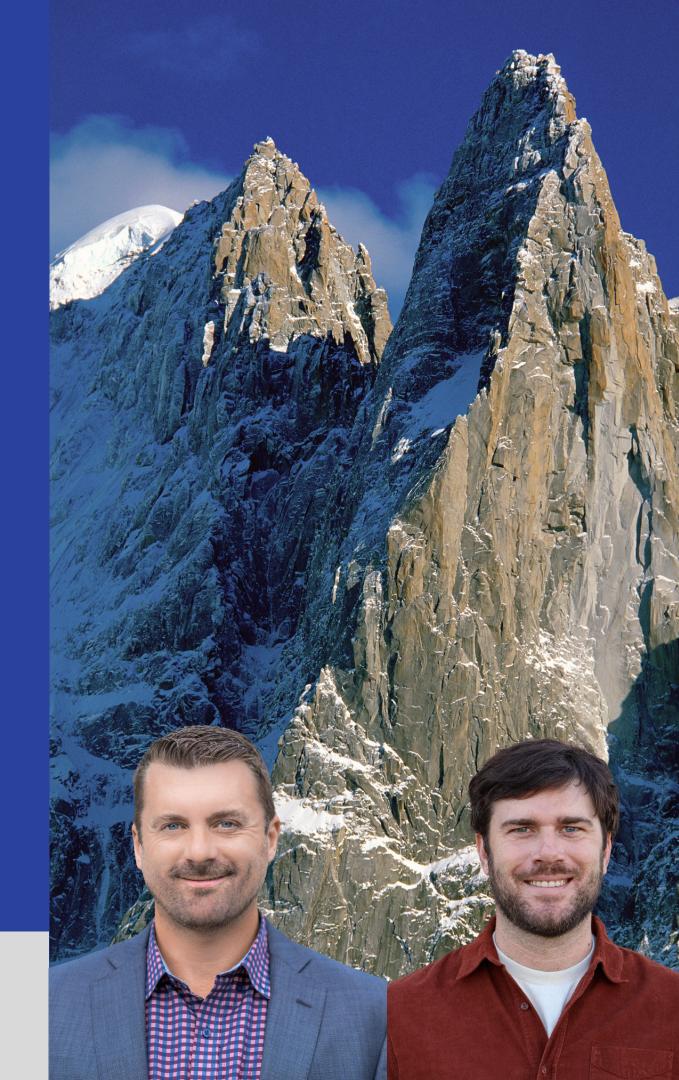
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BROADENING MARKET RALLY MEGA CAP STILL APPRECIATING/NVDA

• Small cap continuing to increase

• Will the Big 7 stocks continue to motor?









FED POLICY AND THE ECONOMY

• How will Fed policy affect capital markets in 2024?

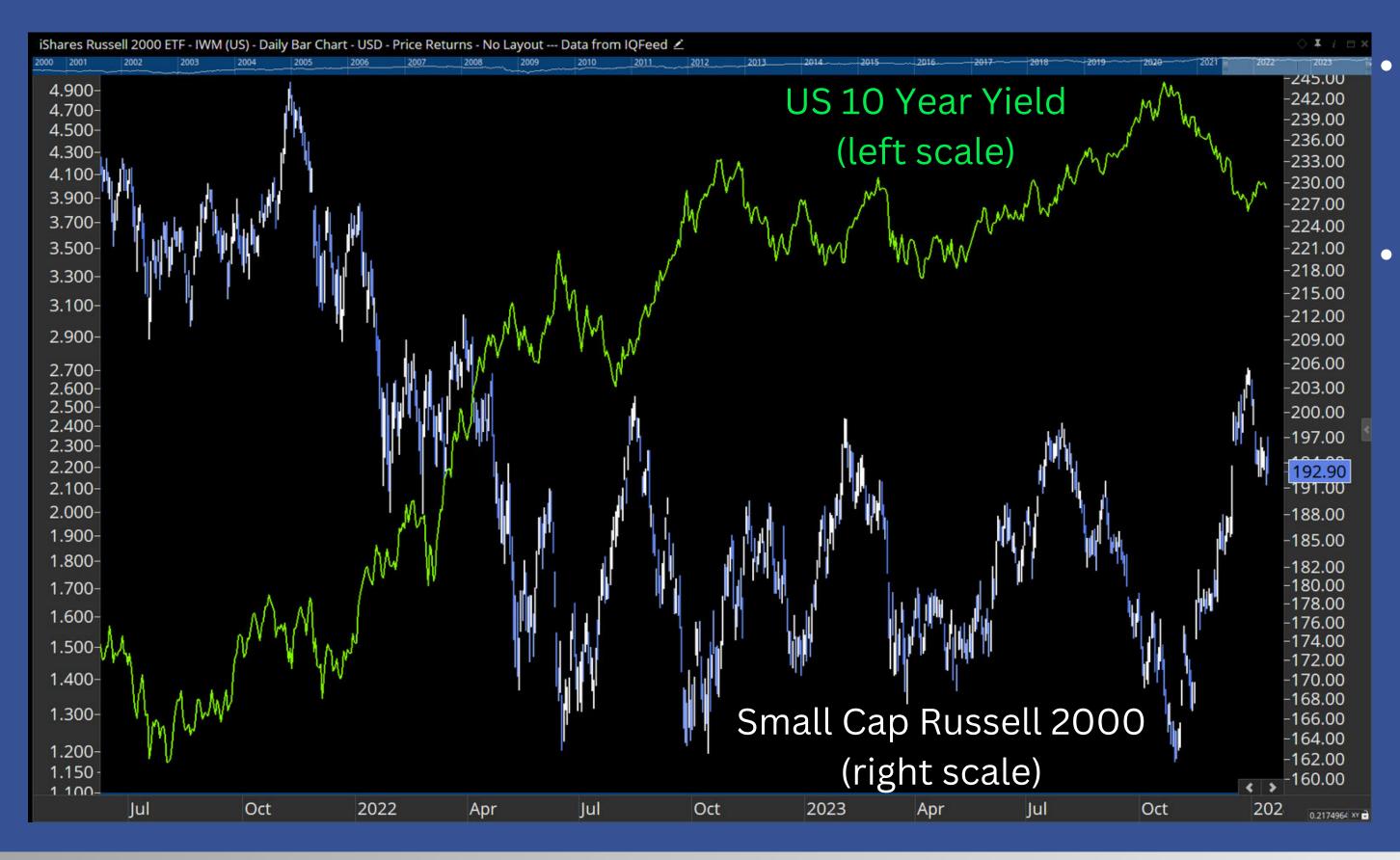








• How we plan to handle a 'possible' correction in 2024



SMALL CAPS CHALLENGED IN INCREASING INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT

• 2023 was a year of uncertainty for many, creating an unfamiliar landscape for investors. • We believe the economic pressures of inflation and high interest rates pushed investors away from the less sound fundamental companies that were challenged to access funding (small caps) and towards large cap growth stocks Mag 7 stocks.

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• Starting in 'Q4 2023 rates started to drop giving the small cap Russell 2000 a boost





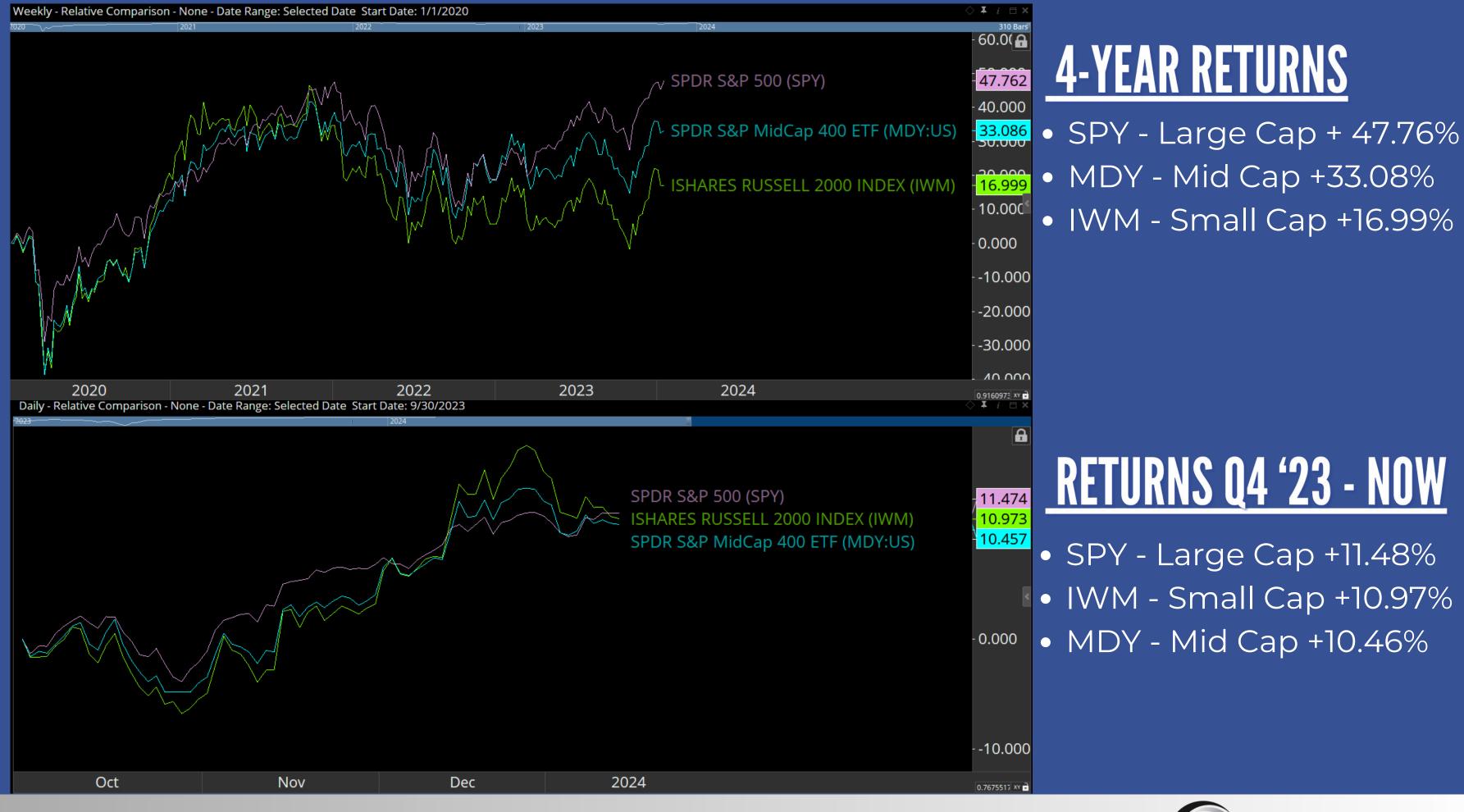




Exhibit 22: Share of largest seven companies' market cap in S&P 500 is at an all-time high



WILL 7 MEGA CAPS CONTINUE TO OUTPERFORM?

Exhibit 23: The Magnificent 7 have led the index higher in 2023





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This stalled tech juggernaut is starting to break out again, according to the charts



Many say we're moving into the 'exponential age', which is characterized by increased computing power, efficiencies, and automation that spans sectors well beyond just technology. If we're truly headed in this direction, the increased computing power will change the way we interact socially, professionally, and provide a real boost to our economy. This will increase corporate productivity and profit margins for companies, while acting as a deflationary force on our economy. That comes at a pretty opportune time as we're combatting a four-decade spike in inflation following the pandemic and unwind of QE.

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We hold NVDA in both the Tactical Alpha Growth (8% holding) and in Strategic Income and Growth (3%)



The December CPI Reading Was Released Thursday Jan 11th, 2024

Time	Cur.	Imp.	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous		
Thursday, January 11, 2024								
08:30	📕 USD	**	Continuing Jobless Claims	1,834K	1,871K	1,868K		
08:30	📕 USD	***	Core CPI (MoM) (Dec)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%		
08:30	📕 USD	**	Core CPI (YoY) (Dec)	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%		
08:30	📕 USD	***	CPI (MoM) (Dec)	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%		
08:30	📕 USD	***	CPI (YoY) (Dec)	3.4%	3.2%	3.1%		

CME FEDWATCH TOOL - MEETING PROBABILITIES										
MEETING DATE	300-325	325-350	350-375	375-400	400-425	425-450	450-475	475-500	500-5 2 5	525-550
1/31/2024					0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	95.3%
3/20/2024	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	68.1%	28.6%
5/1/2024	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	65.0%	30.5%	1.4%
6/12/2024	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	8.4%	62.0%	28.0%	1.3%	0.0%
7/31/2024	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	8.3%	61.1%	28.6%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
9/18/2024	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	8.0%	58.9%	29.9%	2.8%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
11/7/2024	0.0%	0.2%	5.4%	42.0%	39.6%	11.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
12/18/2024	0.1%	4.4%	34.8%	40.0%	17.3%	3.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

THE DECEMBER CPI READING AND FED FUNDS OUTLOOK

CME FEDWATCH TOOL - TOTAL PROBABILITIES

MEETING DATE	DAYS TO MEETING	EASE	NO CHANGE	HIKE
1/31/2024	19	4.65 %	95.35 %	0.00 %
3/20/2024	68	71.40 %	28.61 %	0.00 %
5/1/2024	110	98.63 %	1.37 %	0.00 %
6/12/2024	152	100.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
7/31/2024	201	100.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
9/18/2024	250	100.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
11/7/2024	300	100.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
12/18/2024	341	100.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %





The 'January Effect

- "As goes January, so goes the year"
- January effect "Every negative Jan preceded an extended correction, flat market, or a 10% without exception since 1950" Stock Trader's Almanac
- First 5 days of the year that was positive; 47 times, saw full-year gains 39 for 83% accuracy with average gains of 14.0% Stock Trader's Almanac

THE JANUARY EFFEC

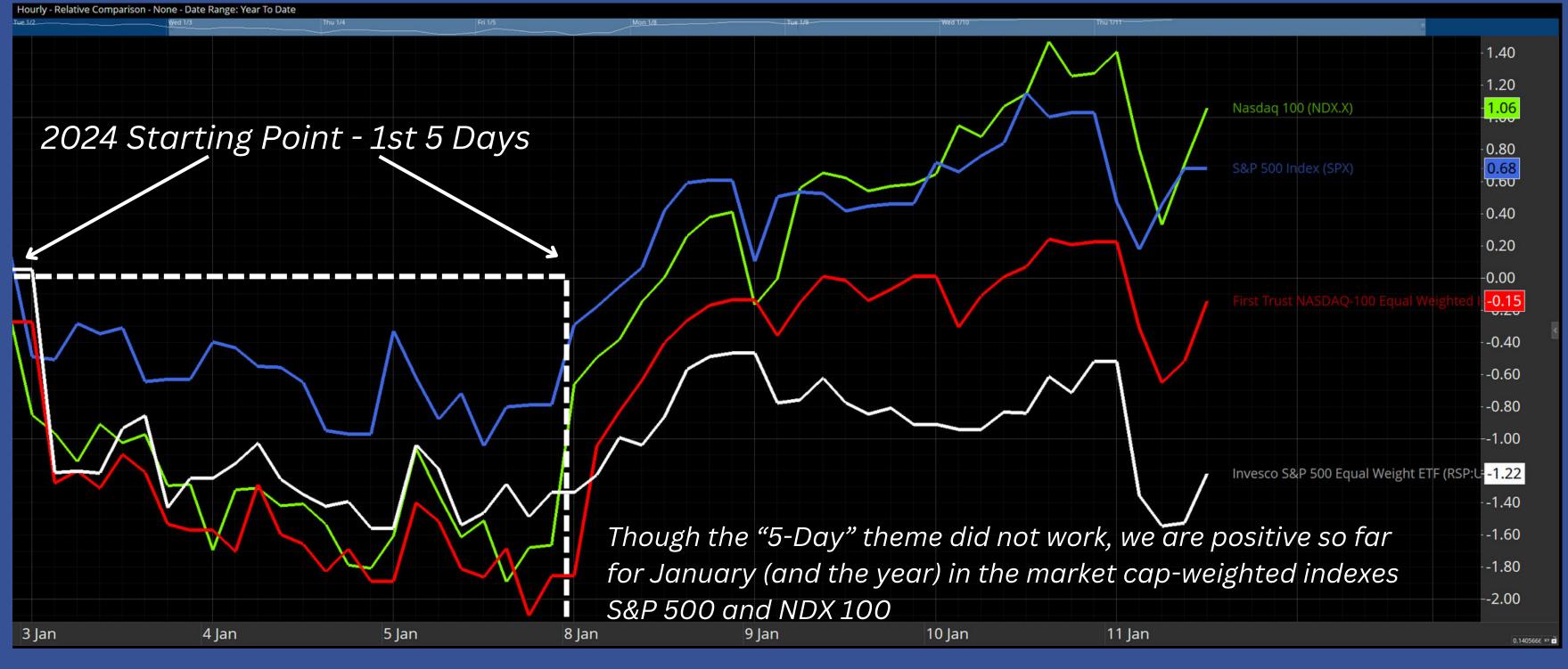


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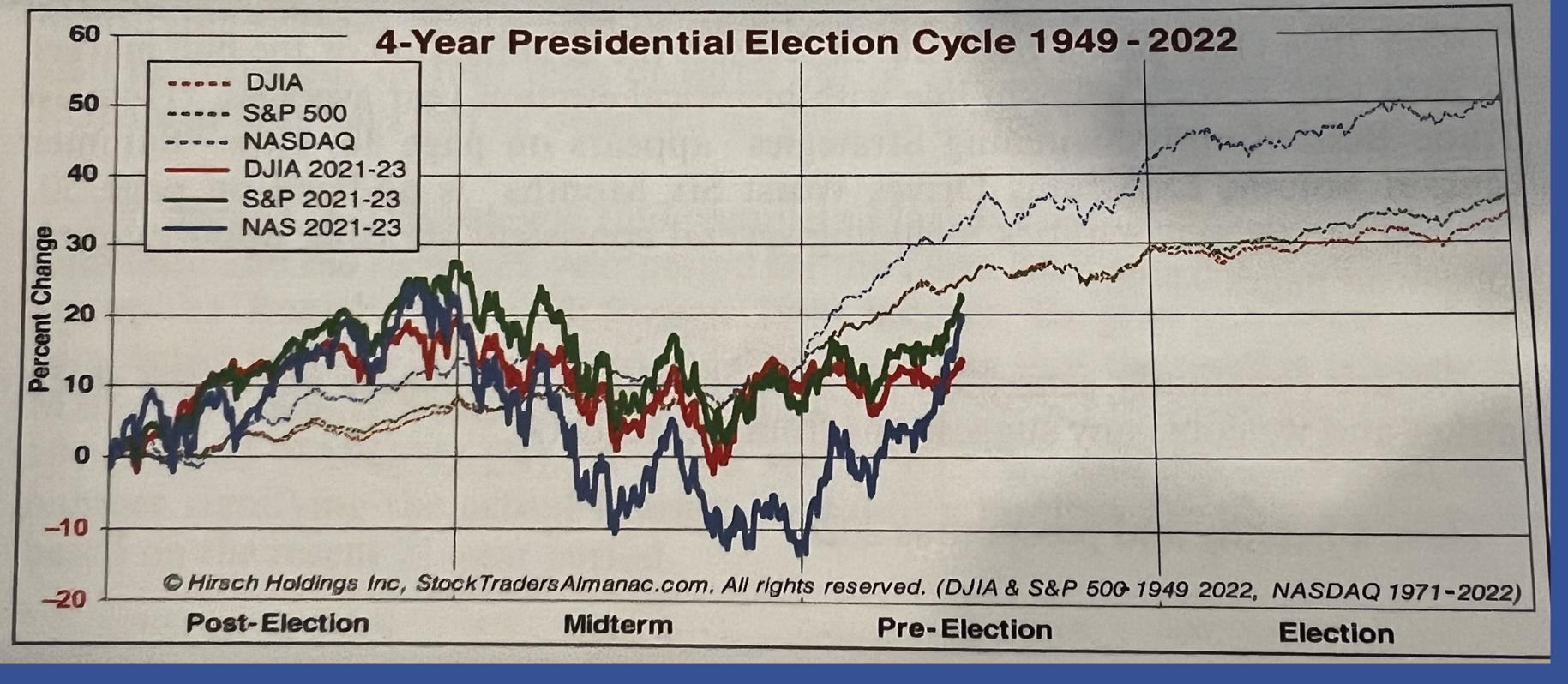


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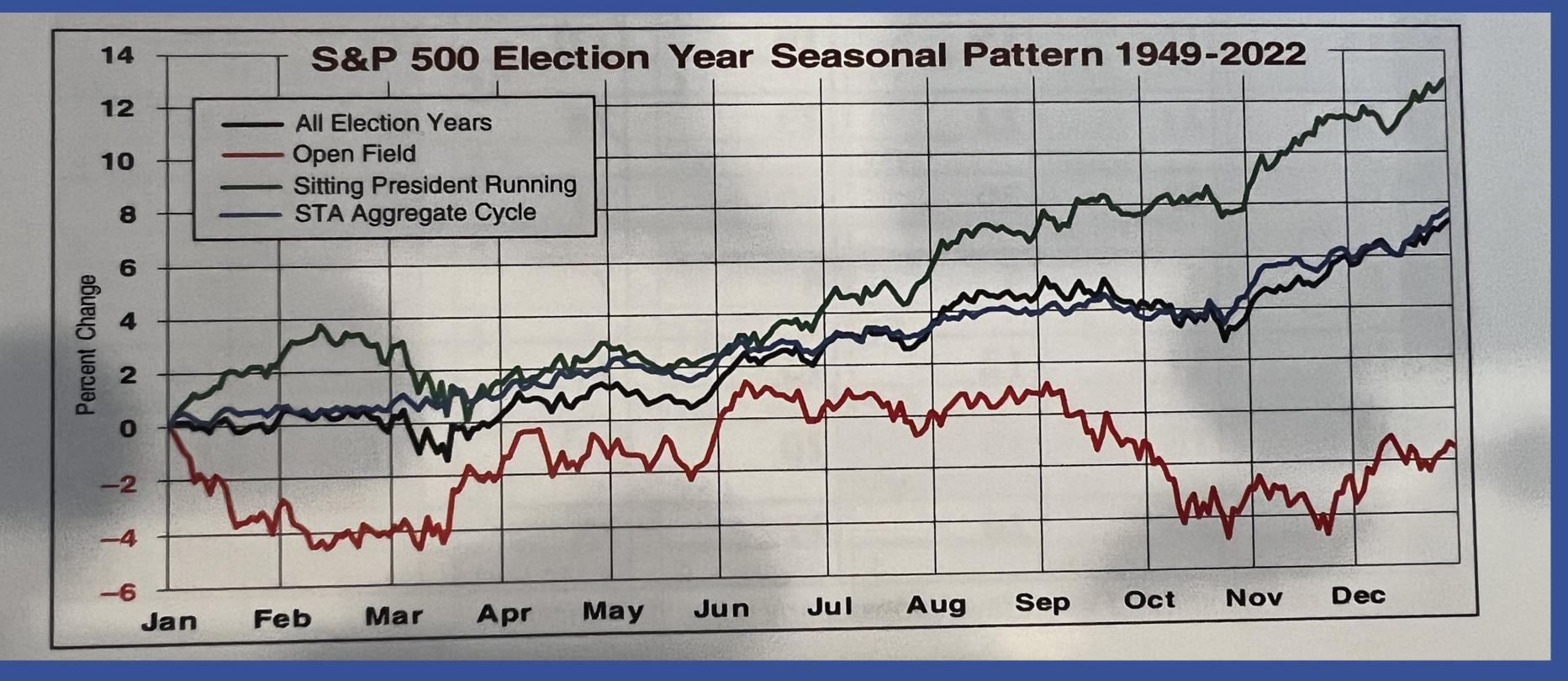
4-YEAR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CYCLE - 1949-2022

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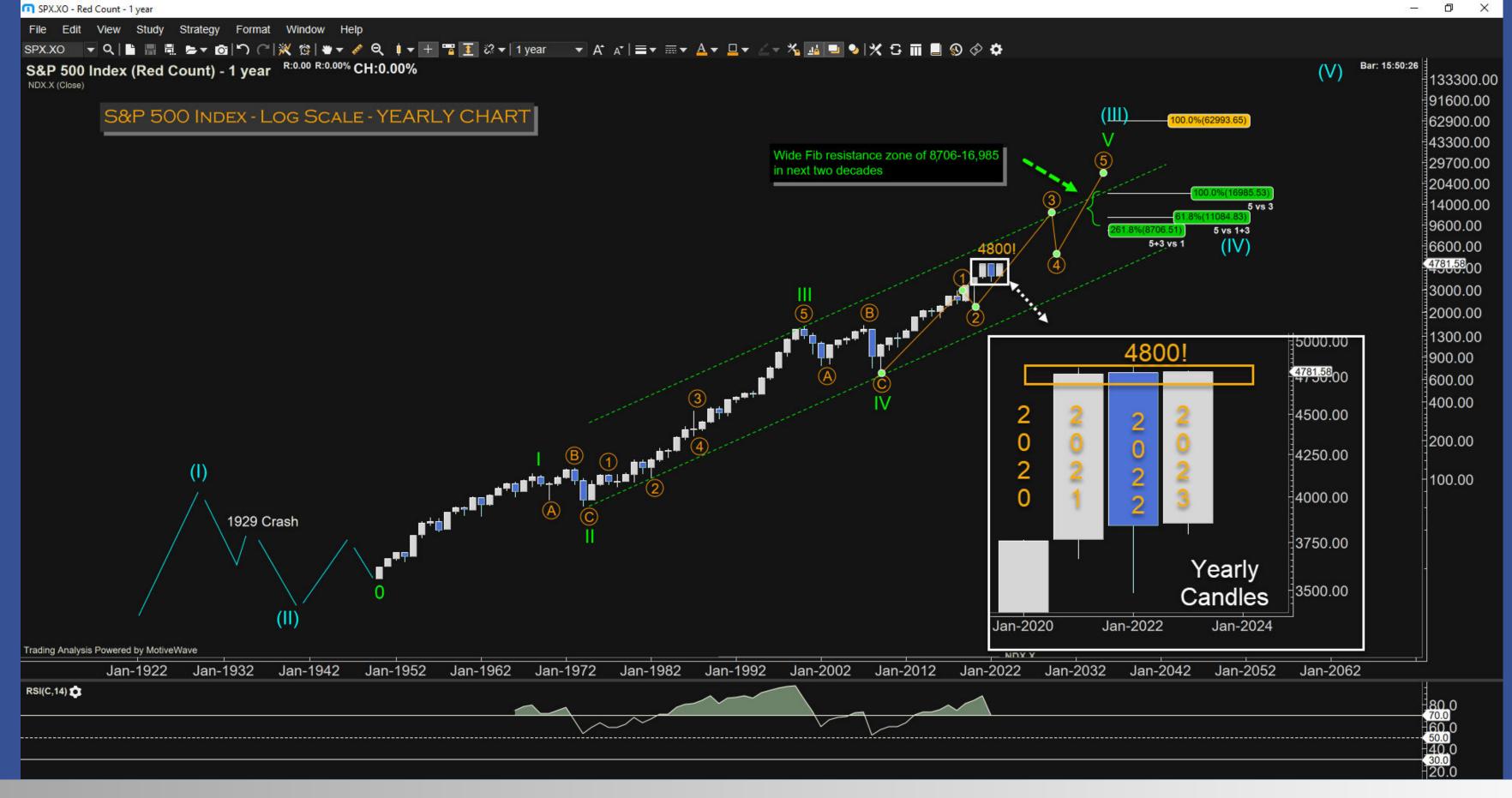
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S&P 500 - YEARLY CHART - 4800 IS KEY RESISTANCE!



CASH ON THE SIDELINES - US MONEY MARKET FUNDS - Q3 FIGURES

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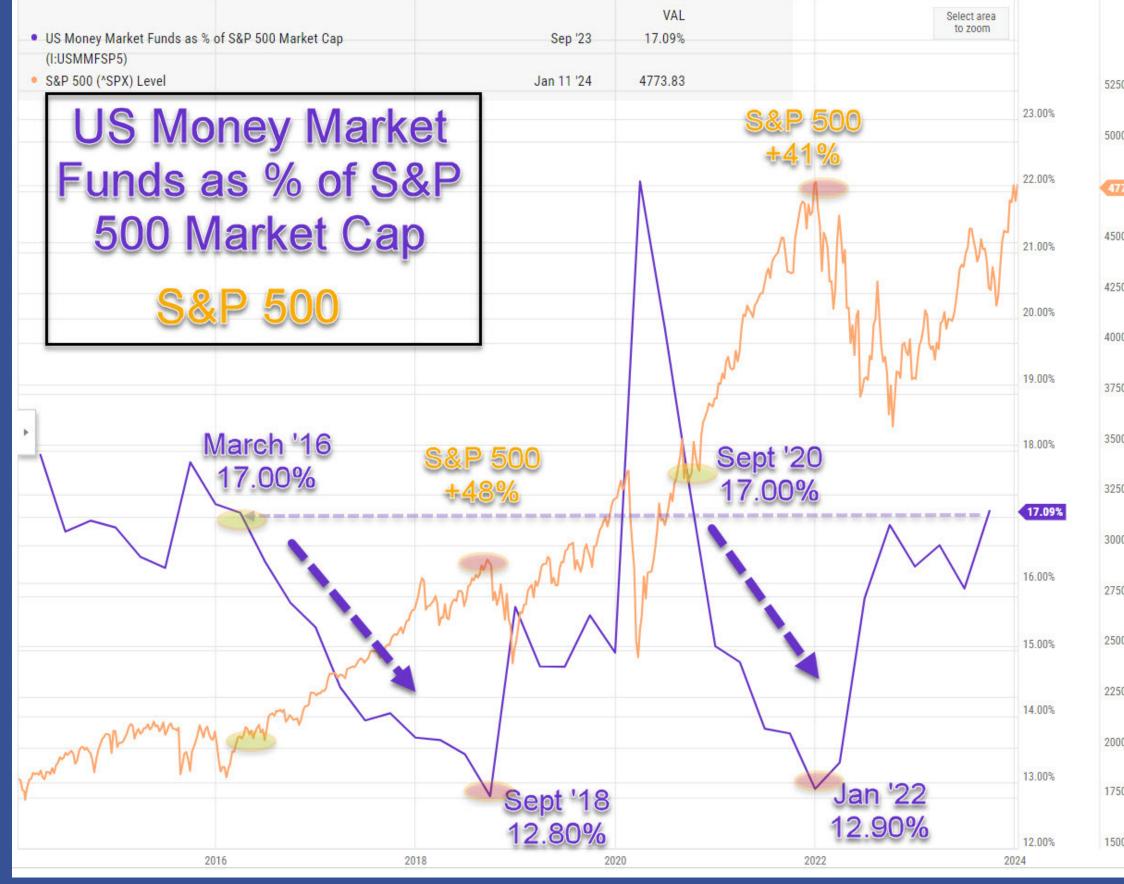


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 US Commercial Banks Deposits (I:USCBD) 	17.29T
 US Money Market Funds - Total Financial Assets (I:USMMFTFA) 	6.143T
 S&P 500 (^SPX) Level 	4622.44
US Real GDP (I-USRGDP)	22 51T



US commercial bank deposits DOWN from \$17.34T to \$17.29T

New Q3 '23 money market funds figures in! From \$5.917T to \$6.143T! What will Q4 figures show, money in or out?



US MONEY MARKET FUNDS AS % OF S&P 500 MARKET CAPITALIZATION



5250.00 5000.00 4773.83 4500.00 4250.00 4000.00 3750.00 3500.00 3250.00 3000.00 2750.00 2500.00 2250.00 2000.00 1750.00 1500.00



US MONEY MARKET FUNDS AS % OF S&P 500 MARKET CAPITALIZATION SINCE 2000



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WILL MONEY STAY PARKED IN MONEY MARKETS WITH FALLING REAL YIELDS?



65-YEARS OF INFLATION (YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGE CPI)







RECESSION WITH YIELD CURVE INVERSION?







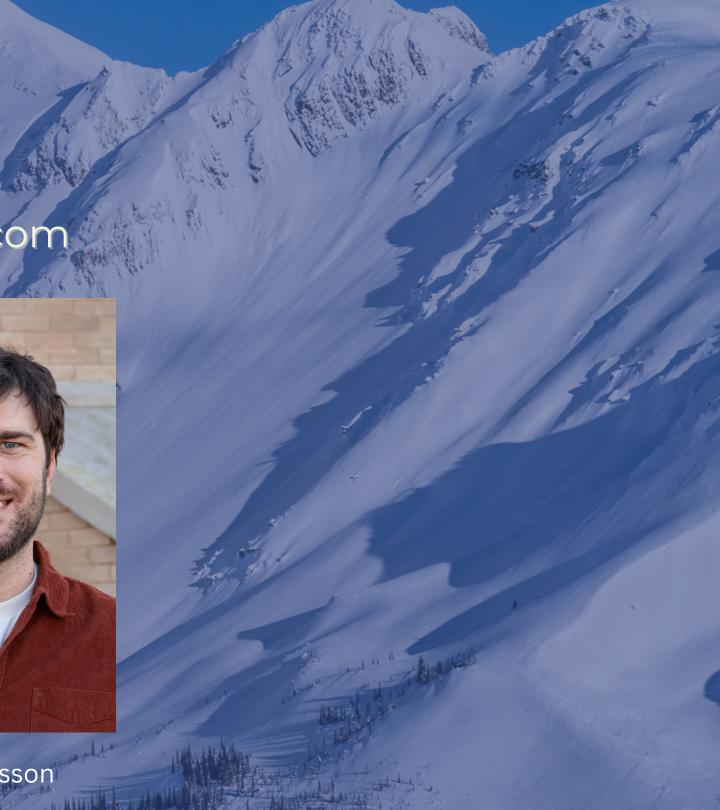


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TECHNICAL OUTLOOK FOR THE S&P 500 IN 2024 -**HOW WE'RE PREPARING**

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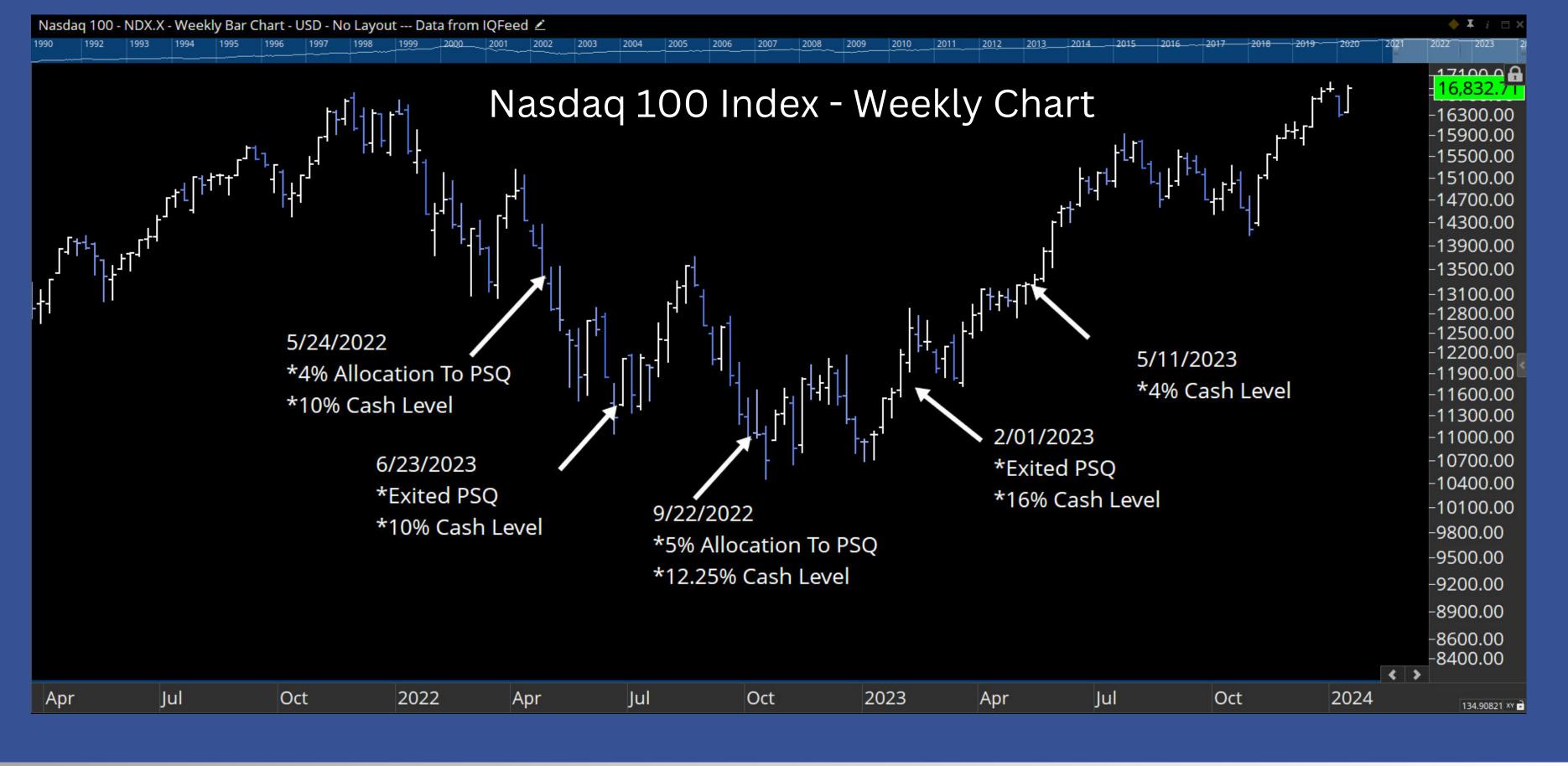
\$SPX.X - Red Count - 1 week*

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IEC TACTICAL ALPHA GROWTH - HEDGES AND Cash Levels in 2022 and 2023



IEC STRATEGIC INCOME AND GROWTH MODEL - INCEPTION TO DATE



- IEC's Income and Growth model is our low-beta, 100% stock model
- Trades with less potential volatility than the S&P 500 (based on history)
- More relatively stable, dividend paying, cash cow stocks than a growth-oriented stock model
- Has outperformed the S&P 500 since inception by 7.36% (18.52% vs 11.16%), through limiting downside.



IEC STRATEGIC INCOME AND GROWTH MODEL - 2022

-19.44%

S&P 500 Level % Change

IEC Strategic Income & Growth Level % Change -7.96%



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- In 2022's market correction, the model outperformed the S&P 500 by 11.48%.
- IEC's Income and Growth model in 2022 used a combination of higher cash levels and inverse ETFs in Q4 to minimize the downside.



IEC STRATEGIC INCOME AND GROWTH MODEL - 2023



 In 2023's this model underperformed the S&P 500 by 8.44% as the key drivers were mega-cap growth stocks



IEC TACTICAL ALPHA GROWTH MODEL - INCEPTION TO DATE



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- IEC's Tactical Alpha Growth model is our high-beta, 100% stock model
- This model trades with higher potential volatility than the S&P 500 (based on history)
- More growth oriented stocks than a lowbeta dividend model
- This model has outperformed the S&P 500 since its inception by 5.82% (16.98% vs 11.16%), through pursuing upside while maintaining portfolio diversification



IEC TACTICAL ALPHA GROWTH MODEL - 2022

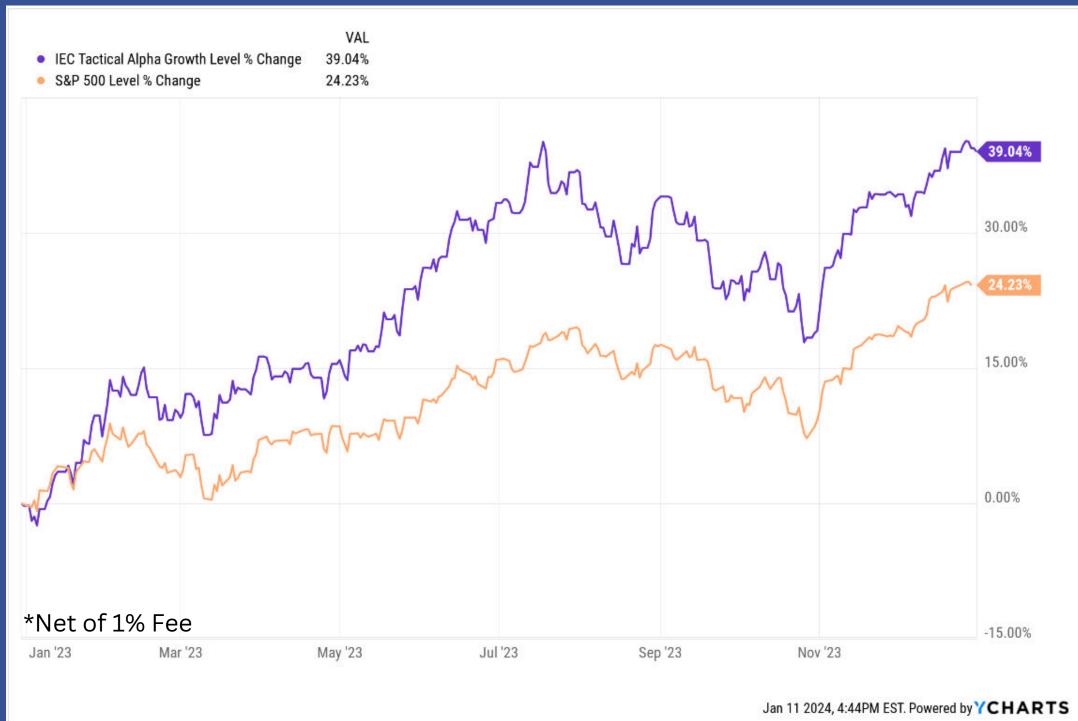




• The Nasdaq 100 index, perhaps a more accurate index comparison, finished the year down -32.97%



IEC TACTICAL ALPHA GROWTH MODEL - 2023



- In 2023, the model outperformed the S&P 500 by 14.81%
- As mentioned, mega-cap growth stocks led the way, and we invested in these stocks heavily in 2023.





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