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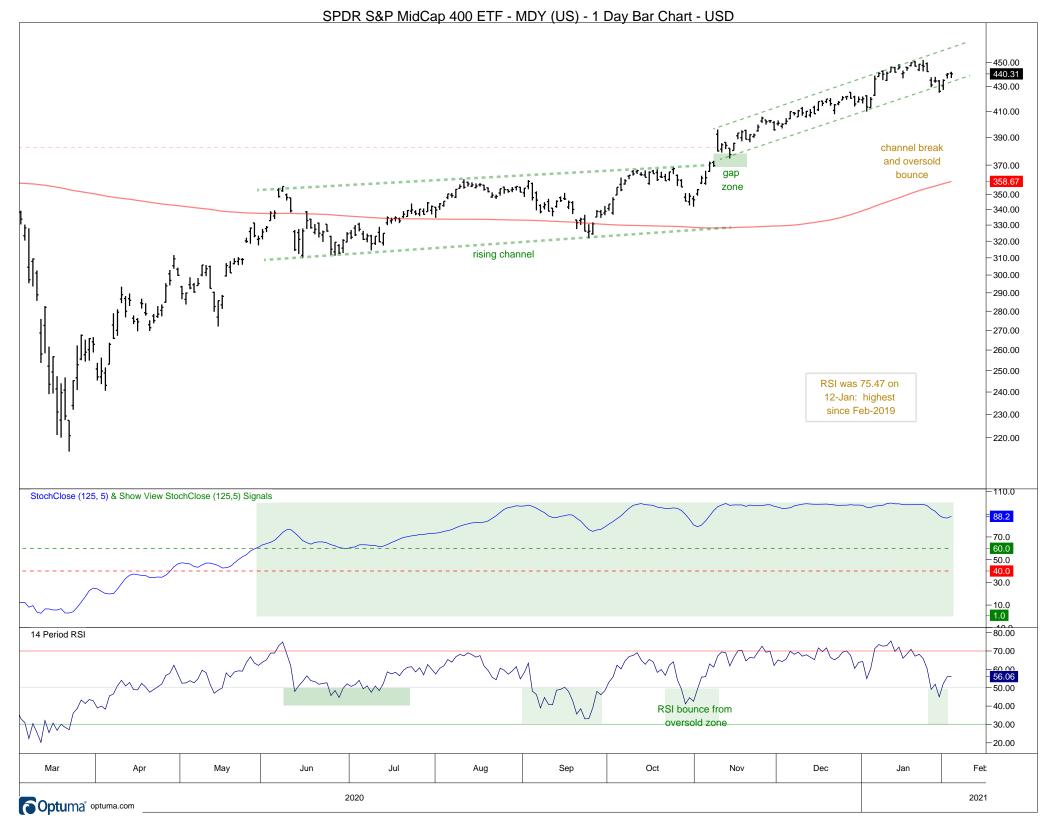
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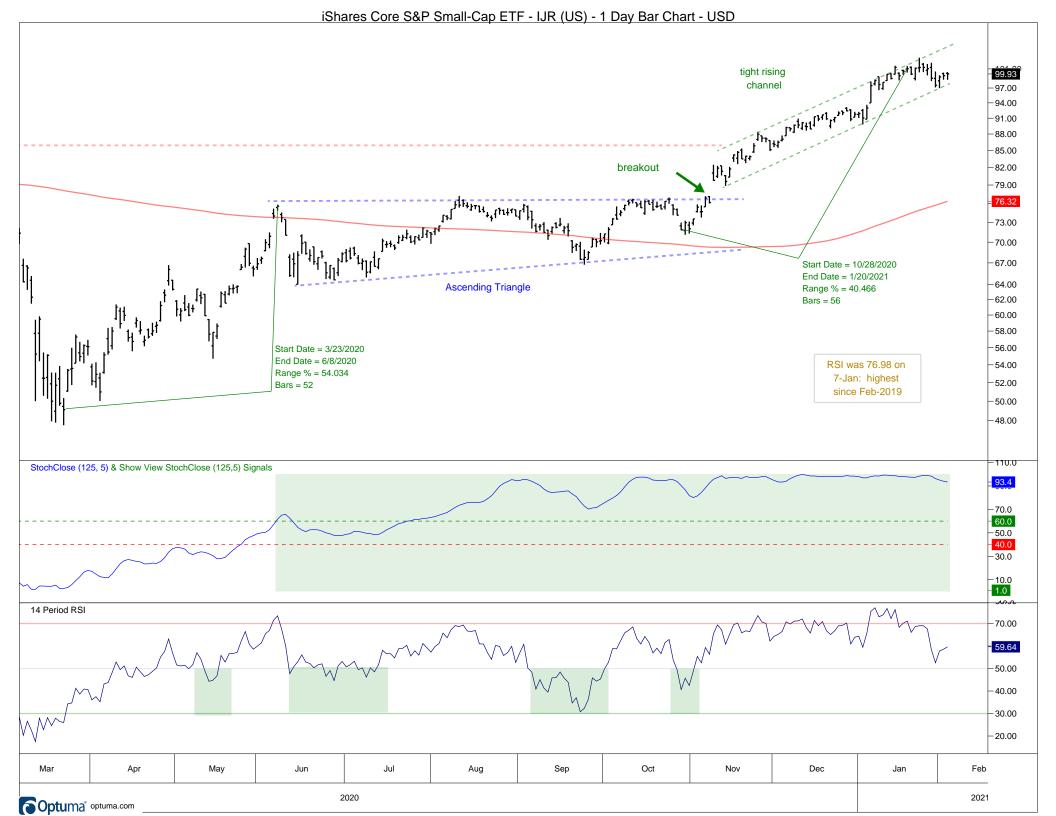




First and foremost, the bigger trend for SPY is up. Any weakness at this stage would be considered a correction within the bigger uptrend. SPY broke the rising channel with an island reversal and then bounced the last three days. This bounce is not wholly unexpected because the turn of the month seasonal pattern was bullish and SPY was oversold (RSI in 40-50 zone). Also notice that SPY bounced after the island reversal in early June and then consolidated for two to three weeks.

So the first oversold bounce is underway, but this does not rule out further correction. Corrections can be time based (sideways trading), price based (pullback) or a little of both (choppy pullback). The breakout zone and 50% retracement mark first support in the 350-360 area.







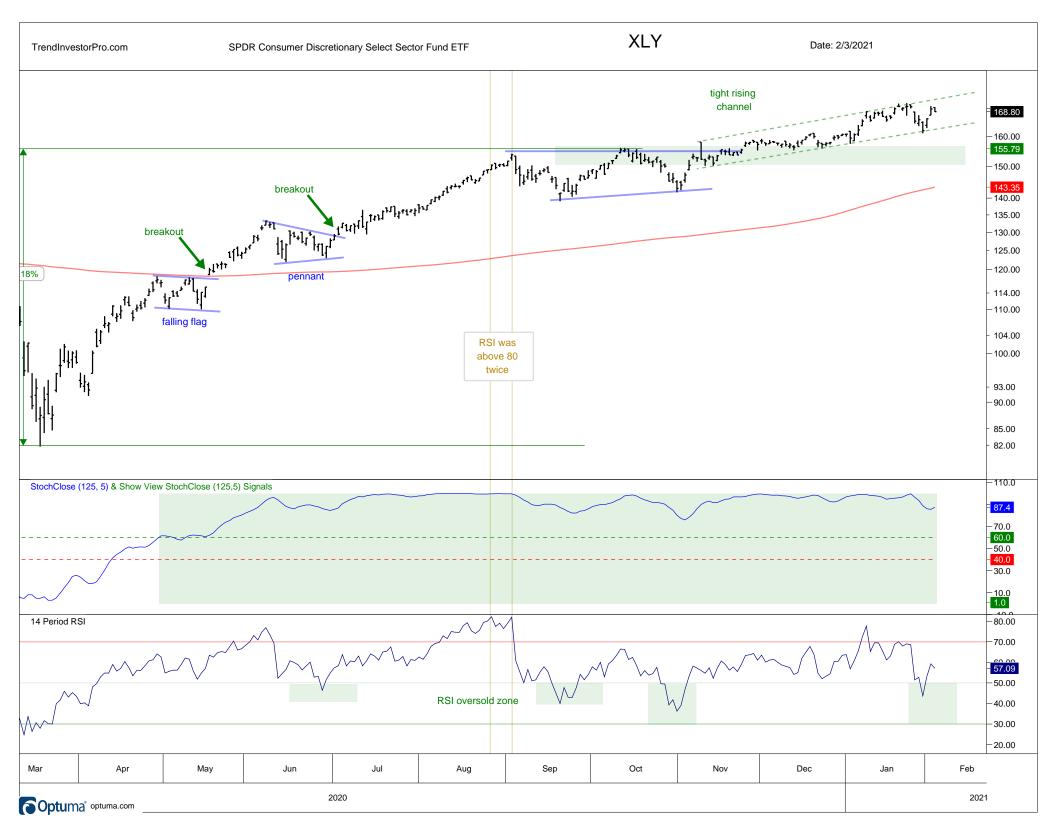
Small-caps pulled back along with the rest of the market last week, but the Russell 2000 ETF (IWM) and S&P SmallCap 600 SPDR (IJR) did not become oversold. RSI did not dip below 50 and both ETFs held their rising channels, which shows some relative strength on the pullback (less weakness).

IWM and IJR bounced with the rest of the market this week to establish a short-term support level (205 for IWM). A break here would reverse the short-term uptrend and argue for a correction after the 57 day 40% advance from late October to late January.

Overall, IWM and IJR are ripe for a correction are three big advances. Overall, IWM is up more than 100% from its March low without much of a correction. There was a surge from late March to June, a large rising channel from June to October and a steep rising channel since November. Multi-month corrections seem to be a thing of the past.











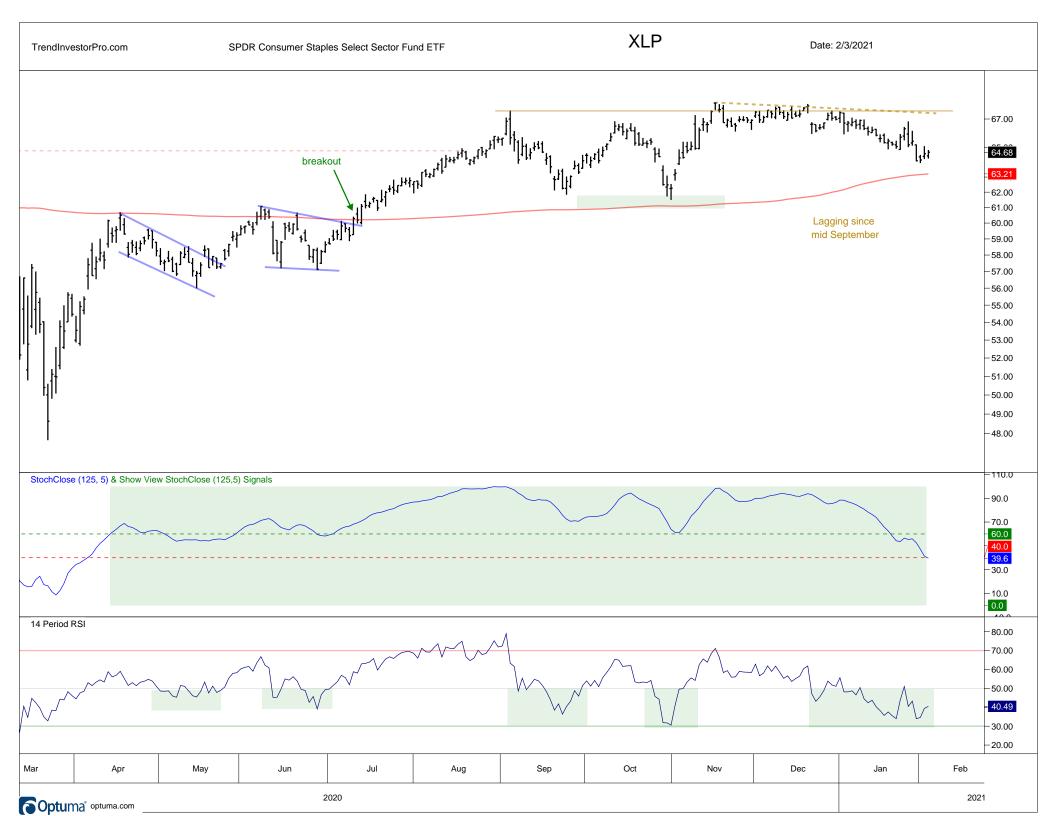


The Finance SPDR (XLF) hit a new high with a market leading surge from late October to mid January and then fell rather hard the last two weeks of January. This decline retraced around 1/3 of the prior advance and XLF found support near the prior breakout zone. RSI also dipped into the 30-50 zone and turned up as XLF broke out with a two day pop. This breakout is bullish and valid as long as XLF holds 29.



The Healthcare SPDR (XLV), Healthcare Providers ETF (IHF) and Water Resources ETF (PHO) are in slow grinding uptrends. This chart shows XLV breaking out to a new high and then falling back with a gap down last week. The ATR Trailing Stop is holding for now. Note that this trailing stop is for the triangle breakout.

A close below 113.99 would trigger this stop, but not be enough to affect the bigger uptrend, which is still grinding higher. This is why it is important to have a plan and know your timeframe. Short-term traders would likely be interested in the trailing stop, but longer term players would view a close below 113.99 as short-term noise within a bigger uptrend.







Even though the Real Estate SPDR (XLRE) and Residential REIT ETF (REZ) are lagging longer term, XLRE is the fourth best performing sector year-to-date (+2.84%) and up more than the Technology SPDR (+2.67). The chart shows XLRE finding a bid near the 200-day in mid January and moving to resistance over the last few weeks. XLRE has been locked in a trading range since June and is now challenging the upper level of this range.







The Software ETF (IGV) sports a long-term uptrend with three patterns at work. Medium-term, the ETF broke out of the Ascending Triangle in mid December and hit a new high. Short-term, IGV fell back to the breakout zone with a falling flag and broke out. With the consolidation of the last five weeks, the ETF formed a triangle and broke out on Tuesday.

All breakouts are bullish and all are holding. We could see a move below the triangle breakout zone, but I would not consider this negative. The triangle lows mark support at 345 and IGV is considered bullish as long as this level holds. A break here would be short-term negative and argue for a deeper correction within the bigger uptrend.

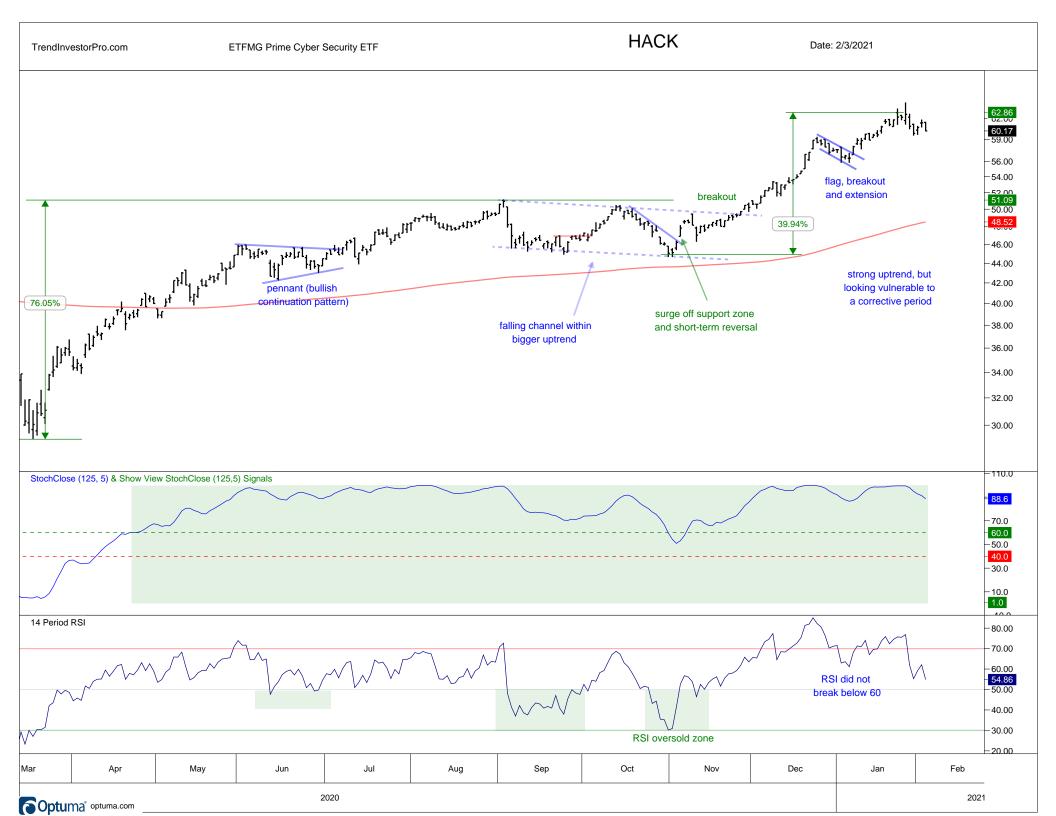


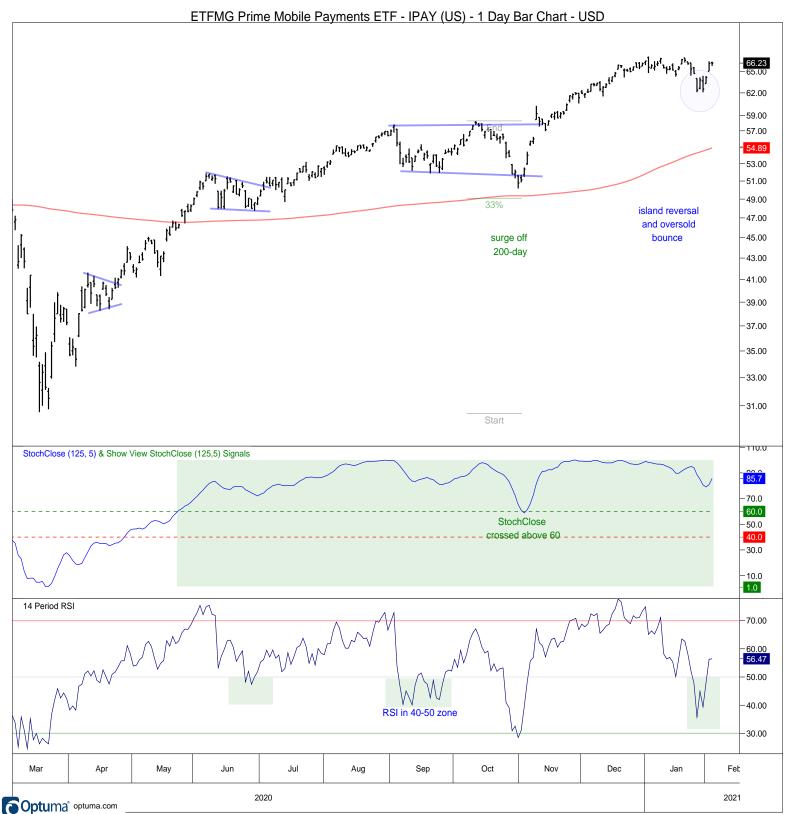
The Semiconductor ETF (SOXX) presents traders with an interesting dilemma. The outsize decline (-10% in four days) is medium-term negative, but SOXX became short-term oversold as RSI moved into the 40-50 zone. Throw in a bullish bias on the turn of the month and SOXX was primed for a bounce, which it got. Now what?

The overall trend is up and strong. SOXX hit a 52-week high in late January and remains close to this high. Despite the uptrend, SOXX remains quite extended on the three, six and nine month timeframes. Corrections, so far, have been limited to four weeks and the downside was minimal. I do not see a good setup here and would prefer to wait for one to unfold.

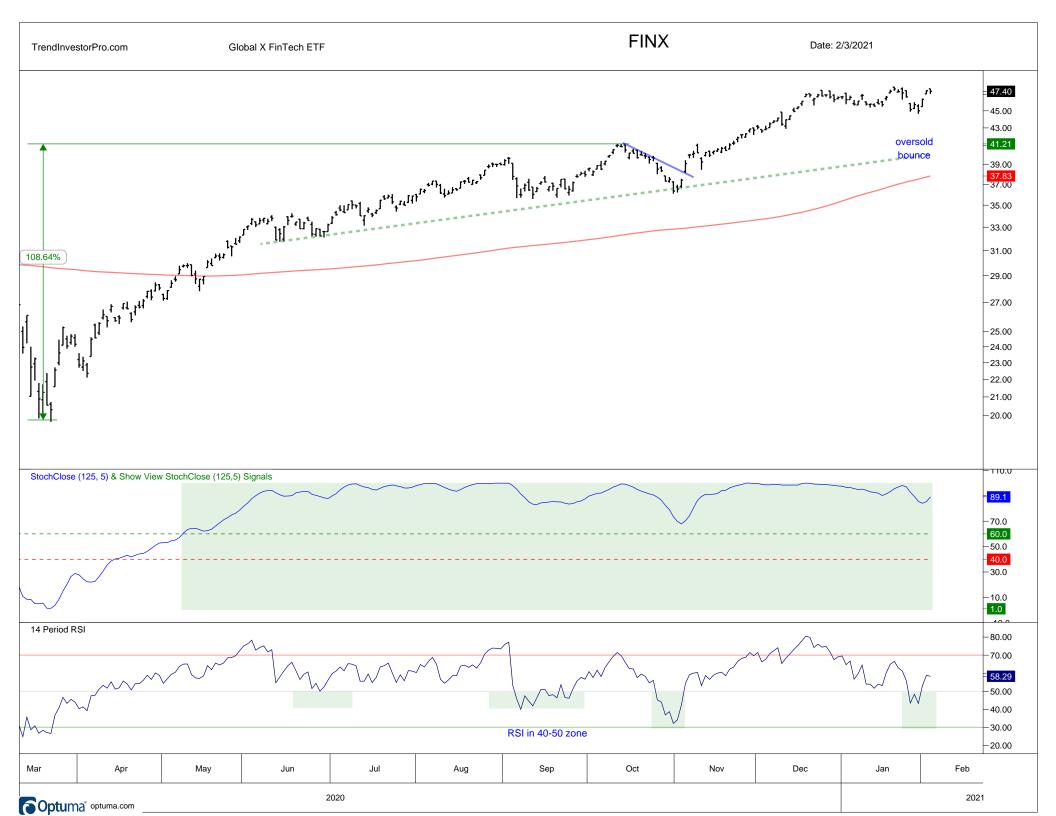


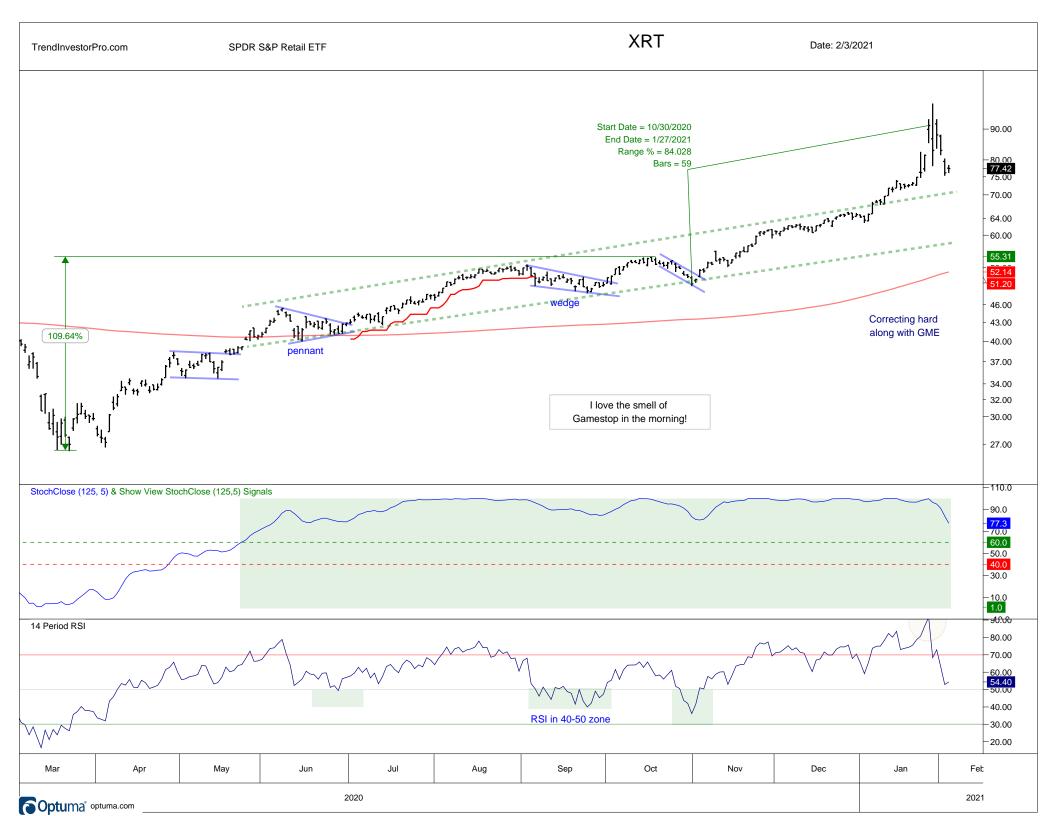






The Mobile Payments ETF (IPAY) gapped down last week, firmed for a few days and gapped up on Tuesday to forge an island reversal. Also notice that RSI dipped into the oversold zone, deep into the oversold zone. IPAY was lagging five days ago, but never far from a 52-week high and it is now even







The Home Construction ETF (ITB) remains near the top of the list because its triangle breakout is bullish and holding. Overall, ITB surged some 150% in 148 days and then consolidated with a narrowing range for over three months. Apparently, multi-month corrections do still exist. ITB broke out with a surge in the second half of January and this signals an end to the corrective period, and a resumption of the bigger uptrend. The breakout zone is largely holding, but I will mark key support using the December-January lows. Also note that ITB hit a new high in late January.







REZ is also showing signs of life as it holds the wedge breakout. Overall, the trend is up with a rising channel taking shape and price above the 200-day, which turned up in January.

StochClose has been bullish since early September. The falling wedge breakout signals an end to the correction within this uptrend and targets a move towards the upper line of the rising channel.







The Clean Energy ETF (PBW) and Solar Energy ETF (TAN) are the performance leaders since March and these two actually corrected with sideways price action the last three to four weeks. The other ETFs in this group (SKYY, MJ, XBI, TIP) broke out earlier and are a bit stronger because they moved higher during the same timeframe. Their setups have come and gone, but PBW and TAN may have bullish setups working right now.

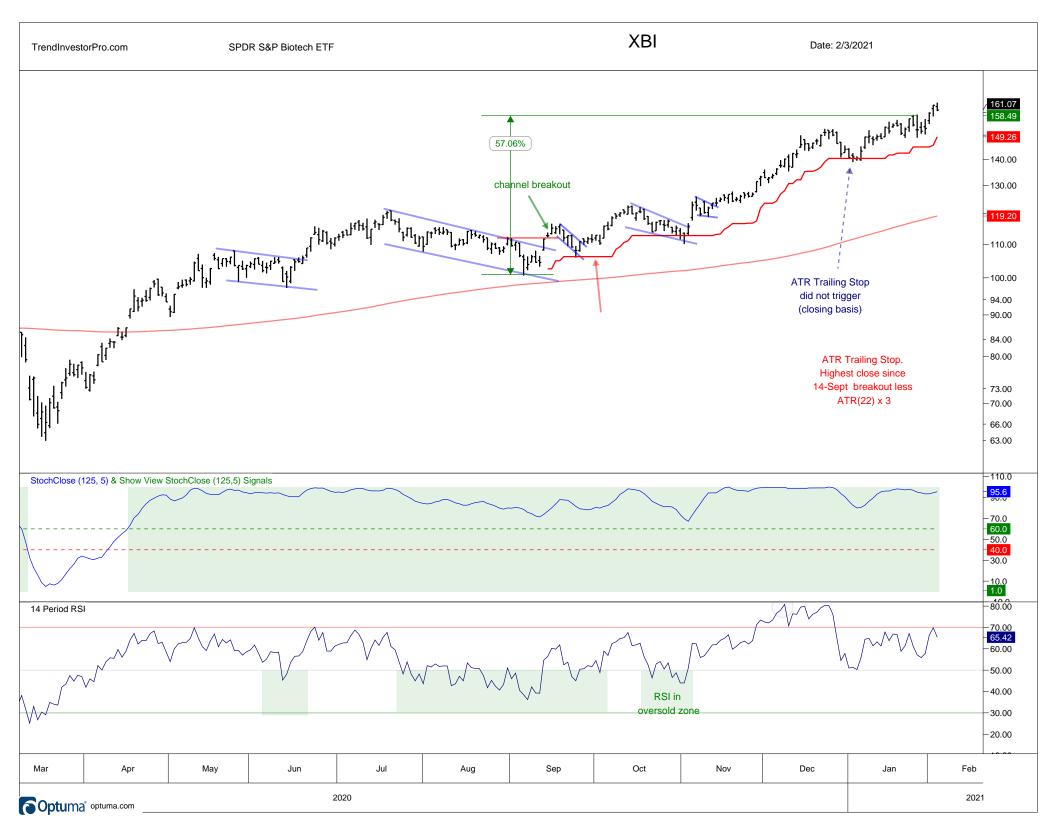
Even though I cannot draw a nice falling flag, flat flag, pennant or triangle, it is clear that TAN and PBW traded flat since mid January. Both were quite overbought in mid January and flat trading worked off these overbought conditions.

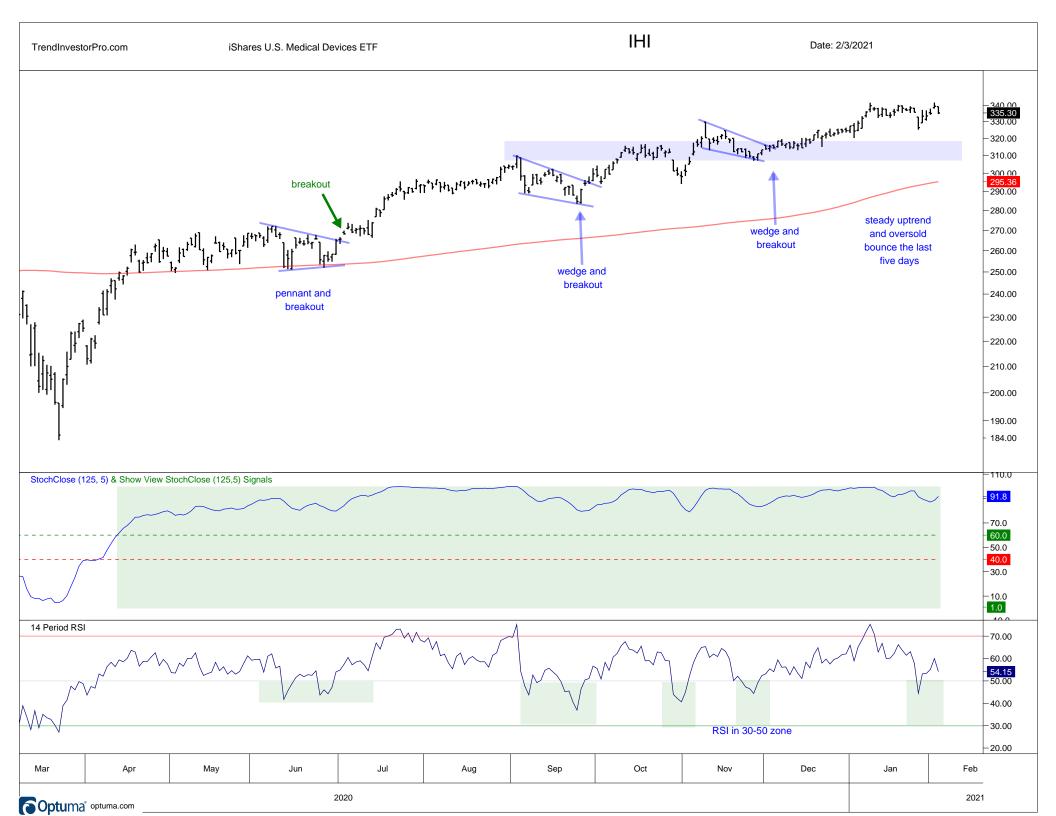
PBW did not dip into the oversold zone (RSI 30-50), but TAN did because it sort of zigzagged lower. RSI dipped just below 50 on Friday (TAN) and then turned up for an oversold bounce. TAN also gapped up on Tuesday. Overall, PBW and TAN are leaders and bounces the last two days suggest that their consolidations are ending (uptrends resuming).











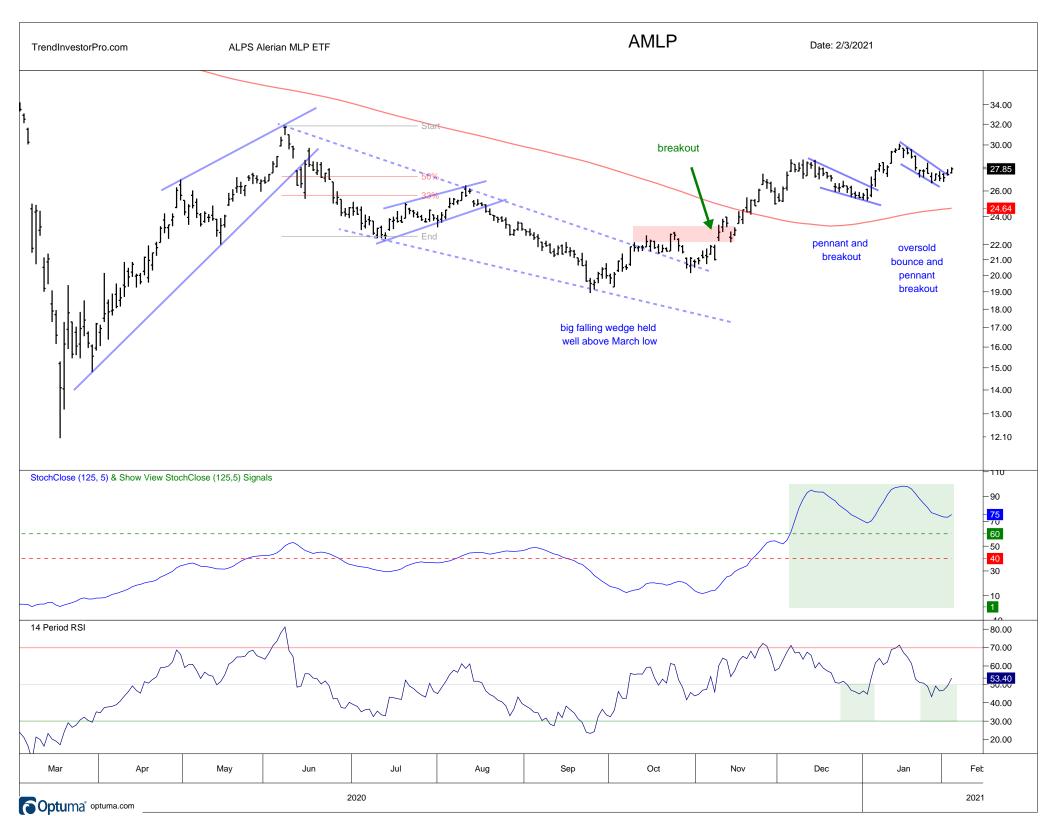




The Oil & Gas Equipment & Services ETF (XES) went along with oil and broke out of a falling flag with a surge the last two days. Also notice that RSI dipped into the oversold with a move below 50. This was a very mild oversold condition that set up the mean-reversion bounce.

Keep in mind that XES has above average volatility and risk. XES doubled from late October to late January and the decline in the second half of January was around 15%.

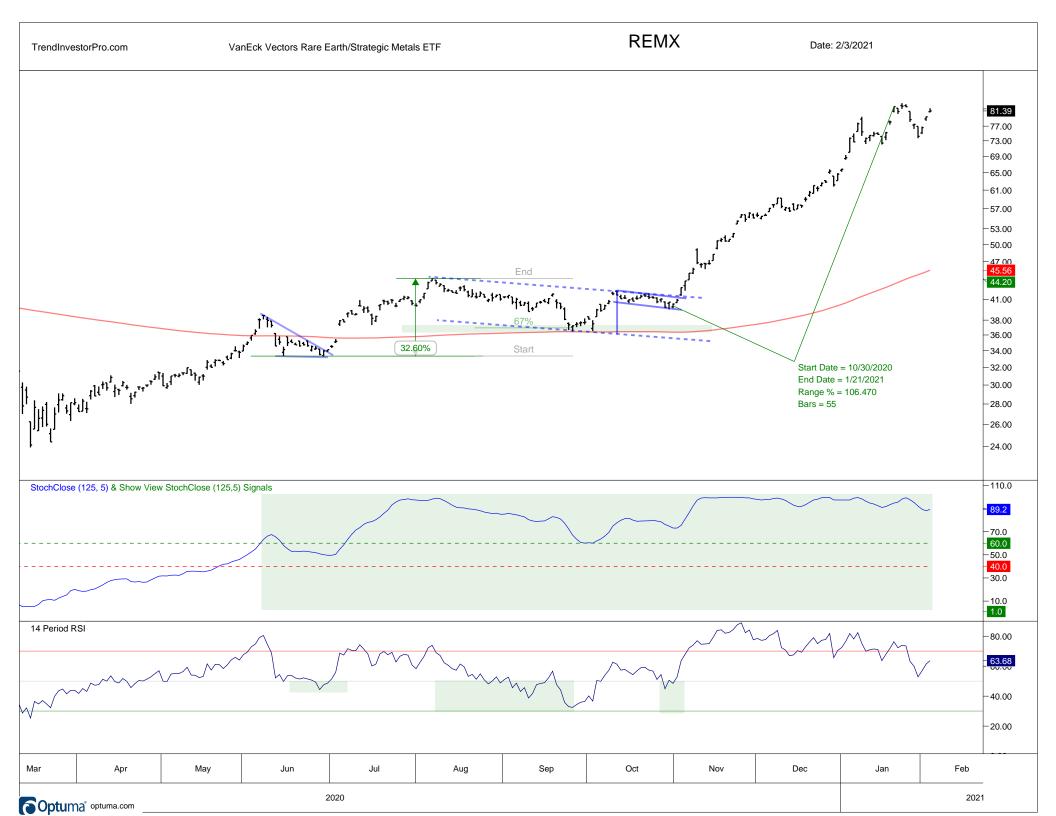


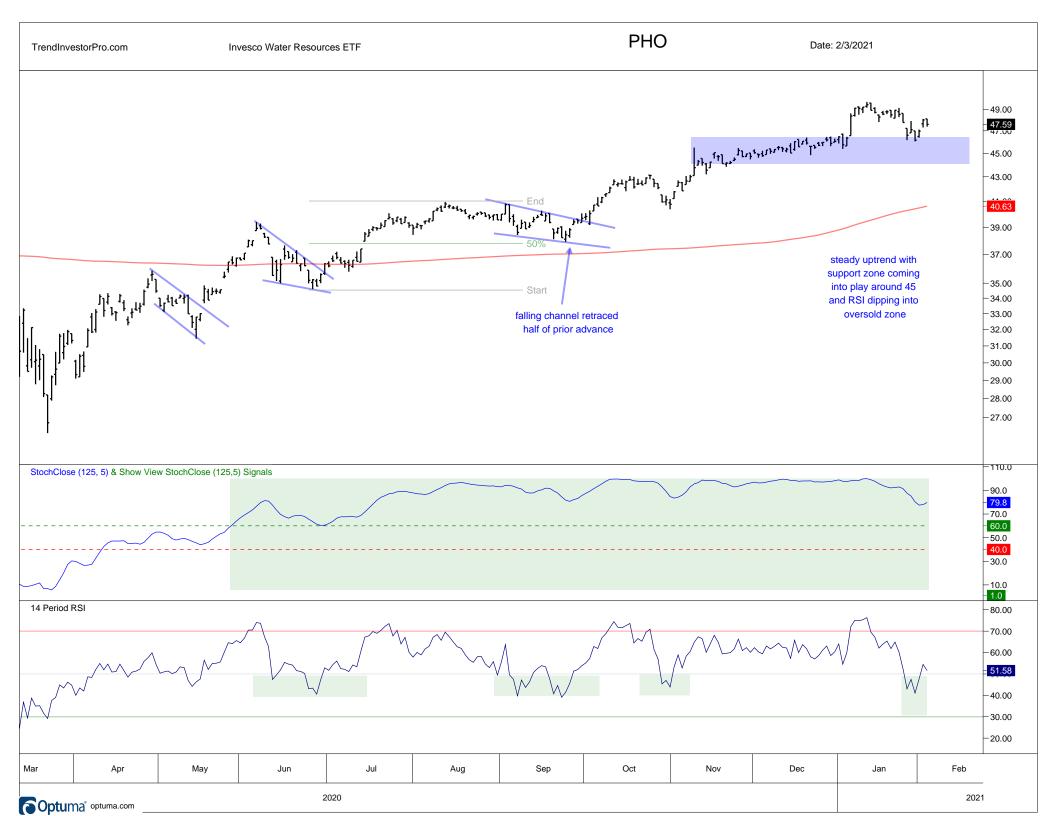






The Metals & Mining SPDR (XME) and DB Base Metals ETF (DBB) hit new highs in mid January and then pulled back the last few weeks. XME is near support from the prior consolidation and the 33-50% retracement zone. RSI is also in the oversold zone as a falling flag takes shape. XME is close to a breakout and worth watching close in the coming days.



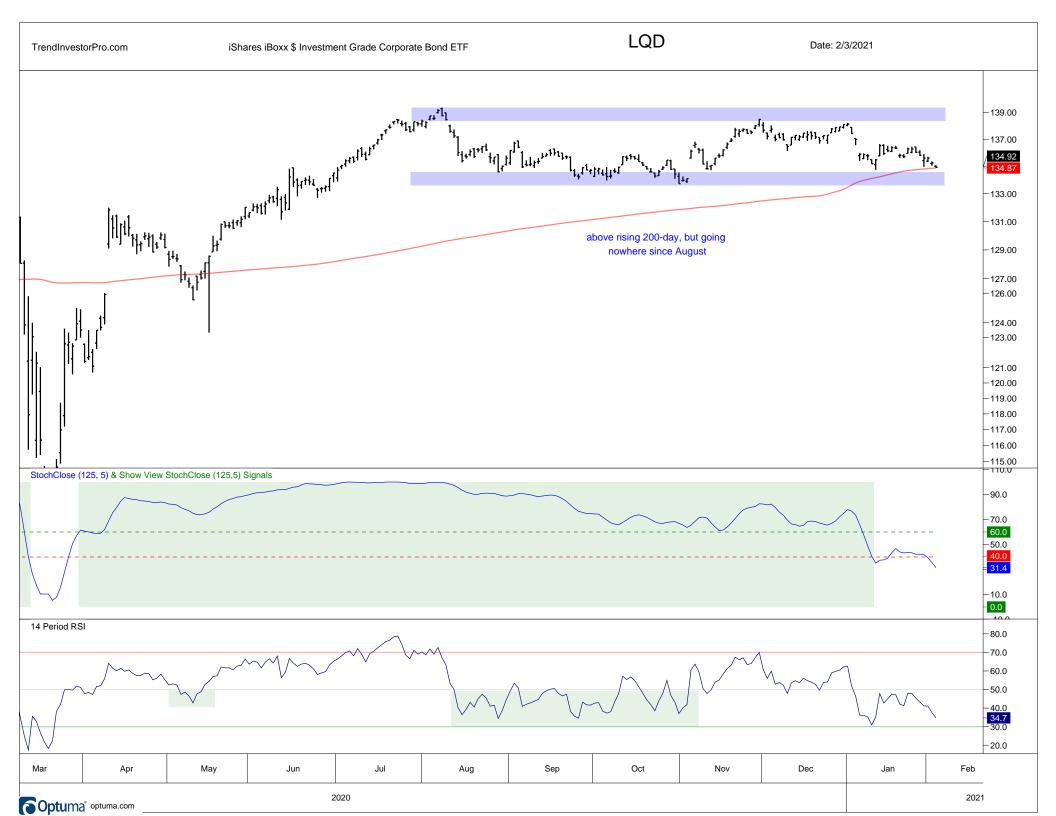


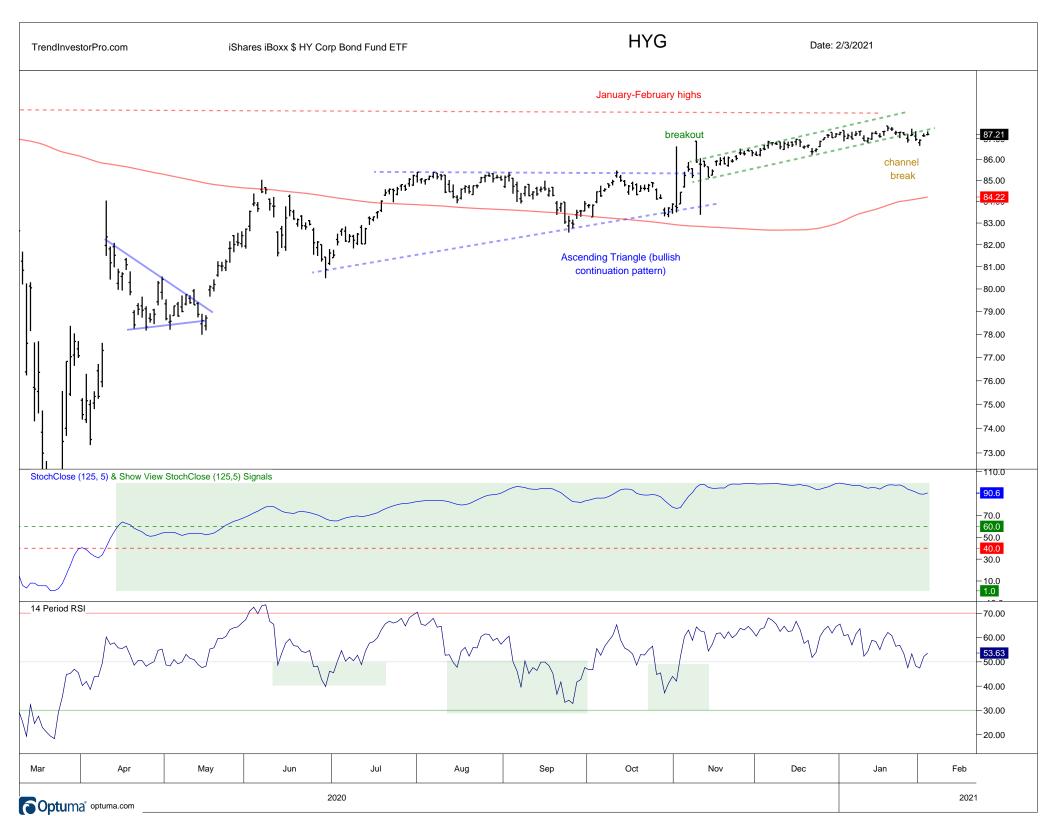


















The Gold SPDR (GLD) remains in a downtrend since August and is back below the 200-day SMA. StochClose is also on a bearish signal since late November, GLD tried to firm near the rising 200-day and even attempted to bounce, but each one failed as the ETF could not close above even the closest resistance level (176). The pattern over the last few weeks looks like a rising pennant after a sharp decline and this is a bearish continuation pattern. A break would target a move towards the lower trendline of the falling channel.



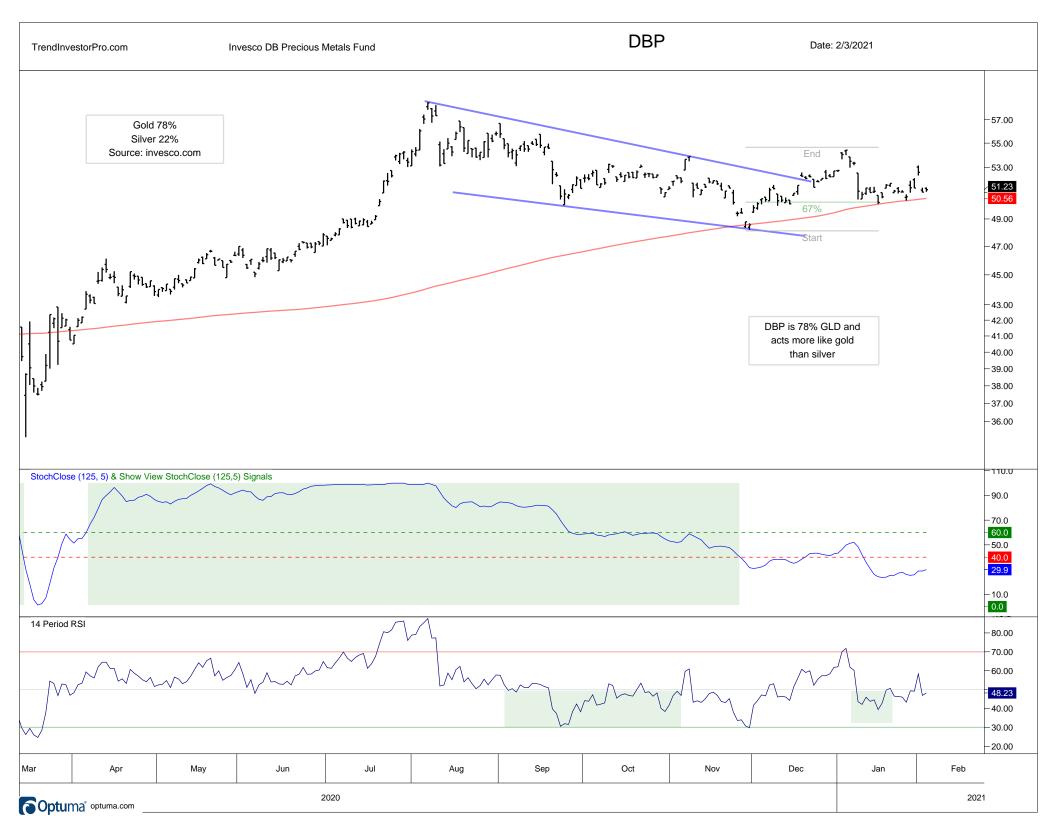


Silver attracted the Reddit army, but this army is probably not big enough to sway the silver market. This market is simply too big and there are not that many shorts to squeeze. The Silver ETF (SLV) saw record inflows as prices surged Friday and Monday. I am not going to read into the one-day island reversal on Monday or the volatility. SLV was already volatile and already considered a widow maker of sorts.

Taking a step back and simply analyzing the chart, SLV still looks bullish. There is a new high in August, a big triangle consolidation into November and a breakout in mid December. Early-Mid December is when we wanted to be interested in SLV, not when volatility is high and it is all over the news.

Returning to price action, the breakout zone around 23 held on the January pullback and the ETF bounced off this zone (green). StochClose is also bullish and has been bullish since May. At this point, I will remain bullish on silver as long as support at 22 holds.







The energy-related ETFs are all about the oil complex and the DB Energy ETF (DBE) broke out of a flag pattern to signal a continuation of its uptrend. RSI moved back above 70 and DBE remains a leader since November. The flag zone turns first support to watch going forward.



The DB Base Metals ETF (DBB) hit a new high and then corrected with a falling flag that retraced 33-50% of the prior advance. RSI moved into the oversold in mid January and remains. DBB is setting up here and a flag breakout would signal an end to this short correction.



The DB Agriculture ETF (DBA) broke out in November and worked its way higher with two short pennants along the way. The ATR Trailing Stop held the entire way as a rising channel took hold. While a channel break and move below the ATR Trailing Stop would be short-term negative, it would just set up the next mean-reversion opportunity when RSI dips into the oversold zone. There is no setup now, just a strong uptrend that requires some monitoring.

