



\$SPX S&P 500 Large Cap Index INDXX
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Chart Trader ETF Report

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Stocks were hit hard the last four days, but some firmed on Tuesday as several ETFs hit support from their January lows or prior breakouts zones. SPY is testing the handle lows of the cup-with-handle pattern, while QQQ tests the wedge breakout zone. This is a moment of truth for the market with Nvidia reporting earnings after the close. Over 500 ETFs hold Nvidia!

My eyes are on the S&P 500 EW ETF (RSP) because it is still consolidating above its wedge breakout. Failure to hold this breakout would be a negative for the broader market (S&P 500). Mid-caps and small-caps are already in the dog house. I would also note that the Technology SPDR (XLK) and Industrials SPDR (XLI) are also at a moment of truth as they test support levels.

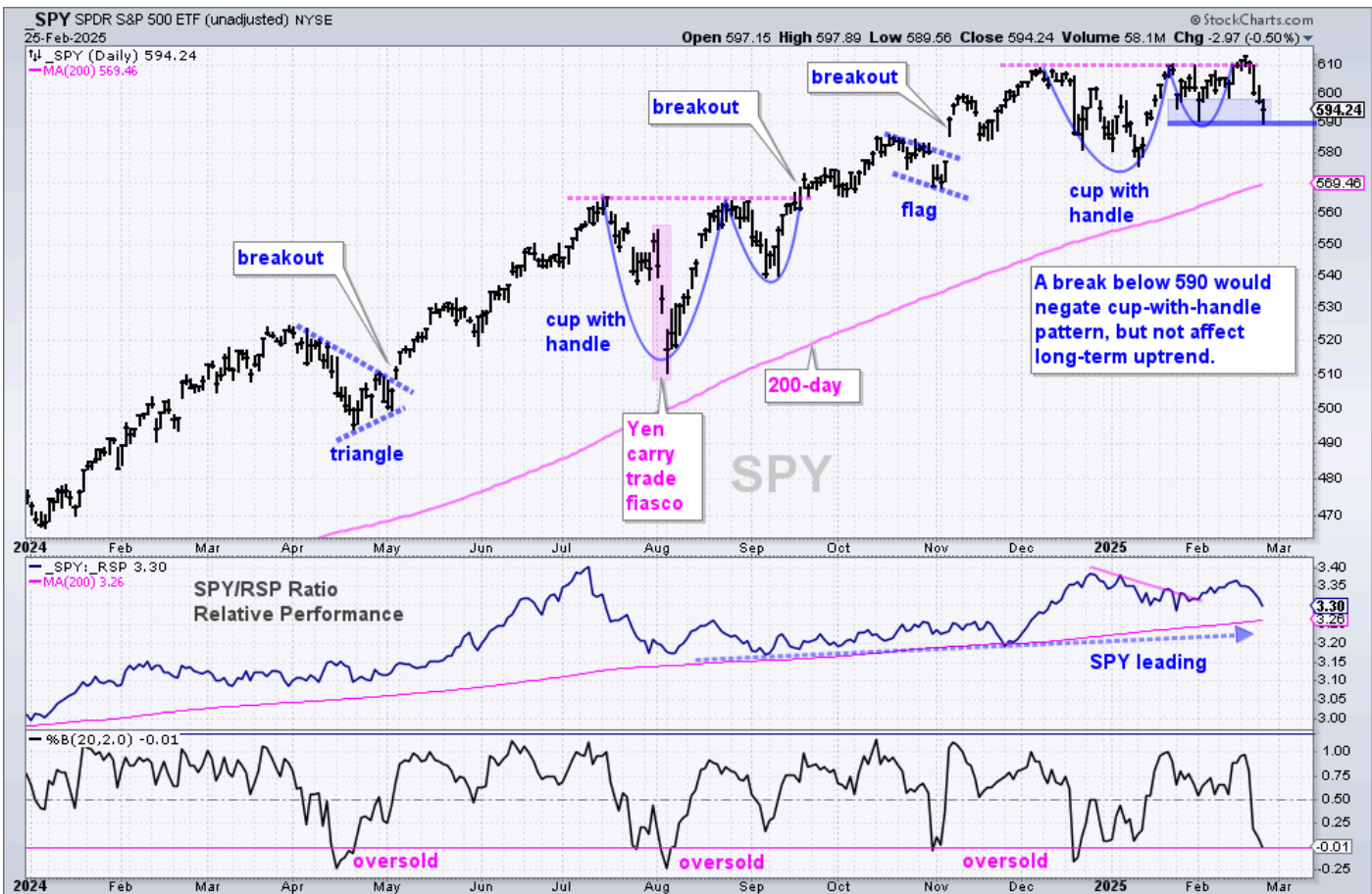
Over the last five days, SPY is down 2.82% and QQQ is down 4.83%. Bonds (TLT), Consumer Staples (XLP), Healthcare (XLV), REITs (IYR), Large-cap Biotech (IBB) and Insurance (KIE) are picking up the slack with gains this past week. Medical Devices (IHI) and Utilities (XLU) are down less than .50% and show relative strength. Gold (GLD) is also leading with a new high in late February, but the recent breakdown in the 10-yr Treasury Yield could weigh.

ETFs to watch include the Aerospace & Defense (ITA), which is oversold and at its breakout zone. Mag7 (MAGS) is oversold and trading in a Bullish Setup Zone. Big Biotech (IBB) is battling its breakout zone as Healthcare (XLV) broke flag resistance. MLP (AMLP) is holding strong as it consolidates near a high. The 20+ Yr Treasury Bond ETF (TLT) broke out with a surge above 91. Bitcoin (IBIT) is oversold as it trades near the 38.2% retracement line.

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2025-02-25: SPY Falls back after Breaking Rim Resistance // SPY remains in a long-term uptrend with new a high last week and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. SPY is also a market leader as large-caps outperform small-caps and mid-caps. A cup and handle formed from mid December to mid January and SPY broke rim resistance last week. This breakout did not hold as SPY fell rather sharply (-2.56 percent) the last three days. SPY still tagged a new high last week, so weakness at this stage is viewed as a pullback within a bigger uptrend and within a bull market environment. The February low marks re-evaluation support for the cup-with-handle and a break here would negate the pattern. Again, this would not affect the long-term uptrend, however, a failed pattern is not a positive sign. A break below 590 would put SPY in correction/pullback mode and I would then wait for the next bullish setup to emerge. Until a break below 590, I will refrain from marking potential Bullish Setup Zones.

1011 Nasdaq 100 QQQ



2025-02-25: QQQ Falls after Breakout and New High // QQQ remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high last week and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. Short-term, the ETF broke out of a small falling wedge with a surge in mid January and successfully tested this breakout zone with two lows at 510 (blue arrows). A break below 510 would negate the wedge breakout and put QQQ in correction/pullback mode. Should QQQ break 510, I would mark the next Bullish Setup Zone and wait for a bullish setup to emerge.

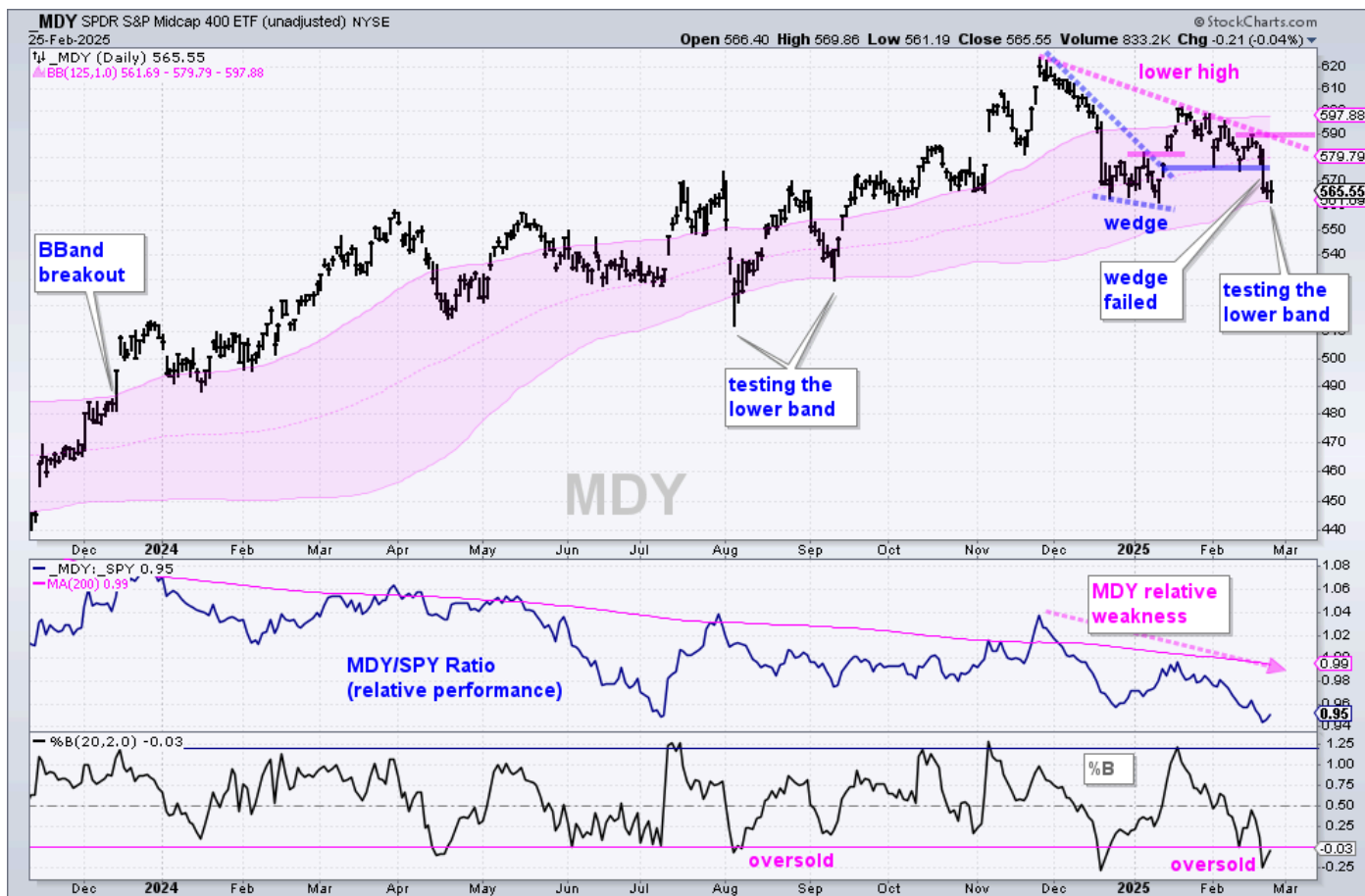
1011 S&P 500 Equal-weight RSP



2025-02-25: RSP is in a Long-term Uptrend, but a Lower High Could Form // The S&P 500 EW ETF (RSP) is in a long-term uptrend with a new high in late November and price above the rising 200-day SMA. SPY and QQQ hit new highs last week, but RSP remained well below its last November high. This shows relative weakness. It is also possible that a lower high is forming over the last few months. Short-term, RSP broke wedge resistance with a surge in mid January and consolidated above this breakout zone. A pennant formed into February and RSP broke out with a surge on February 18-19. This breakout did not hold as the ETF fell back, but RSP has yet to break the pennant lows (177). A break here would negate the wedge and pennant breakouts. A downturn from current levels would also argue for a lower high from late November to late January and perhaps the start of a bigger downtrend. Regardless, RSP is lagging and there are sizable pockets of weakness within the S&P 500.

The S&P 500 EW ETF (RSP) represents the average stock in the S&P 500, while SPY represents large-caps within the S&P 500. The average stock (RSP) is underperforming, which means large-caps (SPY) are outperforming. We can chart relative performance using the price-relative, which is a ratio plot (RSP/SPY). This ratio rises when RSP outperforms and falls when RSP underperforms. Right now, RSP is underperforming SPY because the price-relative is in a clear downtrend (pink arrow line).

1012 S&P 400 MidCap MDY



2025-02-25: MDY Tests Long-term Uptrend with Move to Lower BBand // The S&P MidCap 400 SPDR (MDY) formed a falling wedge and reversed with a breakout surge in mid January. There was no follow through to this breakout, but the breakout zone held until the sharp decline on Friday. The wedge breakout failed and MDY now sports a lower high from late November to mid January (relative weakness). The ETF is also in a downtrend the last few months with resistance marked at 590. Long-term, the trend is still up. The pink shading shows the Bollinger Bands (125,1). A long-term uptrend signaled with a breakout in mid December and this signal is under threat as MDY tests the lower band. There were also tests in early August and September. Also notice that Percent-B was oversold in mid August. Thus, we have an oversold condition as MDY tests the lower Bollinger Band. This could give way to a bounce. A close below the lower Bollinger Band would trigger a bearish trend signal for MDY.

The pink shading shows the Bollinger Bands (125,1). The middle line is the 125-day SMA and the Bollinger Bands are 1 standard deviation above and below this SMA. As volatility bands, a price move above/below the upper/lower band signals a volatility breakout. A break above the upper Bollinger Band signals a long-term uptrend, while a break below the lower Band signals a long-term downtrend.

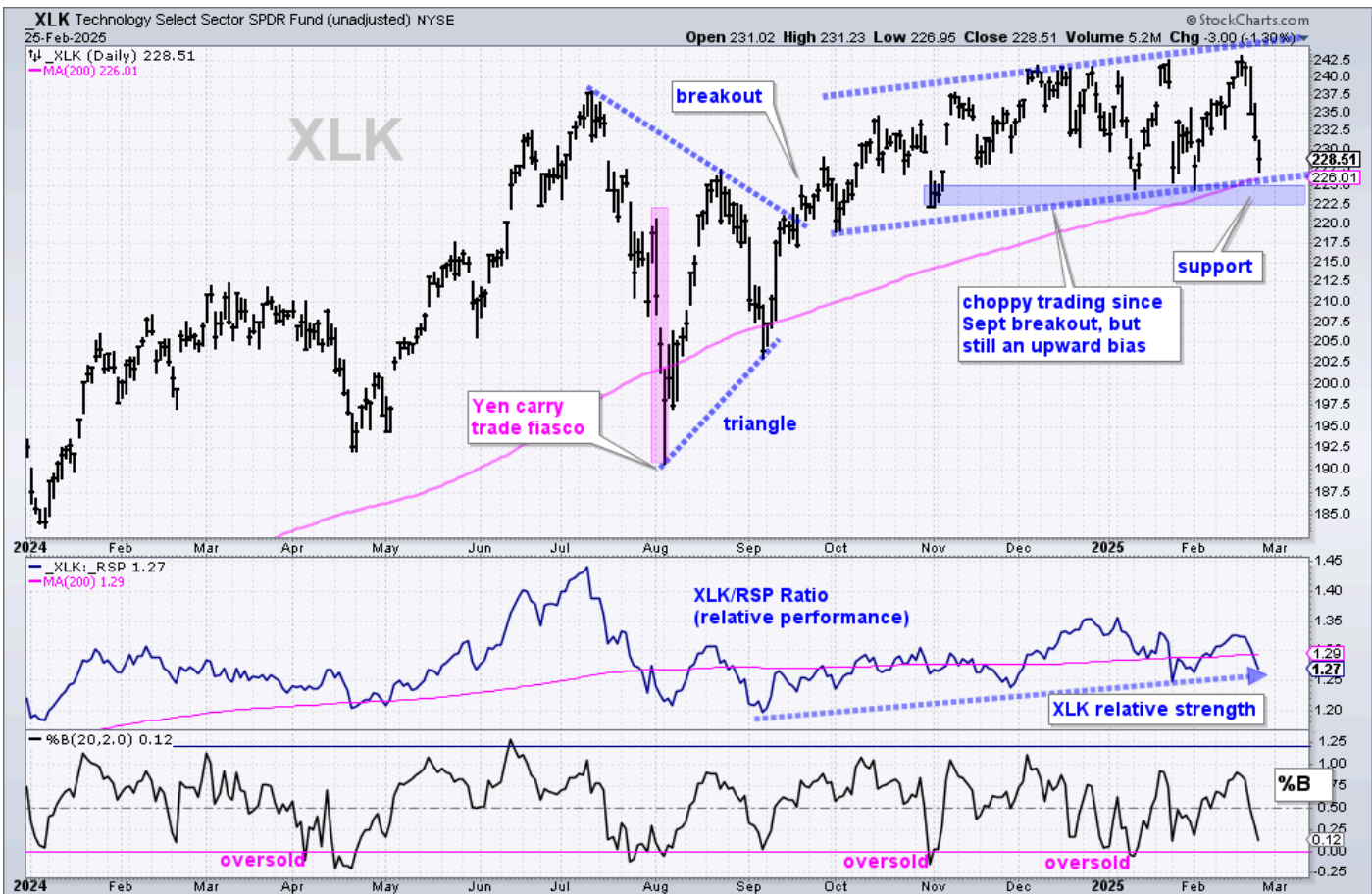
1013 S&P 600 SmallCap IJR



2025-02-25: IJR Breaks Lower Bollinger Band to Signal Downtrend // The S&P SmallCap 600 SPDR (IJR) failed to hold its wedge breakout as it closed below 115 on Friday. With this sharp decline, IJR also broke the lower Bollinger Band to signal a long-term downtrend. As you can see from the prior Bollinger Band signals, IJR is more volatile than MDY because there are four signals in the last 15 months: a breakout in mid December 2023, a close below the lower Band in mid June 2024 and a breakout in mid July. Small-caps are simply less "trendy" than large-caps and more prone to whipsaws. Regardless, IJR is currently bearish with a lower high from late November to January and break below the lower Bollinger Band. I am marking resistance at 118. IJR also shows relative weakness as the IJR/SPY ratio hit a new low.

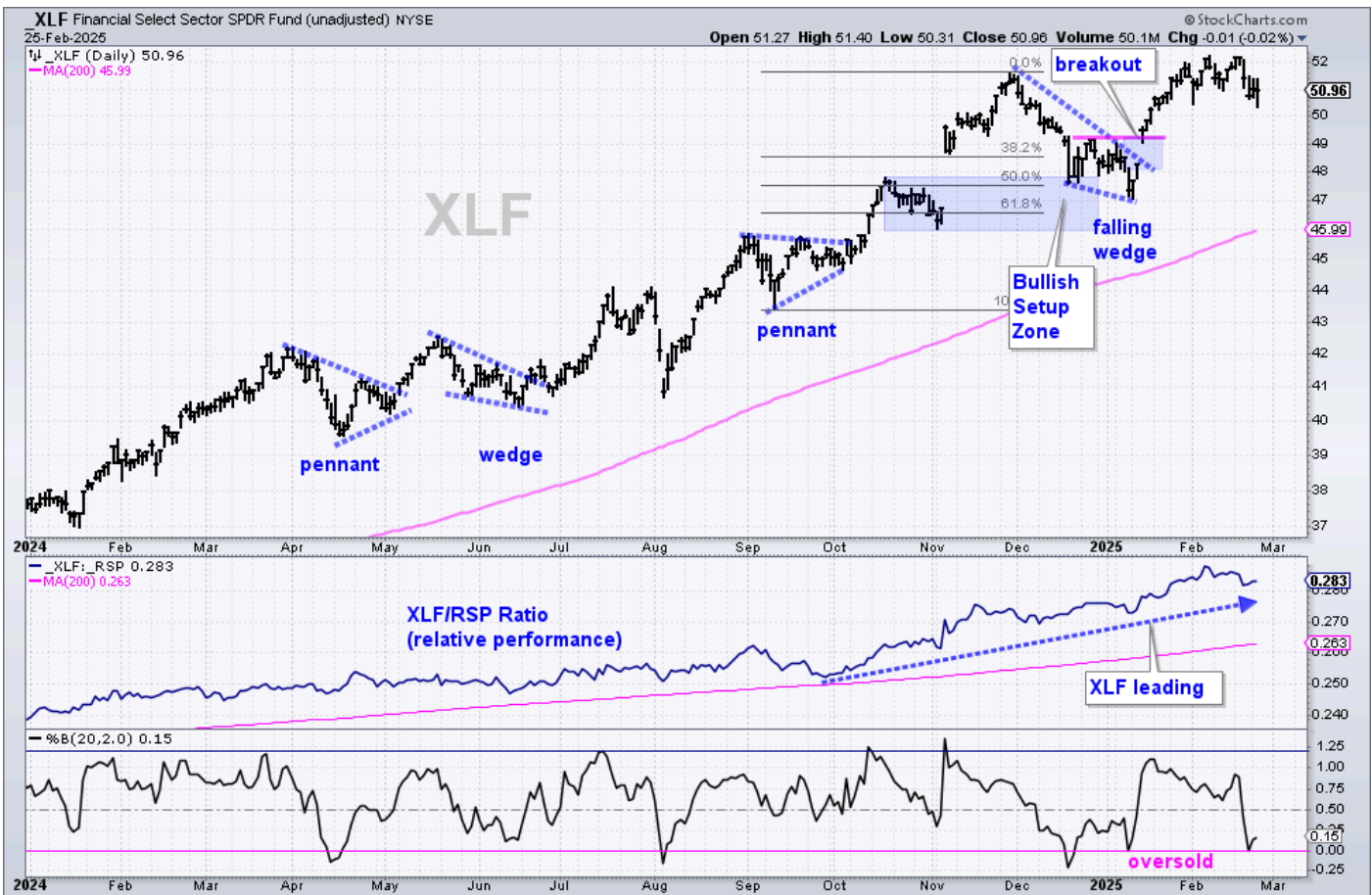
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2010 Technology SPDR XLK



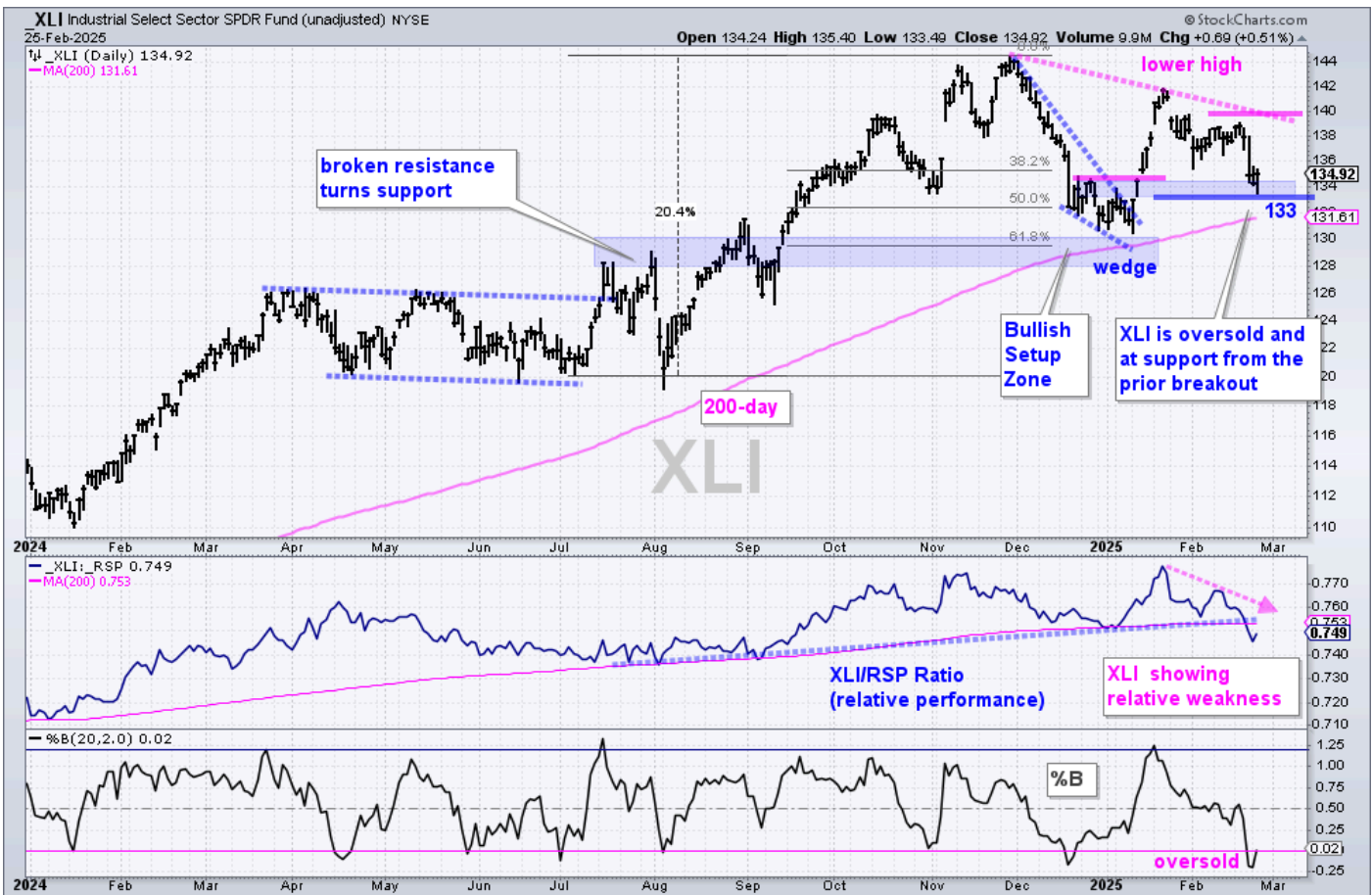
2025-02-25: XLK Maintains Upward Bias with Choppy Advance // The Technology SPDR (XLK) remains in a long-term uptrend with new highs in December, January and February. However, you must look closely to see these higher highs. There is an upward bias since the triangle breakout in mid September. The dashed blue lines define this upward bias with support marked in the 222-225 area (blue shading). A close below 222 would forge a multi-month low and break the 200-day SMA.

2030 Financial SPDR XLF



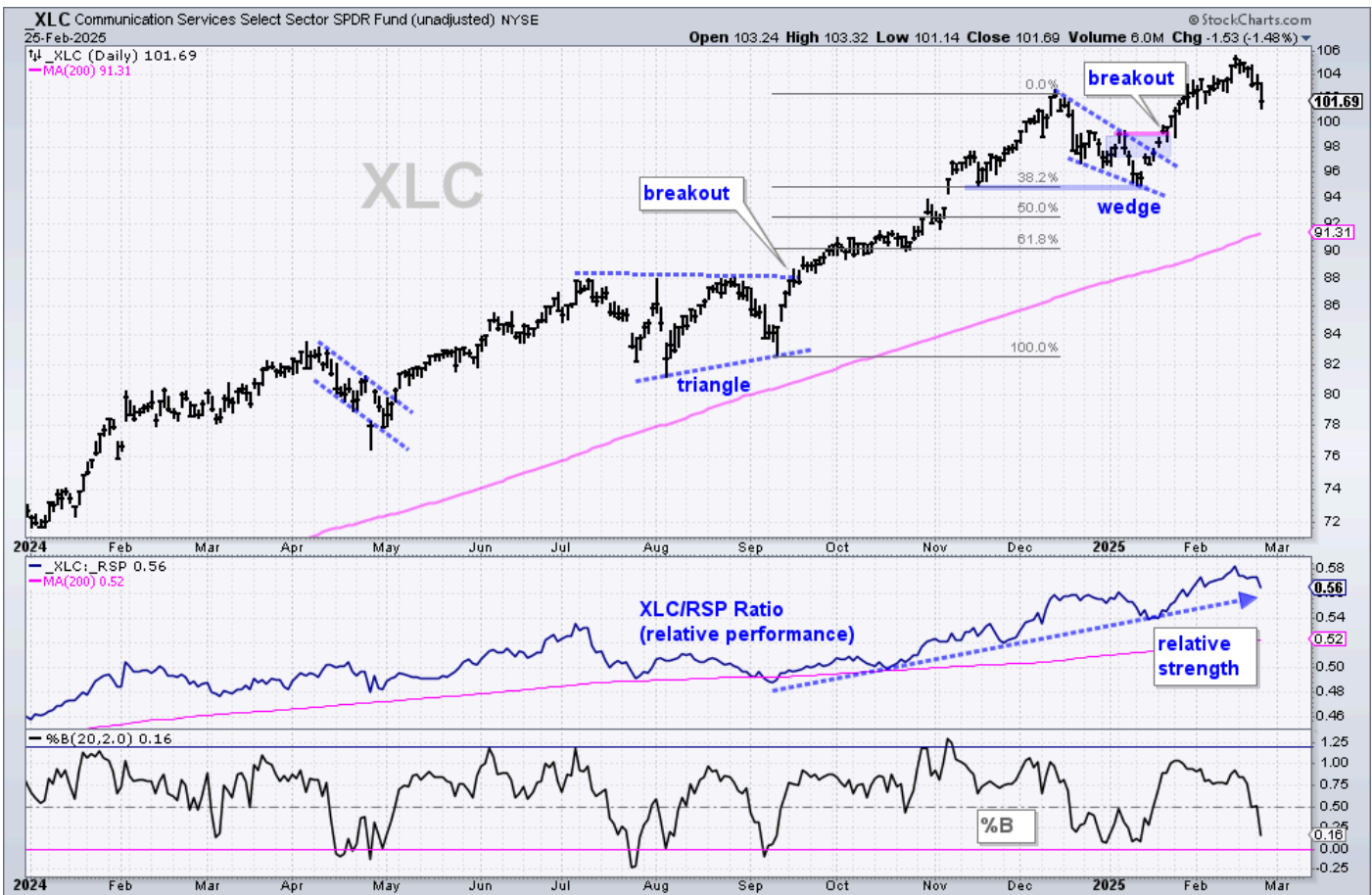
2025-02-25: XLF Stalls Near Highs and Maintains Relative Strength // The Finance SPDR (XLF) remains in a leading uptrend with a 52-wk high in February and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. The price-relative (XLF/RSP ratio) also hit a new high in February and remains in a strong uptrend (relative strength). The falling wedge was the most recent trading setup and XLF broke out with a surge on January 16th. The ETF is now consolidating near its highs in February and I do not see a trading setup on this chart right now.

2040 Industrials SPDR XLI



2025-02-25: XLI Tests Wedge Breakout Zone and Shows Relative Weakness // The Industrials SPDR (XLI) formed a falling wedge into mid January and broke out with a surge above 134. There was follow through to 142 and then a normal pullback into early February. This pullback accelerated with a sharp decline the last three days (-3.27 percent) and the wedge breakout is now under threat. As with RSP, XLI formed a lower high from late November to January and shows relative weakness. Notice the price-relative (XLI/RSP ratio) broke its 200-day SMA (middle window). This is not a good combination. A break below 133 would negate the wedge breakout and probably lead to a break above the 200-day SMA. Thus, XLI is at a moment of truth as it tests the breakout zone and Percent-B becomes oversold.

2050 Comm Services SPDR XLC



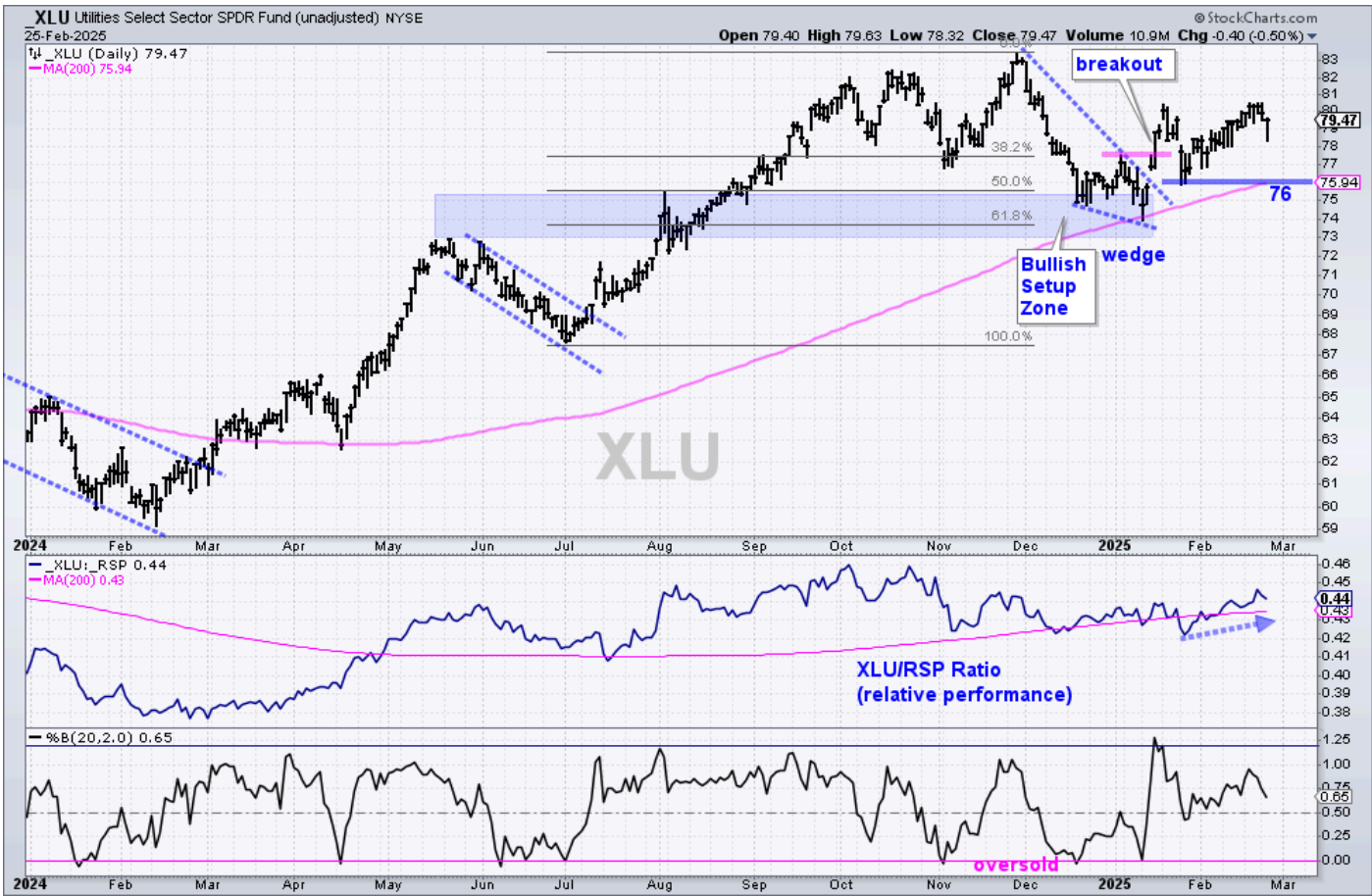
2025-02-25: XLC Pulls Back from New High // The Communication Services SPDR (XLC) remains in a leading uptrend with a new high in mid February and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. The price-relative (XLC/RSP ratio) also hit a new high in mid February and remains in a strong uptrend (relative strength). The falling wedge was the most recent setup and the ETF broke out with a surge on January 23rd. XLC extended to new highs and then pulled back a little. There is no setup on this chart.

2060 Healthcare SPDR XLV



2025-02-25: XLV Recaptures 200-day and Shows Relative Strength in 2025 // The Healthcare SPDR (XLV) broke out of a falling channel with a surge in January and even exceeded the 200-day SMA in late January. I am marking my re-evaluation level at 142, and a close below this level would negate the channel breakout. After becoming short-term overbought in late January, the ETF fell back into mid February with a small wedge and broke wedge resistance. XLV even closed back above its 200-day SMA on Monday. The middle window shows the XLV/RSP ratio (price-relative) turning up in mid December and rising in 2025 as XLV outperforms the broader market this year.

2100 Utilities SPDR XLU



2025-02-26: XLU Holds Wedge Breakout and Establishes Support // The Utilities SPDR (XLU) is in a long-term uptrend with a new high in December and price above the 200-day SMA. A falling wedge formed into mid January and XLU broke out with a surge above 78. Trading then turned choppy as some AI related utility stocks turned volatile (CEG, VST). Overall, the wedge breakout is holding and remains bullish until proven otherwise. XLU bounced off 76 in late January and this level marks re-evaluation support. A close below 76 would negate the breakout and call for a re-evaluation.

Top Ten Stocks: NEE, SO, CEG, DUK, AEP, SRE, VST, D, PEG, EXC

3000 Mag7 MAGS



2025-02-26: MAGS Extends Pullback within Long-term Uptrend // The Mag7 ETF (MAGS) remains in a long-term uptrend and also shows long-term relative strength. Short-term, however, the ETF is in correction mode and underperforming the broader market in 2025. A falling channel could be forming as MAGS hits its first Bullish Setup Zone. The blue shading marks support from the November consolidation, the 38-50 percent retracements and the lower line of the falling channel. MAGS is also short-term oversold for the first time since early August and the most oversold since April. See Percent-B in the lower window. The Bullish Setup Zone and oversold conditions mean we should be on alert for firming and a possible bounce.

Note that MAGS is an equal-weight ETF and the seven holdings are rebalanced quarterly. These include NVDA, AMZN, AAPL, GOOGL, META, MSFT, TSLA.

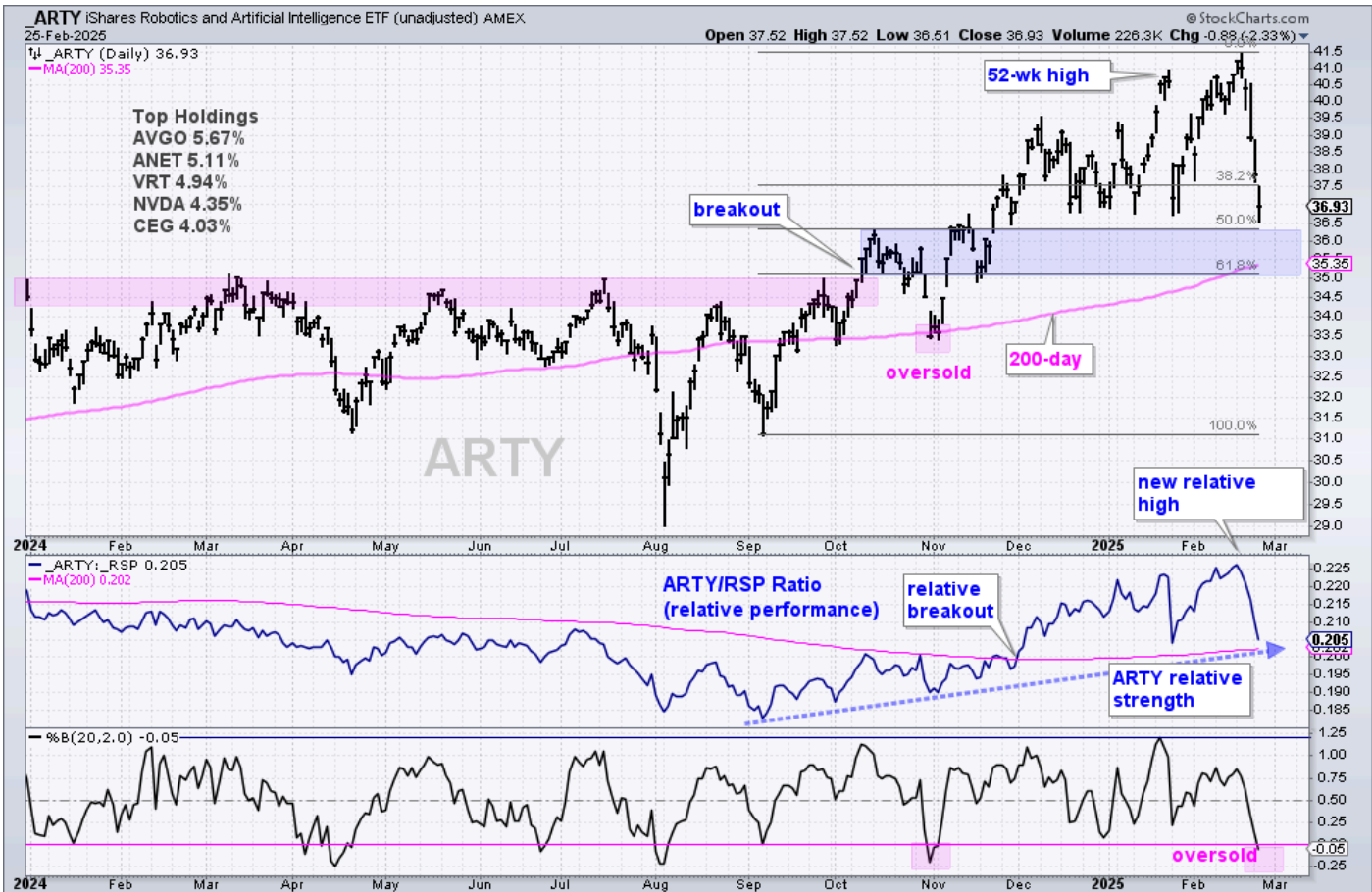
3010 TE AI & Tech AIQ



2025-02-25: AIQ Hits New High and Falls with Sharp Pullback // The Global AI & Tech ETF (AIQ) remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high last week and price above the rising 200-day SMA. AIQ also shows relative strength as the price-relative hit a new high in mid February and remains above the 200-day SMA. Short-term, volatility reared its ugly head as AIQ surged some 6% in the first half of February and fell 5% the last three days. An increase in volatility means short-term patterns are less effective and breakouts are more prone to failure. I am taking a step back on this chart to focus on the long-term trend and a longer-term Bullish Setup Zone. The blue shading marks a Bullish Setup Zone based on the July highs (broken resistance turned support), the October-January lows, the 50-61.8 percent retracements and the rising 200-day SMA. A decline into this area could create an opportunity.

The Global AI & Tech ETF (AIQ) is an international ETF with an emphasis on software and applications (TSLA, NFLX, NOW, CRM, META).

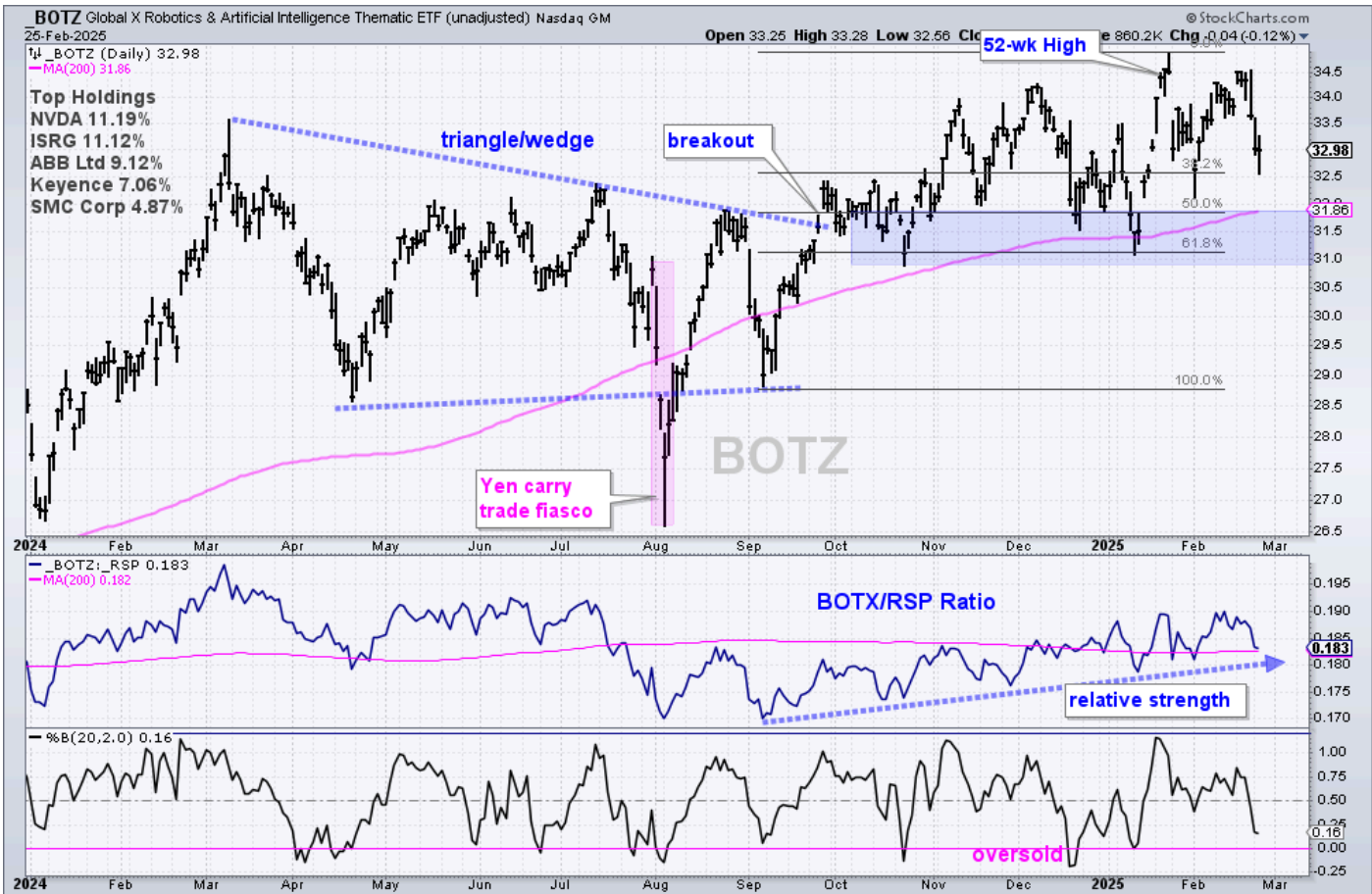
3010 TE AI Robotics ARTY



2025-02-25: ARTY Hits New High and Falls with Sharp Pullback // The Robotics AI ETF (ARTY) remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high last week and price above the rising 200-day SMA. ARTY also shows relative strength as the price-relative hit a new high in mid February and remains above the 200-day SMA. Short-term, volatility reared its ugly head as AIQ surged some 6% in the first half of February and fell 8% the last three days. An increase in volatility means short-term patterns are less effective and breakouts are more prone to failure. I am taking a step back on this chart to focus on the long-term trend and a longer-term Bullish Setup Zone. The blue shading marks a Bullish Setup Zone based on the October high (broken resistance turned support), the mid November lows, the 50-61.8 percent retracements and the rising 200-day SMA. A decline into this area could create an opportunity.

The Robotics AI ETF (ARTY) is largely focused on AI infrastructure (AVGO, ANET, VRT, NVDA, CEG).

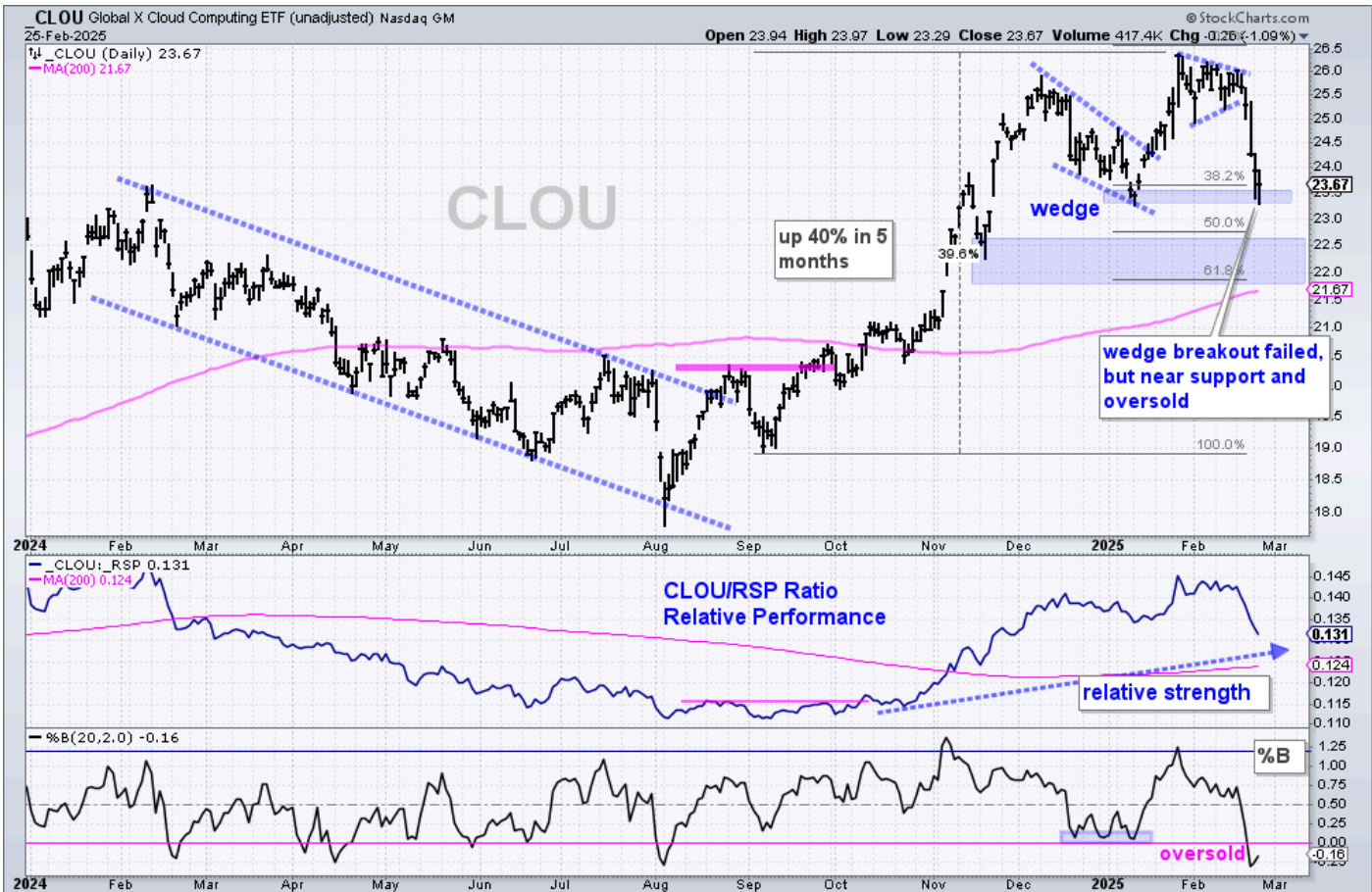
3010 TE AI Robotics BOTZ



2025-02-25: BOTZ Holds September Breakout and Maintains Choppy Uptrend // The Global Robotics & AI ETF (BOTZ) is not as strong as AIQ or ARTY. Nevertheless, BOTZ is in a long-term uptrend with a breakout in late September and a new high in late January. Trading since the September breakout has been very choppy, but the breakout held and prices are working their way higher. Short-term patterns, setups and signals are prone to whipsaw with this choppy trading so I am taking a step back to focus on the bigger picture. The breakout zone, October-January lows, 50-61.8 percent retracement zone and 200-day mark a Bullish Setup Zone in the 31-32 area (blue shading). This is an area to watch should we see a pullback.

The Global Robotics & AI ETF (BOTZ) is international with an emphasis on physical AI.

3010 TE Cloud CLOU



2025-02-25: CLOU Fails to Hold Wedge Breakout // The Cloud ETF (CLOU) remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high in late January and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. Short-term, the ETF broke wedge resistance with a surge in mid January, but this breakout failed after a sharp decline the last three days. Despite the failed breakout, CLOU is near support from the January lows and short-term oversold. This is a combination that could lead to an oversold bounce. Longer term, I see a bigger Bullish Setup Zone in the 22-22.5 area (61.8 percent retracement and rising 200-day SMA).

CLOU Top Holdings: TWLO, SNOW, SHOP, WIX, HUBS, DBX, NOW, PCOR, QLYS, CRM

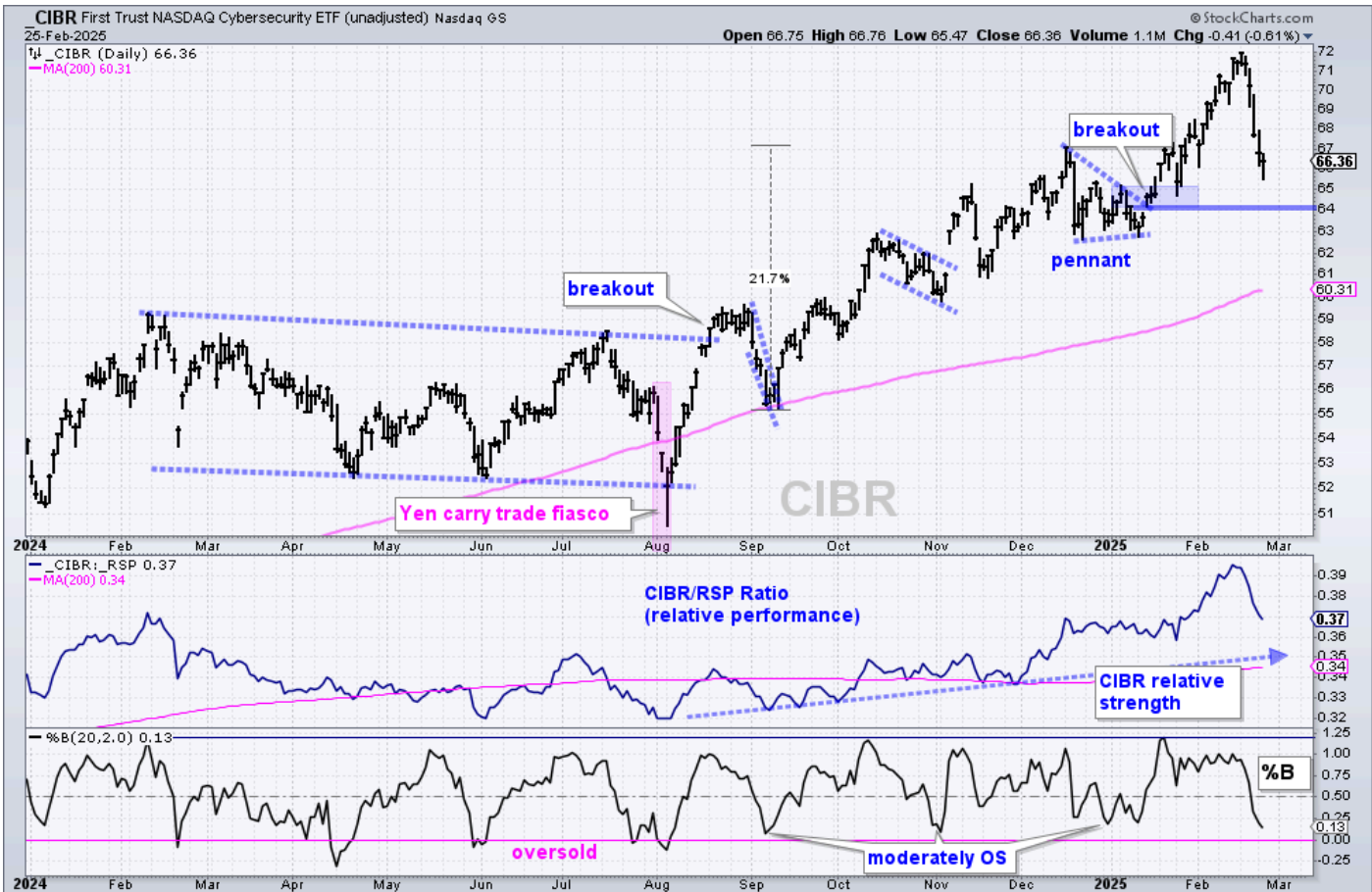
3010 TE Cloud SKYY



2025-02-25: SKYY Fails to Hold Wedge Breakout // The Cloud Computing ETF (SKYY) remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high in late January and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. Short-term, the ETF broke wedge resistance with a surge in mid January, but this breakout failed after a sharp decline the last three days. Despite the failed breakout, SKYY is near support from the January lows and short-term oversold. This is a combination that could lead to an oversold bounce. Longer term, I see a bigger Bullish Setup Zone in the 108 area (61.8 percent retracement and rising 200-day SMA).

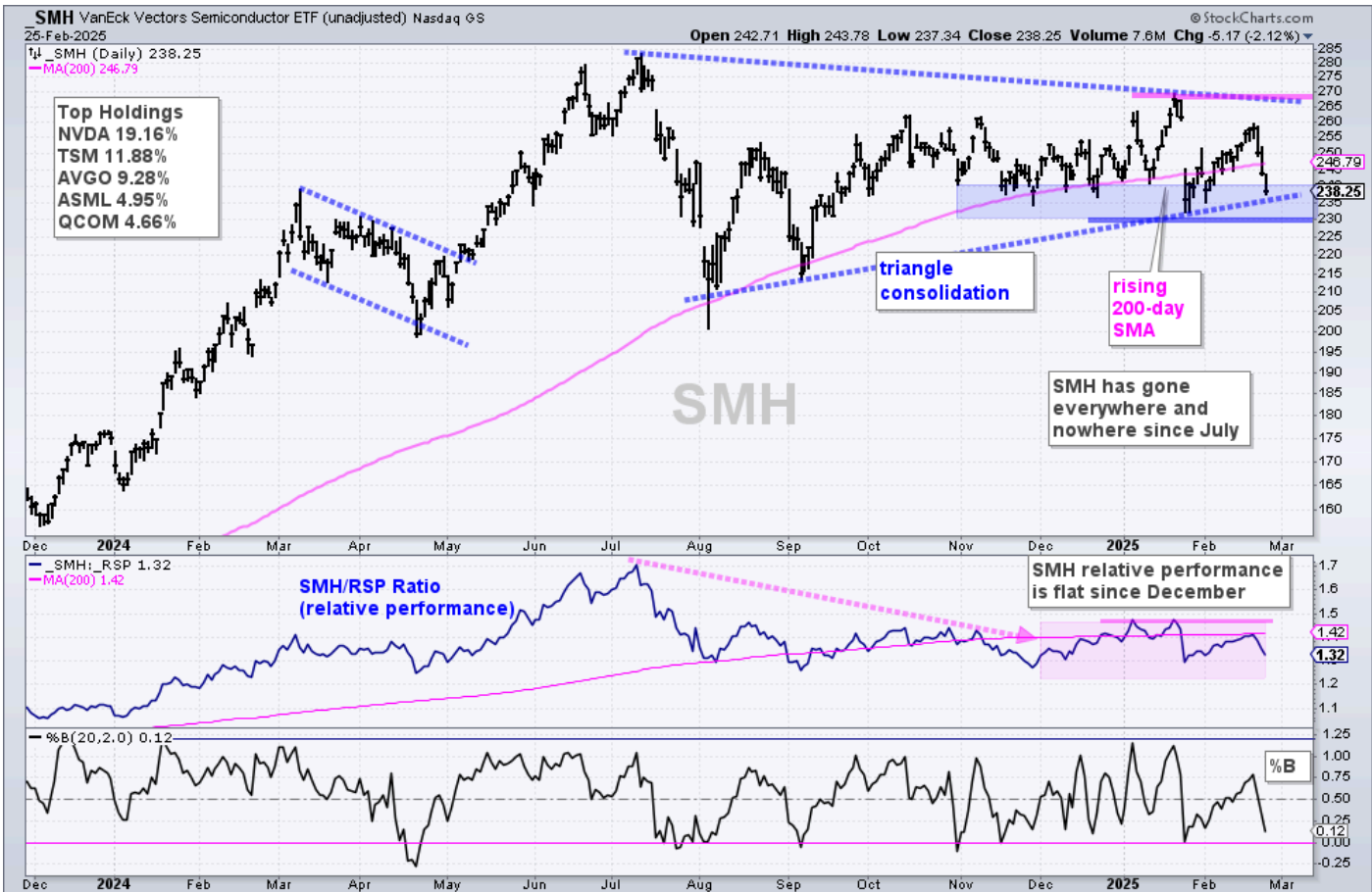
SKYY Top Holdings: PSTG, GOOGL, AMZN, MSFT, ANET, NTNX, IBM, NET, ORCL, MDB

3010 TE Cybersecurity CIBR



2025-02-04: CIBR Leads with New High // The Cybersecurity ETF (CIBR) is leading the market as it hit a new 52-week high last week. This shows a strong uptrend on the price chart. The middle window shows the price-relative (CIBR/RSP ratio) hitting a new high as well. This shows relative strength. Short-term, CIBR formed a pennant into mid January, broke out and extended to new highs. The breakout zone around 64-65 turns first support. A close below 64 would negate the pennant. This would not affect the long-term uptrend, but I would then wait for the next bullish setup to emerge.

3010 TE Semiconductor SMH



2025-02-26: SMH Recovers after Gap and Extends Long Consolidation // The Semiconductor ETF (SMH) is going everywhere, and nowhere, as it forms a big triangle consolidation since July. As the triangle shows, there is a lower high from July to January (negative), but a higher low from August to January (positive). The negative and positive cancel each other out and we have a large trading range (absence of trend). There is, perhaps, some sort of uptrend present because the 200-day SMA rose throughout this consolidation period. SMH dipped below the 200-day a few times, but did not hold below very long and quickly recovered. Thus, this triangle could be a massive consolidation within an uptrend. A breakout at 270 would be long-term bullish.

3010 TE Semiconductor SOXX



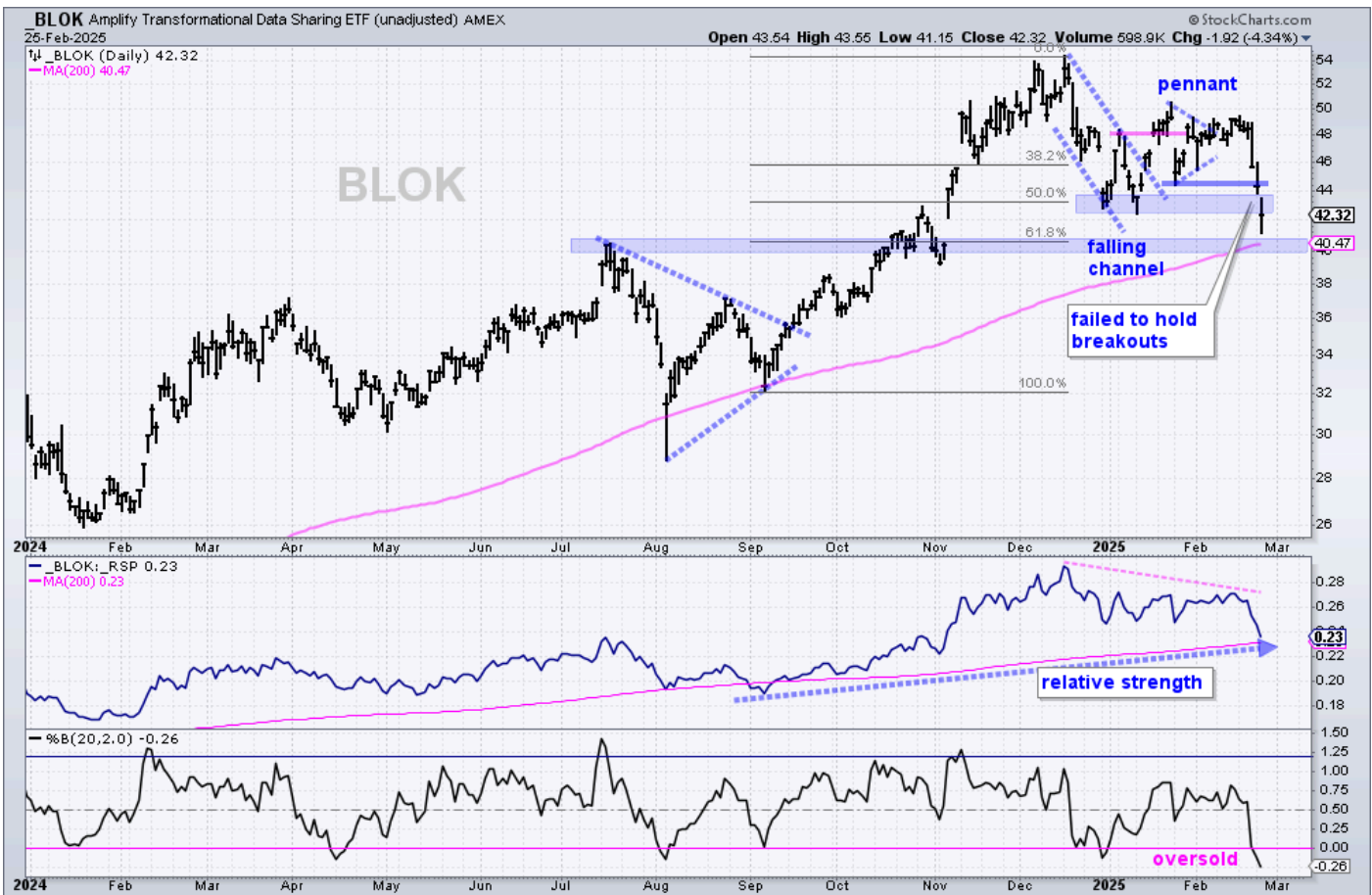
2025-01-29: SOXX Bounces off Support and Forms Large Triangle // The Semiconductor ETF (SOXX) formed a large triangle since July as it traded flat the last seven months. Whereas SMH has a rising 200-day SMA, this long-term moving average flattened for SOXX. This means SMH is stronger than SOXX. Even so, the chart setups are the same and these two have a strong positive correlation. The resolution of these triangles will determine the next directional signal. A breakout at 235 would be long-term bullish, while a break below 210 would be long-term bearish. The middle window shows the relative performance line (SOXX/RSP ratio) falling from July to November as SOXX underperformed the broader market. This line flattened out since December, but has yet to make a meaningful breakout to signal a return to relative strength.

3010 TE Software IGV



2025-02-25: IGV Fails to Hold Wedge Breakout // The Software ETF (IGV) remains in a long-term uptrend with price well above the rising 200-day SMA, but a lower high formed from December to February. Short-term, the ETF broke wedge resistance with a surge in mid January, but this breakout failed after a sharp decline the last three days. Despite the failed breakout, IGV is near support from the January lows and short-term oversold. This is a combination that could lead to an oversold bounce. Longer term, I see a bigger Bullish Setup Zone in the 92-94 area (61.8 percent retracement, October consolidation and rising 200-day SMA).

3011 CY BlockChain Data BLOK



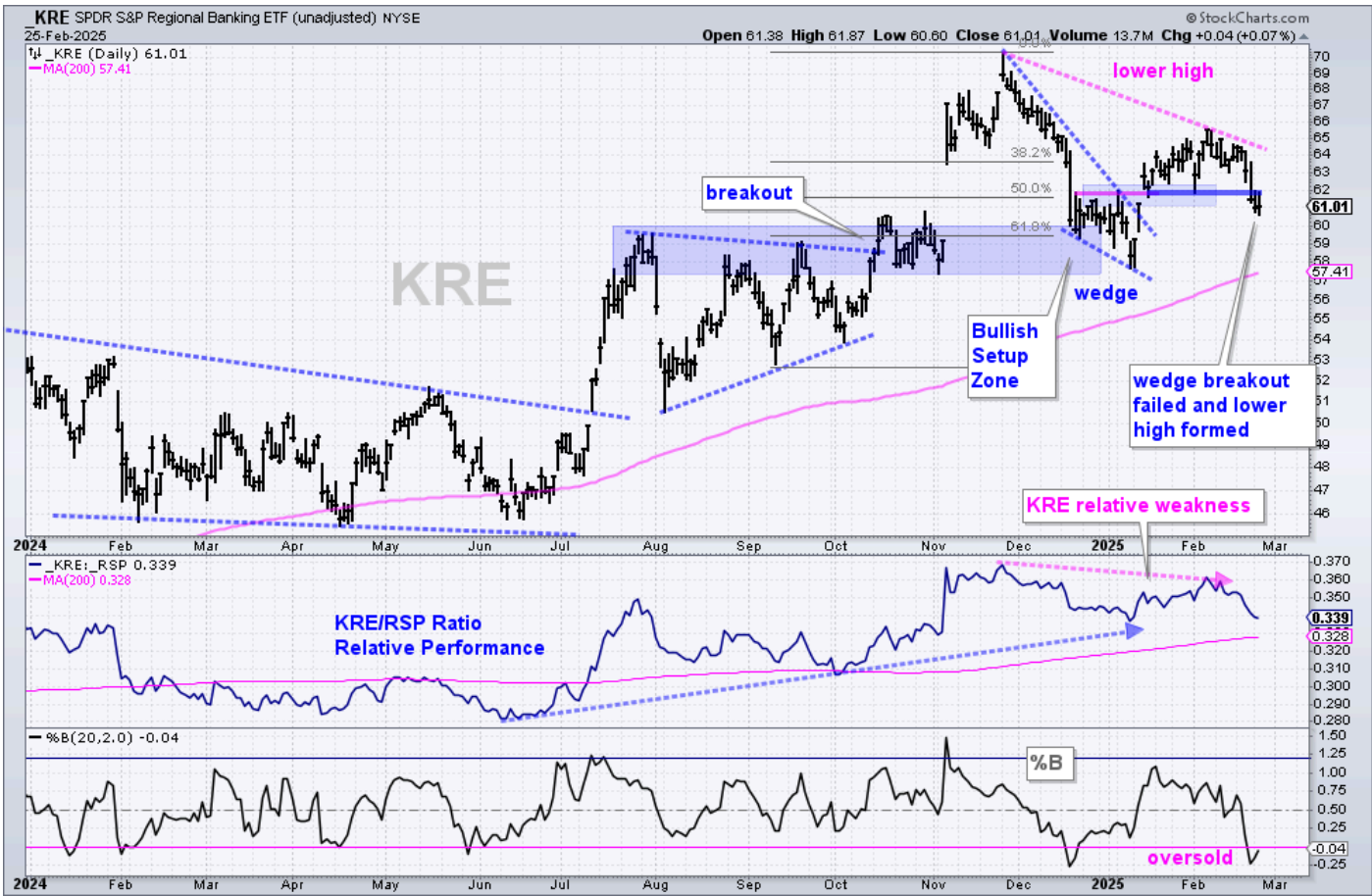
2025-02-25: BLOK Fails to Hold Breakouts // The Transformational Data Sharing ETF (BLOK) remains in a long-term uptrend with price well above the rising 200-day SMA, but a lower high formed from December to January. Short-term, the ETF broke wedge resistance with a surge in mid January and the pennant line in mid February, but these breakouts failed after a sharp decline the last three days. Despite the failed breakout, IGV is near support from the January lows and short-term oversold. This is a combination that could lead to an oversold bounce. Longer term, I see a bigger Bullish Setup Zone in the 40 area (61.8 percent retracement, July high and rising 200-day SMA).

Top Holdings: HOOD, Metaplanet (Japan), COIN, BRPHF, MSTR, CORZ, XYZ, NU, BYON, CLSK



2025-02-25: KBE Fails to Hold Wedge Breakout and Lower High Forms // The Bank SPDR (KBE) remains in a long-term uptrend with price above the rising 200-day SMA, but the wedge breakout failed and a lower high formed from late November to early February. The lower high shows relative weakness in KBE, which is confirmed with the lower high in the price-relative (pink line in middle window). Relative weakness, a lower high and failed wedge are negatives.

3030 FI Banks Regional KRE



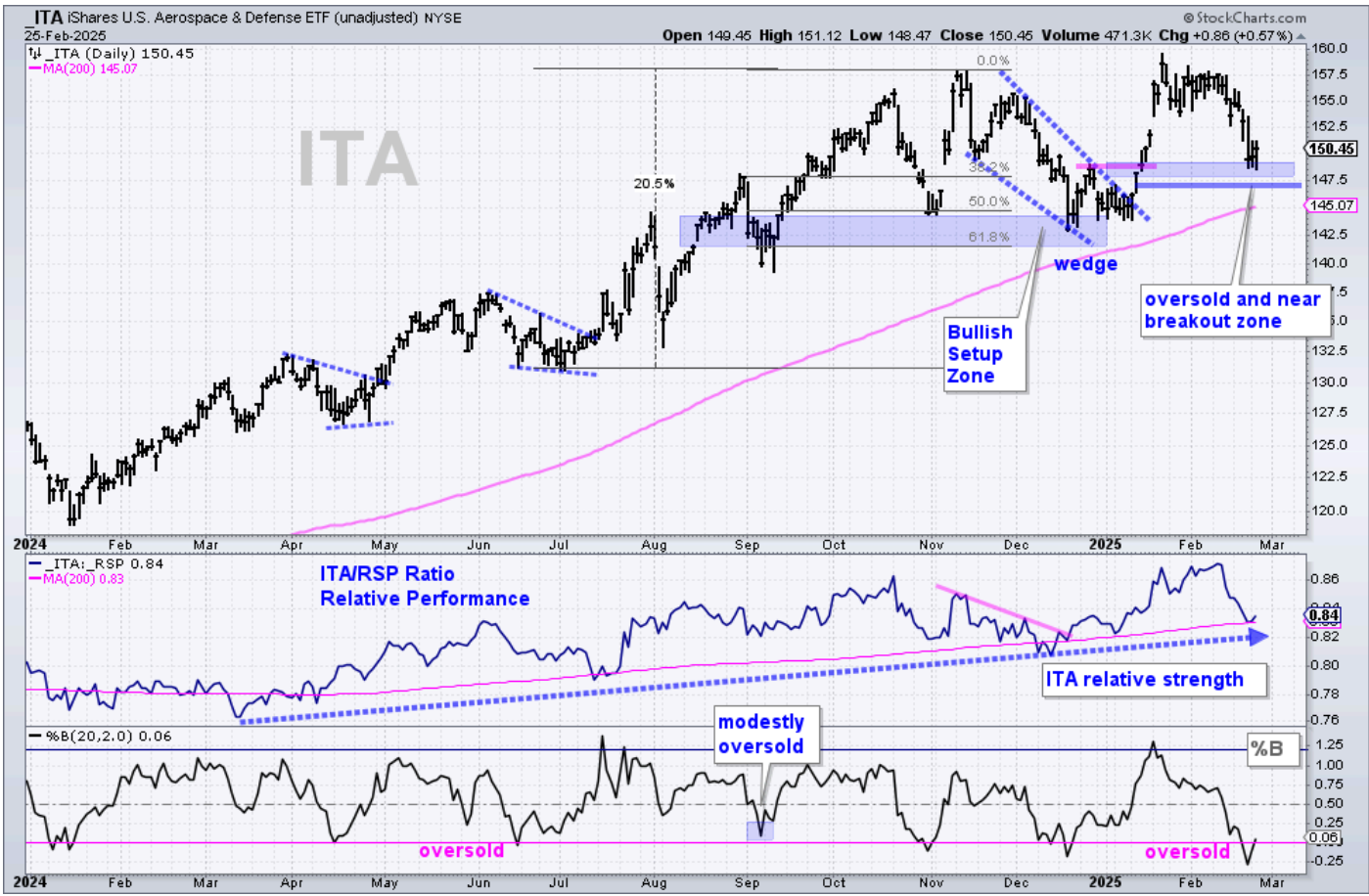
2025-02-25: KRE Fails to Hold Wedge Breakout and Lower High Forms // The Regional Bank SPDR (KRE) remains in a long-term uptrend with price above the rising 200-day SMA, but the wedge breakout failed and a lower high formed from late November to early February. The lower high shows relative weakness in KRE, which is confirmed with the lower high in the price-relative (pink line in middle window). Relative weakness, a lower high and failed wedge are negatives.

3030 FI Insurance KIE



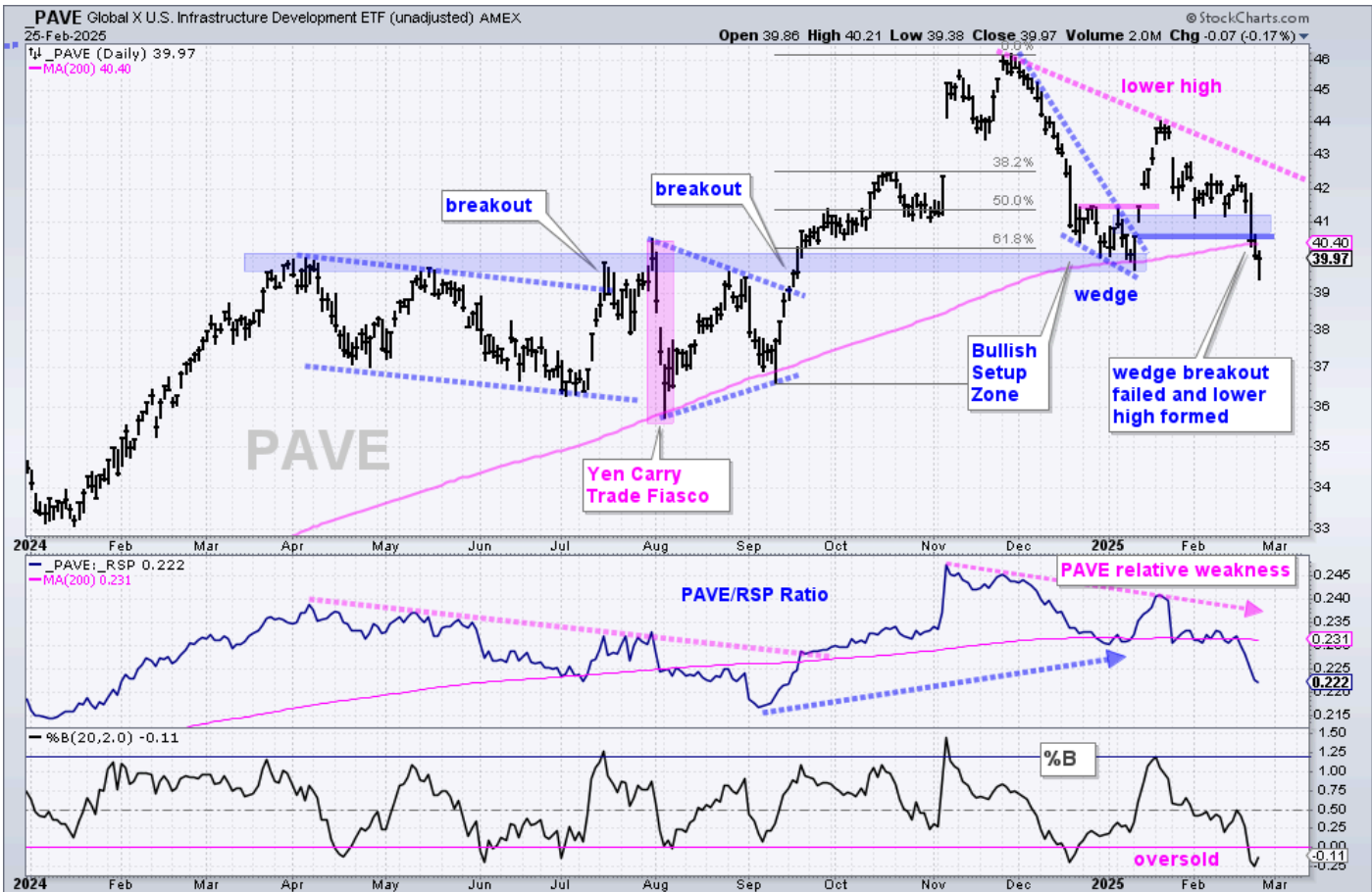
2025-02-25: KIE Holds Wedge Breakout and Shows Relative Strength // The Insurance ETF (KIE) remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high in late November and price above the rising 200-day SMA. KIE corrected with a falling wedge into January and broke out with a surge in mid January. In contrast to KRE and KBE, KIE is holding up better because its wedge breakout is holding. KIE consolidated above this breakout zone and the cup is half full as long as 56 holds. The middle window shows the price-relative (KIE/RSP ratio) holding above its 200-day SMA in February.

3040 IN AeroDefense ITA



2025-02-25: ITA Hits Breakout Zone and becomes Short-term Oversold // The Aerospace & Defense ETF (ITA) remains in a long-term uptrend with a new high in January and price above the rising 200-day SMA. ITA also shows relative strength because the price-relative (ITA/RSP ratio) hit a new high in early February. Short-term, ITA fell back to the wedge breakout zone which is broken resistance that turns into support. The bottom window shows Percent-B become oversold with a move below 0. This means the close is below the lower Bollinger Band (20,2). This is a bullish setup: long-term uptrend, long-term relative strength, short-term oversold and near a support zone. Chartists should be on alert for firming and a possible bounce.

3040 IN Infrastructure PAVE



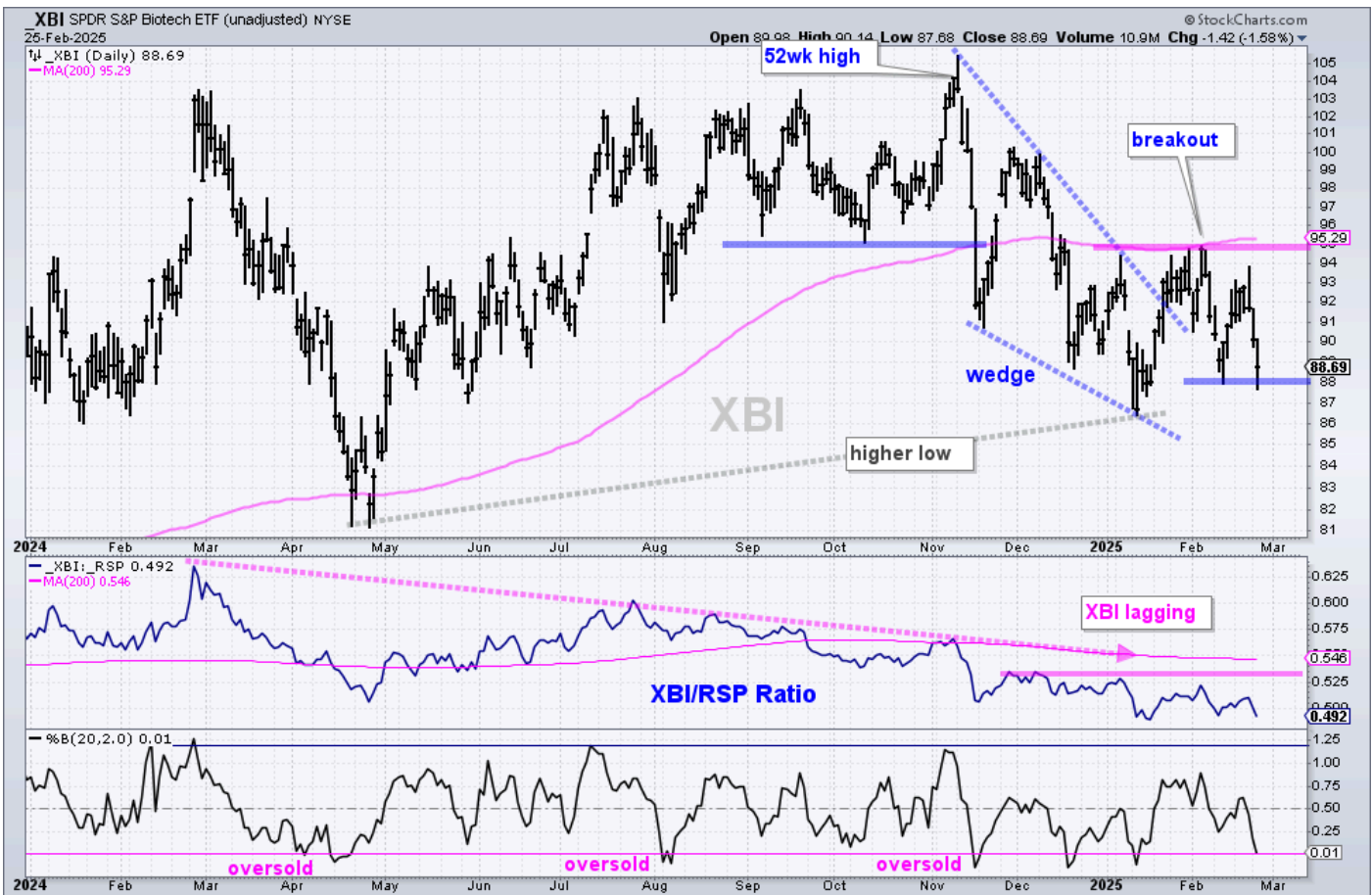
2025-02-25: PAVE Fails to Hold Wedge Breakout and Forms Lower High // The Global Infrastructure ETF (PAVE) is moving into a downtrend with a lower high from late November to mid January and a break below the 200-day SMA. The price-relative also turned sharply lower the last few days as the ETF shows relative weakness. PAVE set up with a falling wedge into January and broke out with a surge in mid January. There was a normal pullback into early February, but this pullback overstayed its welcome as the ETF fell sharply the last three days. The breakout failed and PAVE is in bear mode.



2025-02-26: IBB Battles its Breakout Zone // The Biotech ETF (IBB) broke wedge resistance with a surge above 138 on January 24th, extended above 142 and then turned volatile. Biotechs are volatile and traders should expect a bumpy ride with these stocks. There is some sort of upward dynamic at work as a higher low formed from April to December (gray line) and there is a 52-week high in between (September). Overall, I view the falling wedge as a corrective pattern and the breakout as bullish. With a sharp decline into mid February and rebound last week, the ETF affirmed support in the 132-134 area. A close below 132 would negate the wedge breakout. The middle window shows the price-relative (IBB/RSP ratio) falling into November and edging higher the last few months (blue arrow). A breakout would show a return to relative strength.

IBB has over 200 stocks with the top ten accounting for almost 50% of the ETF.
 Top Holdings: AMGN, GILD, VRTX, REGN, IQV, ALNY, ARGX, MTD, WAT, BNTX

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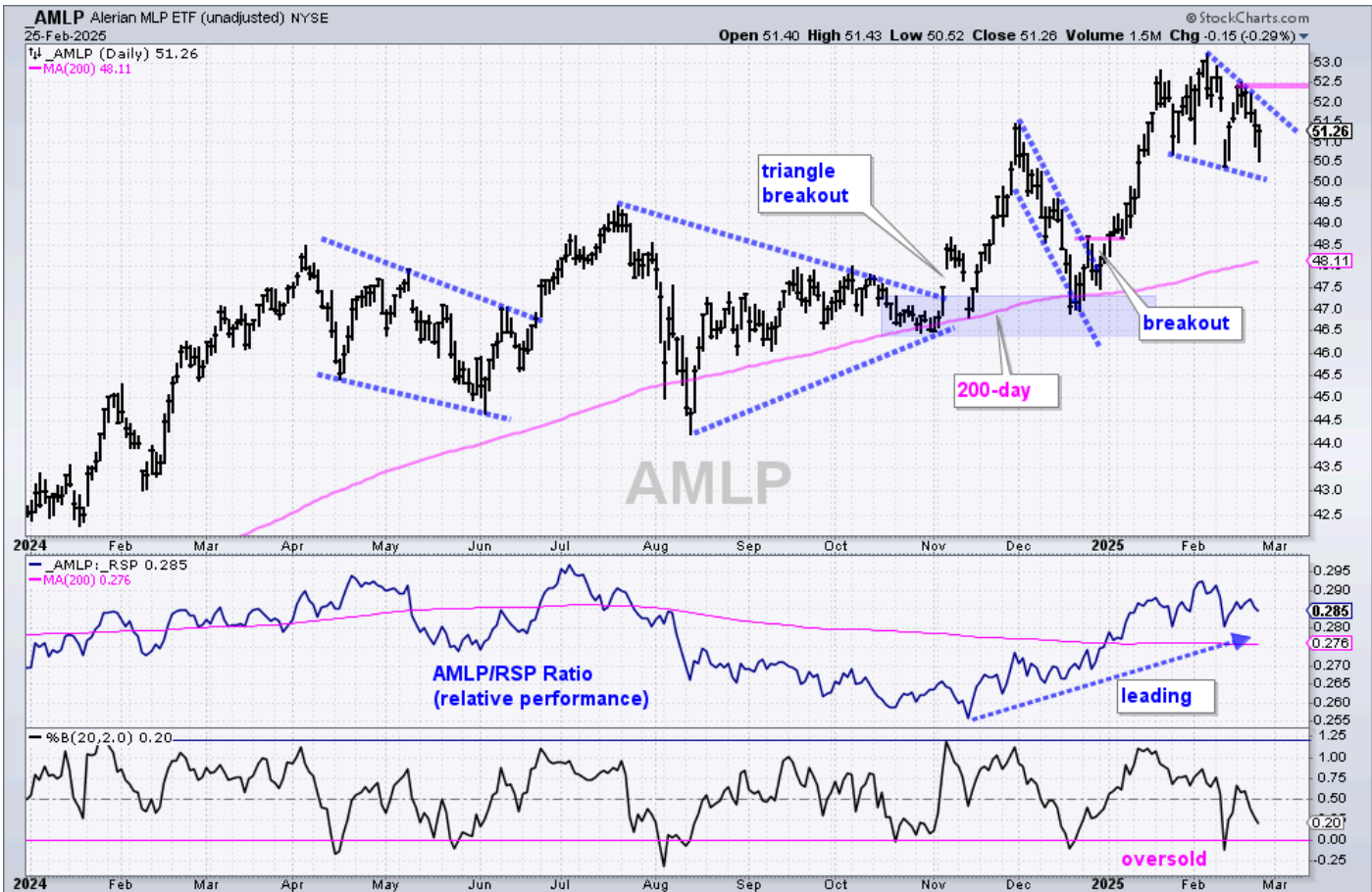
2025-02-26: XBI Tests Re-evaluation Level for Wedge Breakout // The Biotech SPDR (XBI) is weaker than IBB because it is more equally weighted and small-caps are lagging. IBB is a market-cap weight ETF that benefits from relative strength in large-caps. XBI also broke out with a surge into early February, but this breakout did not last long as the ETF fell back below 90. XBI failed at 95 several times this year and a break above this level is needed for a solid breakout. The middle window shows the XBI/RSP ratio falling for a year now as XBI underperforms the broader market. A break above the December-January highs is needed to show a return to relative strength.

XBI has over 100 stocks with the top ten accounting for around 25% of the ETF.
 Top Holdings: NBIX, AMGN, ABBV, INSM, ALNY, GILD, NTRA, VRTX, INCY, PVCX

3060 HC Medical Devices IHI



2025-02-25: IHI Holds Up Well and Breaks Pennant Line // The Medical Devices ETF (IHI) remains a leader with a new high in early February and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. The price-relative (IHI/RSP Ratio) broke out in early January and moved sharply higher this year. Short-term, a pennant formed in February. Even though this is a short-term bullish continuation pattern, above average volatility means the chances of a whipsaw are high (failed breakout). Other than the pennant, I do not see a setup on this chart, just a leading uptrend.



2025-02-25: AMLP Consolidates Near its Highs // The MLP ETF (AMLP) remains in a leading uptrend with a new high in early February and price well above the rising 200-day SMA. The price-relative (AMLP/RSP ratio) also hit a new high in early February (long-term relative strength). Most recently, AMLP surged from late December to mid January and hit a new high. Price action then turned choppy as the ETF consolidated with a wedge near these highs. A consolidation within an uptrend is a bullish continuation pattern so a breakout at 52.5 would be bullish. Keep in mind that above average volatility means the chances of a whipsaw are high (failed breakout). Also keep in mind that a failed breakout or move below the wedge lows would not affect the long-term uptrend.

4014 T-Bond 20+YR TLT



2025-02-26: TLT Reverses Downtrend with Channel Breakout // The 20+ Yr Treasury Bond ETF (TLT) reversed its downtrend with a break above the early February high and the upper line of a falling channel. TLT is mostly about price swings because it has been range-bound since December 2023 (85 to 103). TLT hit the bottom of this range in January and reversed the downtrend with this week's breakout. This is bullish for Treasury bonds and bearish for Treasury yields. I will mark my re-evaluation level at 86.50 (blue line). The middle window shows the TLT/RSP ratio falling from August to January as bonds underperformed stocks. This ratio flattened into mid February and turned up in late February. It is still early days, but relative strength in bonds would be a negative for stocks.

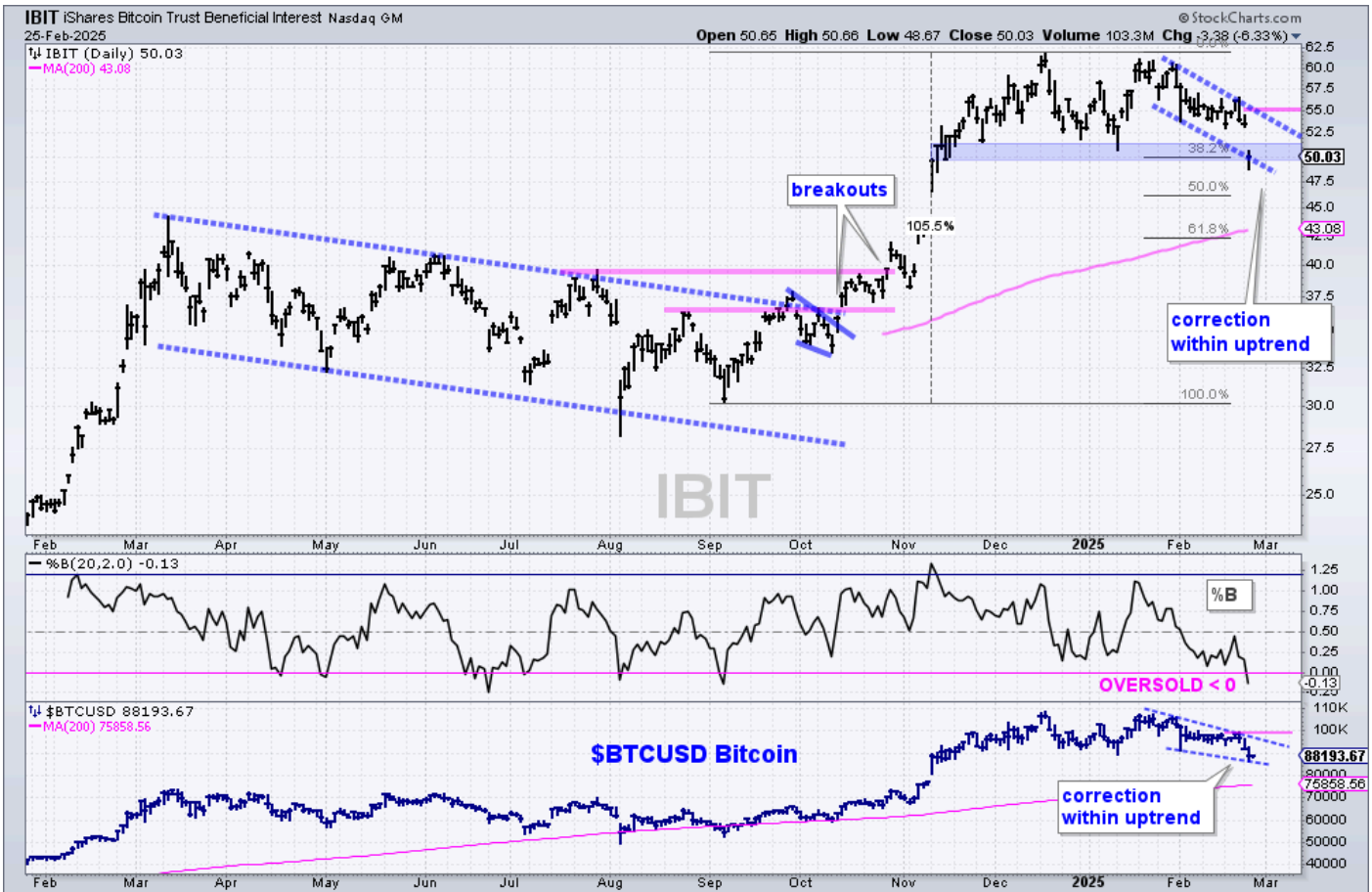
5020 PM Gold GLD



2025-02-25: GLD Hits New High to Extend Lead // There is no change for the trend, dominant pattern or support level for the Gold SPDR (see below). GLD hit a new high and then fell 1.5% on Friday. Overall, the ETF is up 10% year-to-date and looking short-term overbought. There is not much we can do when an ETF becomes overbought in a long-term uptrend. Overbought conditions stem from strong buying pressure, which is bullish. The overbought condition means there is no setup on the price chart. GLD is simply in a confirmed uptrend. Should GLD start to pullback, I would use broken resistance levels and retracements to mark a Bullish Setup Zone.

GLD broke triangle resistance on January 10th and extended higher with new highs throughout February. Overall, GLD is in a long-term uptrend and the triangle was a consolidation within this uptrend. This makes it a bullish continuation pattern with the breakout signaled a continuation of the long-term uptrend. I am marking re-evaluation support at 240. Instead of showing GLD relative to the S&P 500 EW ETF (RSP), I am showing it relative to the WisdomTree Continuous Commodity ETF (GCC), which is an equal weight commodity ETF. This ratio turned up the last few weeks as gold started outperforming the average commodity.

7200 CY BitCoin IBIT



2025-02-26: IBIT Becomes Oversold as it Hits First Retracement // The Bitcoin ETF (IBIT) fell over 6% on Tuesday, but this is still considered a correction within a bigger uptrend. IBIT hit a new high in mid December and remains above the rising 200-day SMA. Bitcoin is very volatile so we can expect big moves in both directions. IBIT is trading in a Bullish Setup Zone because it retraced 38.2% of the prior advance, hit the lower trendline of a falling channel and became oversold as Percent-B dipped below zero. There is also some support in the 50 area from the lows extending back to mid November. This is an area to watch for firming and a bounce. A breakout at 55 would reverse the short-term slide.

Bitcoin (\$BTCUSD) is trading below 90,000 and at its lowest level since mid November. The bottom window shows Bitcoin correcting since late January with a falling wedge forming. This is a correction after a sharp advance, which makes it a bullish continuation pattern. A breakout at 100,000 would be bullish.



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