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Portfolio Update and Market Outlook

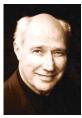
Baker's Dozen, Dividend, Small Cap Growth, Forward Looking Value

- 1. Summary talking points for advisors and investors
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- 5. Market observations & outlook

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Summary Talking Points

- 1. Sabrient leverages a process-driven methodology to build quantitative, fundamentals-based, multifactor models and a "quantamental" (quantitative screen plus fundamental review & selection) approach to portfolio selection.
- 2. Our portfolios displayed <u>consistent outperformance</u> in 2009–2014 of, but then the market became narrow & news-driven leading to historic performance divergences in Growth over Value factors. So, in December 2019 we implemented <u>process enhancements</u> to make our portfolios more all-weather—*while maintaining the potential for significant outperformance vs. benchmarks.*
- 3. <u>26 of 35 live and recently terminated portfolios (in 2023-24) have either outperformed</u> or stayed close to their benchmarks (gross total returns), as have **40 of 57** portfolios created since enhancements were implemented in Dec 2019). This is despite narrow market breadth dominated by the "Magnificent Seven" (MAG7). These portfolios include *Baker's Dozen*, **Dividend, Small Cap Growth, and Forward Looking Value**.
- 4. <u>The **2 worst performers**</u> are the Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 Baker's Dozens. The primary reason has been an overweight in the Energy sector and underweight in Technology relative to the S&P 500 benchmark that didn't pan out. **Fortunately, these 2 have been anomalies**.
- 5. The latest **Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen** launched 1/19/24 with 13 concentrated positions and a bias to small-mid caps (7 of 13). It offers <u>potential</u> <u>"rocket fuel"</u> for outsized gains. So far, it is up **+16.6%** vs. +8.8% for SPY (as of 3/31/24)—and remains **in primary market until 4/18/24**.
- 6. The latest **Small Cap Growth 41 launched on 2/1/24.** It provides an <u>alpha-seeking alternative</u> to a passive position in the Russell 2000 for small-cap exposure, as small caps may be poised to outperform. Already, it is up **+12.3%** vs. +7.9% for IWM (as of 3/31/24).
- 7. The latest **Dividend 47 launched on 2/26/24.** It employs a <u>GARP & Income strategy</u> that seeks capital appreciation from quality companies with solid growth history and reliable dividends. As of 3/31/24, it pays a **current yield of 3.7%** and is up **+6.1%** vs. +7.3% for SPYD.
- 8. <u>Inflation's fall has stalled but should continue to recede</u> (albeit choppy) as supply chain pressures are subdued, money supply growth is stagnant, wage growth falls, and the lag effects of elevated rates show increasing impact. So, the Fed is softening its hawkish tone, with rate cuts coming.
- 9. Elevated valuations on the major indexes keep rising, primarily driven by MAG7. Minus those stocks, valuations across the broad market are more reasonable. Forward P/E on cap-weight SPY is 21.8x, but equal-weight RSP is only 17.9x and small-cap SPSM is just 14.8x, as of 3/31/24.
- 10. Investors may do better with active stock selection that identifies under-the-radar/undervalued gems primed for explosive growth—which is what **Sabrient portfolios seek to do** by combining Value, Quality, and Growth factors and exposure to cyclical and secular growers.



Company Overview

Sabrient Systems LLC

- Independent equity research provider and SEC-registered RIA
- Founded in 2000 in Santa Barbara, CA
- Team of engineers and analysts, led by former NASA engineer (Apollo 11 moon landing) David Brown and former Chevron engineer Scott Martindale
- Quantitative fundamentals-based multifactor models
- Process-driven methodology leveraging a scientific hypothesis-testing approach to model development
- Numbers-driven; bottom-up rather than top-down
- Unlike most RIAs, we don't manage investor money directly but instead receive licensing/consulting fees

Products & Services:

- Quantitative equity research, models and data sets, rankings of stocks & ETFs, online investor tools, and insightful market commentaries
- Portfolio strategies for various investing styles, stock portfolios for UITs and SMAs, rules-based equity indexes for ETFs
- Best known for our Baker's Dozen franchise, a 13-stock portfolio first introduced in 2009 based on a proprietary Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP) "quantamental" approach
- Baker's Dozen and 3 other offshoot strategies offered as UITs through First Trust Portfolios



Our "Quantamental" Approach

1. Quantitative screen to narrow large eligible universe (50-100 names)

Forward P/E, forward EPS growth, recent dynamics of analyst consensus estimates, earnings quality, consistency & reliability of earnings growth

2. Fundamental analysis to identify top candidates (~25 names)

Still mainly numbers-driven, but not algorithmic

3. Final Stock Selection (13 names)

Manual process, adhering to sector concentration limits

We believe a GARP strategy is "all-weather." So, what could go wrong? Two things:

- 1) Consensus EPS estimates are reduced after portfolio launch or the company fails to achieve them.
- 2) Investor sentiment turns defensive, leading to narrow market breadth and avoidance of lesser-known firms.



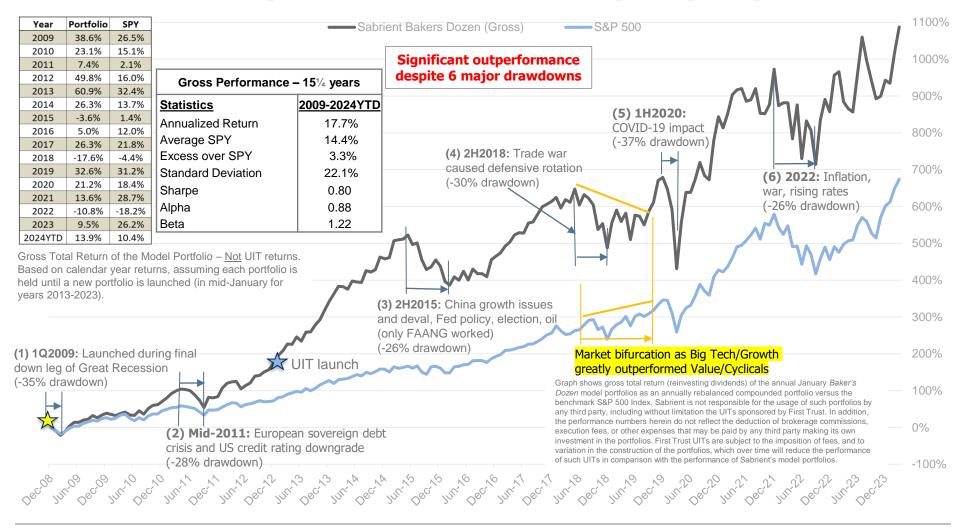
Sabrient Portfolios: leveraging the "quantamental" approach

- > Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen (13 stocks) launched on 1/19/24
 - ⇒ Offers alpha-seeking opportunity thru a concentrated all-cap portfolio that balances value/cyclical growth with high-quality secular growers
- > Small Cap Growth 41 (45 stocks) launched on 2/1/24
 - ⇒ Offers alpha-seeking alternative to Russell 2000 for small cap exposure
- > Dividend 47 (50 stocks) launched on 2/26/24
 - ⇒ High-quality GARP + Income portfolio; Current Yield of 3.8% (as of 3/1/24)
- > Forward Looking Value 11 (34 stocks) launched on 7/24/23
 - ⇒ Less concentrated and more value-biased version of the Baker's Dozen



Baker's Dozen: Performance of Annual Model Portfolio (rebalanced each January)

(1/1/2009 inception thru 3/31/2024, end-of-month data points, updated quarterly)





Performance of live and recently terminated portfolios – as of 3/31/24

Baker's Dozen & FLV - Gross return thru: 3/31/2024

			Gross Return		Active
Portfolio	Launch	Close	(FTP website)	SPY Return	Return
Q4 2021 BD	10/20/21	1/20/23	9.1%	-10.8%	19.9%
Q1 2022 BD	1/20/22	4/20/23	4.5%	-6.0%	10.5%
Q2 2022 BD	4/20/22	7/20/23	28.3%	3.8%	24.5%
Q3 2022 BD	7/20/22	10/20/23	15.8%	8.8%	7.0%
FLV 10	7/15/22	10/24/23	24.0%	12.2%	11.8%
Q4 2022 BD	10/20/22	1/22/24	-5.3%	34.9%	-40.2%
Q1 2023 BD	1/20/23		3.4%	34.6%	-31.2%
Q2 2023 BD	4/20/23		39.4%	28.8%	10.5%
Q3 2023 BD	7/20/23		16.9%	16.9%	0.0%
FLV 11	7/24/23		17.1%	16.4%	0.7%
Q4 2023 BD	10/20/23		23.6%	25.1%	-1.5%
Q1 2024 BD	1/19/24		16.6%	8.8%	7.8%

Sabrient Dividend - Gross return thru: 3/31/2024

Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return	SPYD Return	Active
Div 35	3/19/21	3/17/23	-3.3%	1.9%	-5.2%
Div 36	6/22/21	6/22/23	7.0%	-1.9%	8.9%
Div 37	9/20/21	9/20/23	21.3%	2.7%	18.6%
Div 38	12/20/21	12/20/23	15.3%	4.9%	10.4%
Div 39	3/18/22	3/18/24	5.0%	0.4%	4.6%
Div 40	6/15/22		24.1%	10.5%	13.6%
Div 41	9/12/22		7.1%	5.4%	1.7%
Div 42	12/9/22		6.9%	8.5%	-1.7%
Div 43	3/8/23		13.2%	9.1%	4.1%
Div 44	6/5/23		18.9%	18.3%	0.6%
Div 45	9/1/23		8.8%	12.7%	-4.0%
Div 46	11/29/23		13.5%	14.5%	-1.0%
Div 47	2/26/24		6.1%	7.3%	-1.2%

Small Cap Growth - Gross return thru: 3/31/2024

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Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return	IWM Return	Active
SCG 32	12/6/21	3/6/23	3.5%	-12.3%	15.8%
SCG 33	3/4/22	6/5/23	0.4%	-8.0%	8.3%
SCG 34	6/1/22	9/1/23	12.4%	5.5%	6.9%
SCG 35	8/29/22	11/29/23	5.0%	-2.4%	7.4%
SCG 36	11/14/22	2/14/24	2.8%	9.9%	-7.0%
SCG 37	2/10/23		3.5%	12.4%	-9.0%
SCG 38	5/8/23		25.5%	22.5%	3.0%
SCG 39	8/7/23		8.3%	9.4%	-1.1%
SCG 40	11/3/23		23.3%	21.3%	2.0%
SCG 41	2/1/24		12.3%	7.9%	4.4%

All portfolios launched since December 2019 were created with our **enhanced GARP selection process**, which provides a balance between secular and cyclical growth and across market caps while striving for consistent "all-weather" performance ... and still maintaining the <u>potential</u> for significant outperformance.

The **table** shows <u>gross</u> total returns (without transactional sales charge, as displayed on the <u>ftportfolios.com</u> website) versus a relevant benchmark for all the **live portfolios** plus those that recently terminated (in 2023-2024). [Note: We use S&P 500 High Dividend ETF (SPYD) as the appropriate Dividend benchmark here.]

26 of the 35 (74%) live or recently terminated (in 2023-24) portfolios shown have outperformed or stayed within 1% of their benchmark. Also **40 of the 57** (70%) portfolios created since enhancements were implemented in Dec 2019 have outperformed or stayed within 1% of their benchmark.

Worst performers have been the recent Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 Baker's Dozen portfolios, which significantly underperformed by the S&P 500 primarily due to extreme sector "tilts" away from the benchmark allocations that didn't pan out (*overweight* in Energy and *underweight* in Technology),

Notably, the **Dividend portfolio** is <u>not</u> purely yield-focused. Instead, it is a <u>GARP+Income</u> strategy that seeks *quality* stocks and a solid yield in the 4% range. (**Dividend 47 has a current yield of 3.7%.**)

As such, Dividend portfolios have been largely *uncorrelated* with either high-dividend SPYD or growth-oriented SPY—sometimes outperforming or underperforming one or both benchmarks.



Q2 2022 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated 7/20/23

Launch date (4/20/2022) through termination (7/20/23)

Q2 2022 B	aker's Dozen Portfolio						
						Est. NTM EPS	
				Fwd P/E		Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
ACLS	Axcelis Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology	203.5%	13.5	14.6	-20.9%	33.2%
SAIA	Saia, Inc.	Industrials	93.1%	16.3	27.3	-5.3%	-1.8%
PHM	PulteGroup, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	79.3%	4.1	8.9	-1.6%	5.5%
ON	ON Semiconductor Corporation	Information Technology	75.6%	13.6	16.3	-22.4%	-4.1%
AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	Information Technology	54.3%	16.2	22.3	-6.9%	6.9%
VLO	Valero Energy Corporation	Energy	16.3%	11.8	8.2	-68.8%	-17.0%
COP	ConocoPhillips	Energy	15.8%	7.7	11.7	-1.8%	-33.9%
BOX	Box, Inc.	Information Technology	-4.4%	28.5	15.2	-4.6%	19.8%
DVN	Devon Energy Corporation	Energy	-12.7%	8.4	7.5	-10.2%	-30.2%
MRC	MRC Global Inc.	Industrials	-17.1%	14.4	10.6	-22.9%	-14.0%
PFE	Pfizer Inc.	Health Care	-22.7%	9.1	19.5	-16.2%	-76.9%
CF	CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	Materials	-23.9%	7.1	11.7	-14.6%	-54.6%
AA	Alcoa Corporation	Materials	-62.0%	6.7	NE	63.5%	-130.6%
		Average =	+28.3%	12.1	14.5	-10.2%	-22.9%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		3.8%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		-0.9%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		2.2%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		-1.7%				

Strong performers led by three semiconductor makers, a homebuilder, and a trucker offset a variety of laggards from Materials, Healthcare, and Energy.

Despite several double-digit losers, this portfolio benefited from a number of outstanding performers.

Overall, the portfolio has outperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both cap-weight and equal-weight).

It beat the S&P 500 by +24.5 pps (gross total return).



2022 Forward Looking Value 10 Model Portfolio – terminated 10/24/23

Launch date (7/15/22) through termination (10/24/23)

						Est. NTM EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current	Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
US: CLS	Celestica Inc.	Information Technology	166.8%	5.4	10.6	-1.2%	24.6%
ACLS	Axcelis Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology	166.3%	11.7	14.6	-2.5%	45.6%
PHM	PulteGroup, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	65.4%	4.1	8.9	21.2%	21.7%
FANG	Diamondback Energy, Inc.	Energy	60.3%	4.0	7.5	18.6%	-17.1%
oc	Owens Corning	Industrials	56.9%	7.3	10.6	-12.0%	6.6%
COP	ConocoPhillips	Energy	53.6%	5.4	11.7	15.3%	-30.3%
HEES	H&E Equipment Services, Inc.	Industrials	53.1%	9.2	10.3	0.5%	64.1%
ON	ON Semiconductor Corporation	Information Technology	51.8%	11.3	16.3	-6.3%	2.5%
TMHC	Taylor Morrison Home Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	48.9%	2.9	8.1	4.2%	-2.4%
TOL	Toll Brothers, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	47.9%	4.2	8.0	1.7%	12.9%
HAL	Halliburton Company	Energy	47.4%	11.8	10.8	57.1%	66.7%
NPO	Enpro Inc.	Industrials	46.6%	11.2	21.1	-2.2%	-6.3%
MRO	Marathon Oil Corporation	Energy	37.5%	4.0	7.4	16.4%	-35.6%
VNT	Vontier Corporation	Information Technology	35.4%	6.8	10.9	1.8%	-7.1%
COLL	Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	Health Care	31.6%	2.5	5.8	127.4%	65.0%
PDCE	PDC Energy, Inc. (acquired by CVX)	Energy	30.8%				
VLO	Valero Energy Corporation	Energy	28.2%	6.1	8.2	-29.5%	27.2%
TXT	Textron Inc.	Industrials	24.9%	13.4	13.5	13.9%	30.7%
HRI	Herc Holdings Inc.	Industrials	17.8%	7.0	10.8	40.6%	21.2%
CMI	Cummins Inc.	Industrials	15.5%	10.0	12.3	30.2%	34.0%
PLAB	Photronics, Inc.	Information Technology	-0.2%	9.1	12.6	5.4%	3.5%
DVN	Devon Energy Corporation	Energy	-1.8%	5.2	7.5	24.0%	-26.0%
CF	CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	Materials	-2.7%	4.9	11.7	0.1%	-33.8%
US: MGA	Magna International Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-5.4%	1	8.9	32.8%	11.2%
FOXA	Fox Corporation	Communication Services	-7.6%	1	9.5	24.6%	17.3%
WRK	WestRock Company	Materials	-8.2%	6.7	17.5	21.9%	-37.0%
PTVE	Pactiv Evergreen Inc.	Materials	-12.1%	I	12.8	149.6%	106.7%
ST	Sensata Technologies Holding plc	Industrials	-12.4%	1	9.5	26.6%	12.9%
IP	International Paper Company	Materials	-15.5%		18.6	42.8%	-30.6%
QCOM	QUALCOMM Incorporated	Information Technology	-21.8%	1	14.8	4.1%	-32.9%
TROX	Tronox Holdings plc	Materials	-27.2%	1	24.1	35.9%	-97.7%
DAR	Darling Ingredients Inc.	Consumer Staples	-31.2%		11.5	36.9%	-1.5%
PFE	Pfizer Inc.	Health Care	-38.4%	l	19.5	-25.7%	-56.0%
LNC	Lincoln National Corporation	Financials	-49.4%	1	4.1	-319.9%	199.2%
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SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	Average –	12.2%	,.5		20., 70	10.570
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		3.1%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		5.1%	1			
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-1.8%

Strong performers led by a diverse group of semiconductor equipment makers, homebuilders, industrial equipment, and oil & gas firms offset laggards from insurance, pharma, and packaging materials.

Overall, the portfolio has outperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both capweight and equal-weight).

It *beat* the S&P 500 by +11.8 pps (gross total return).



iShares Russell 2000 ETF

IWM

Q3 2022 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated 10/20/23

1.6%

-6.4%

Launch date (7/20/22) through termination (10/20/23)

<u> </u>	aker's Dozen Portfolio					Est. NTM EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current	Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	Information Technology	72.7%	12.9	22.3	4.8%	12.2%
TMHC	Taylor Morrison Home Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	43.3%	3.0	8.1	4.2%	-2.4%
ON	ON Semiconductor Corporation	Information Technology	41.2%	12.4	16.3	-6.9%	2.5%
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	39.6%	19.5	19.7	81.4%	32.3%
MRO	Marathon Oil Corporation	Energy	26.6%	4.4	7.4	17.1%	-35.6%
VLO	Valero Energy Corporation	Energy	25.0%	5.7	8.2	-18.3%	27.2%
HRI	Herc Holdings Inc.	Industrials	7.6%	7.8	10.8	26.4%	21.2%
CHDN	Churchill Downs Incorporated	Consumer Discretionary	3.8%	16.7	22.3	57.7%	21.0%
CF	CF Industries Holdings, Inc.	Materials	-0.8%	5.3	11.7	-0.3%	-33.8%
LNTH	Lantheus Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	-6.1%	22.7	10.9	1.4%	88.7%
DVN	Devon Energy Corporation	Energy	-8.7%	5.7	7.5	24.2%	-26.0%
PLAB	Photronics, Inc.	Information Technology	-11.3%	9.9	12.6	5.4%	3.5%
вох	Box, Inc.	Information Technology	-13.3%	22.2	15.2	16.0%	33.0%
		Average =	+15.8%	11.4	13.3	16.4%	11.1%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		8.8%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		0.0%				
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Strong performers led by two semiconductor makers, a homebuilder, and a P&C insurance company have offset laggards from medical diagnostics, software, and oil & gas.

Overall, the portfolio has outperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both cap-weight and equal-weight).

It *beat* the S&P 500 by +7.0 pps (gross total return).



SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust

iShares Russell 2000 ETF

MDY

IWM

Q4 2022 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated on 1/22/24

Launch date (10/20/22) through termination (1/22/24)

Q4 2022 Ba	aker's Dozen Portfolio						
						Est. NTM EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current	Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	44.4%	20.0	21.9	52.6%	55.0%
GPK	Graphic Packaging Holding Company	Materials	24.1%	8.8	9.6	2.7%	24.8%
EWBC	East West Bancorp, Inc.	Financials	17.6%	7.8	9.1	14.6%	8.1%
IMO	Imperial Oil Limited	Energy	15.0%	5.2	11.3	16.0%	-23.7%
HAL	Halliburton Company	Energy	11.1%	12.3	10.3	20.6%	45.4%
DE	Deere & Company	Industrials	6.9%	13.9	13.5	0.6%	31.2%
BOX	Box, Inc.	Information Technology	-3.1%	20.9	15.7	35.0%	33.0%
ALK	Alaska Air Group, Inc.	Industrials	-12.7%	9.7	9.1	0.2%	4.6%
MUR	Murphy Oil Corporation	Energy	-13.6%	5.7	9.5	42.3%	-19.3%
LNTH	Lantheus Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	-23.5%	18.5	10.4	-9.5%	47.6%
NTR	Nutrien Ltd.	Materials	-37.0%	7.1	16.6	20.9%	-66.7%
DVN	Devon Energy Corporation	Energy	-37.7%	7.3	8.3	41.3%	-26.0%
DAR	Darling Ingredients Inc.	Consumer Staples	-40.8%	11.5	11.3	52.7%	-1.5%
		Average =	-5.3%	11.4	12.0	22.3%	8.7%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		34.9%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		23.2%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		24.6%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		18.6%				

This portfolio has suffered from a lack of big winners, underweight in high-flying Tech sector and overweight in dormant Energy.

Top performers were stocks from insurance, packaging, and 1 oil & gas firm. But they couldn't offset a host of market laggards, including those from packaged foods, fertilizer, oil & gas, and medical diagnostics industries. Many of the stocks badly missed their EPS estimates.

Notably, LNTH, BOX, DE, and HAL all met or beat EPS estimates but still took hits on share price and forward P/Es.

Overall, the portfolio has underperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both capweight and equal-weight).

It *trailed the* S&P 500 by -40.2 pps (gross total return).



Q1 2023 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminating on 4/22/24

Launch date (1/20/23) through current (3/31/24)

Q1 2023 Bak	er's Dozen Portfolio						
						Est. NTM	
						EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current	Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
ACGL	Arch Capital Group Ltd.	Financials	48.0%	11.6	11.6	36.9%	73.9%
COLL	Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	Health Care	40.8%	4.1	6.3	122.8%	27.7%
DAL	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Industrials	22.6%	7.5	7.4	60.4%	95.0%
EVBG	Everbridge, Inc.	Information Technology	16.8%	23.7	19.6	401.2%	121.3%
LNTH	Lantheus Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	16.5%	13.3	9.5	31.9%	47.6%
PFBC	Preferred Bank	Financials	11.0%	7.3	8.2	8.8%	23.5%
MKL	Markel Corporation	Financials	10.2%	17.6	18.3	33.4%	-8.0%
EQT	EQT Corporation	Energy	9.2%	5.2	23.0	109.6%	-25.5%
NEX/PTEN	NexTier Oilfield / Patterson Energy	Energy	1.1%				
ZION	Zions Bancorporation	Financials	-15.7%	7.6	10.2	26.2%	-15.0%
DAR	Darling Ingredients Inc.	Consumer Staples	-29.1%	9.9	13.2	42.8%	-13.6%
TALO	Talos Energy Inc.	Energy	-31.0%	4.9	64.7	28.1%	-92.5%
EXTR	Extreme Networks, Inc.	Information Technology	-38.9%	16.9	34.7	43.0%	45.8%
		Average =	+3.4%	10.8	18.9	78.8%	23.4%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		34.6%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		17.4%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		21.1%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		15.6%				

This portfolio has suffered from a lack of big winners, underweight in high-flying Tech sector and overweight in dormant Energy. Top performers are stocks from insurance, pharmaceuticals, and medical diagnostics. But they haven't offset a host of market laggards, including those from cloud networking, oil & gas, natural food ingredients, and a regional bank.

Some badly have missed their EPS estimates. Others like EXTR performed quite well for several months before faltering.

Overall, the portfolio has underperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both capweight and equal-weight).

It *trails* the S&P 500 by -30.2 pps (gross total return) as of 3/31/24.



Q2 2023 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminating on 7/22/24

Launch date (4/20/23) through current (3/31/24)

Q2 2023 Bak	er's Dozen Portfolio						
-						Est. NTM	
				Food D/F		EPS	A -t LEDG
Tialaa.	Camarana Nama	Castan	Datum	Fwd P/E	Current		Actual EPS Growth
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return			Launch	
CRWD	CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.	Information Technology	146.8%		82.0	49.1%	100.0%
URI	United Rentals, Inc.	Industrials	92.1%	9.1	16.8	28.0%	25.2%
ZS	Zscaler, Inc.	Information Technology	91.7%	58.5	67.6	62.9%	136.1%
COOP	Mr. Cooper Group Inc.	Financials	76.6%	8.8	8.8	113.3%	215.8%
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	49.4%	20.5	21.2	93.3%	144.4%
DAL	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Industrials	38.2%	5.9	7.4	31.1%	35.8%
BKNG	Booking Holdings Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	36.3%	20.4	20.6	30.0%	52.4%
HAL	Halliburton Company	Energy	16.4%	11.3	11.6	39.2%	45.4%
EVBG	Everbridge, Inc.	Information Technology	14.7%	21.2	19.6	119.5%	121.3%
NEX/PTEN	NexTier Oilfield / Patterson Energy	Energy	12.5%				
EG	Everest Group, Ltd.	Financials	5.8%	8.0	6.4	72.5%	143.6%
EXTR	Extreme Networks, Inc.	Information Technology	-27.0%	13.0	34.7	48.9%	45.8%
ALB	Albemarle Corporation	Materials	-31.8%	7.5	36.1	23.0%	1.3%
		Average =	+39.4%	20.2	27.7	59.2%	88.9%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		28.8%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		18.9%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		23.4%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		20.2%				

This portfolio is enjoying several big winners, which easily offset a few losers. Top performers are two stocks from cybersecurity and one each from construction equipment rentals, mortgage servicing, and insurance.

All but one (ALB) have either met or greatly exceeded their EPS estimates.

Overall, the portfolio has so far outperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both capweight and equal-weight).

It is *beating* the S&P 500 by +10.6 pps (gross total return) as of 3/31/24.



Q3 2023 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

Launch date (7/20/23) through current (3/31/24)

Q3 2023 Ba	aker's Dozen Portfolio						
-						Est. NTM	
						EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current	Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	98.5%	51.1	36.7	201.2%	467.9%
WFRD	Weatherford International plc	Energy	56.0%	16.2	16.1	261.3%	394.2%
COOP	Mr. Cooper Group Inc.	Financials	42.9%	9.1	8.8	133.5%	219.9%
PSTG	Pure Storage, Inc.	Information Technology	38.1%	25.2	33.5	23.6%	25.4%
CSTM	Constellium SE	Materials	25.1%	10.1	12.2	53.2%	-0.1%
BKNG	Booking Holdings Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	24.3%	20.9	20.6	28.9%	44.0%
MET	MetLife, Inc.	Financials	21.6%	7.3	8.4	31.5%	22.6%
EVBG	Everbridge, Inc.	Information Technology	13.3%	20.1	19.6	68.6%	74.0%
EG	Everest Group, Ltd.	Financials	8.9%	7.5	6.4	70.7%	154.4%
CHX	ChampionX Corporation	Energy	4.7%	17.0	18.2	44.0%	25.1%
DAL	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Industrials	-1.7%	6.6	7.4	23.5%	1.0%
PCRX	Pacira BioSciences, Inc.	Health Care	-22.8%	10.0	10.3	48.9%	23.7%
EXTR	Extreme Networks, Inc.	Information Technology	-58.0%	19.9	34.7	53.0%	-18.7%
		Average =	+16.9%	17.0	17.9	80.1%	110.3%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		16.9%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		11.4%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		13.4%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		9.0%				

This portfolio has benefited from holding MAG7 Al-darling NVDA plus a few other big winners, which offset a few losers. Besides semiconductor maker NVDA, top performers include an oil & gas services firm, a mortgage servicer, and a data storage firm. Laggards include a networking communications firm a biotech, and a major airline.

Most of the companies have met or exceeded their EPS estimates.

So far, the portfolio has matched or outperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both capweight and equal-weight).

It is even with the S&P 500 (gross total return) as of 3/31/24.



Q4 2023 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

Launch date (10/20/23) through current (3/31/24)

Q4 2023 Ba	aker's Dozen Portfolio						
						Est. NTM	
						EPS	
				Fwd P/E		Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	118.3%	28.1	36.7	185.6%	291.3%
META	Meta Platforms, Inc.	Communication Services	57.3%	19.5	24.2	86.7%	118.3%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	51.5%	26.7	34.9	50.3%	58.3%
COOP	Mr. Cooper Group Inc.	Financials	46.1%	7.1	8.8	86.1%	114.49
TRV	The Travelers Companies, Inc.	Financials	42.4%	9.9	12.7	74.2%	99.8%
WFRD	Weatherford International plc	Energy	24.1%	18.6	16.1	101.1%	171.19
DTE	DTE Energy Company	Utilities	16.0%	14.1	16.8	31.6%	24.8%
EXEL	Exelixis, Inc.	Health Care	12.4%	18.5	16.0	50.3%	45.0%
CHX	ChampionX Corporation	Energy	6.8%	16.5	18.2	28.7%	7.5%
ALKS	Alkermes plc	Health Care	0.2%	15.0	9.9	148.4%	222.7%
RPD	Rapid7, Inc.	Information Technology	-1.4%	29.8	22.6	106.8%	174.2%
VC	Visteon Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	-7.2%	15.0	13.8	58.3%	260.2%
EXTR	Extreme Networks, Inc.	Information Technology	-44.7%	13.7	34.7	42.0%	-48.2%
		Average =	+23.6%	17.9	20.4	80.8%	118.4%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		25.1%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		24.6%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		28.0%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		27.1%				

This portfolio so far is enjoying several big winners, including 3 of the mega-cap market darlings (NVDA, META, NFLX) that are its top performers, easily offsetting a few losers. Other top performers include a mortgage servicer and an insurance firm. Laggards include a networking communications firm, an auto parts company, and a cloud cybersecurity provider.

Most of the companies have met or exceeded their EPS estimates.

So far, the portfolio is slightly underperforming its relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both cap-weight and equal-weight).

It is *trailing* the S&P 500 by -1.5% pps (gross total return) as of 3/31/24.



Latest Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

Launch date (1/19/24) through current (3/31/24)

						Est. NTM	
						EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current	Growth at	Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
APP	AppLovin Corporation	Information Technology	68.3%	10.8	15.9	114.0%	115.7%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	51.9%	30.4	36.7	125.0%	163.7%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	25.8%	31.9	34.9	51.0%	58.3%
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	21.6%	20.5	21.2	76.5%	114.7%
WRB	W. R. Berkley Corporation	Financials	17.6%	13.4	14.6	20.9%	26.6%
PVH	PVH Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	16.5%	10.3	11.8	25.3%	27.3%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	16.1%	46.6	42.7	72.7%	104.3%
NE	Noble Corporation plc	Energy	12.1%	12.7	14.5	85.3%	34.1%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	9.5%	14.3	13.9	105.1%	120.1%
VC	Visteon Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	1.0%	13.7	13.8	39.7%	212.9%
TMUS	T-Mobile US, Inc.	Communication Services	-0.8%	18.0	18.1	24.2%	15.2%
ALKS	Alkermes plc	Health Care	-3.0%	12.0	9.9	72.9%	76.4%
OTEX	Open Text Corporation	Information Technology	-5.1%	8.6	8.4	35.3%	30.5%
		Average =	+16.6%	18.7	19.7	65.2%	84.6%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		8.8%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		9.1%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		11.4%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		9.6%				

This young portfolio so far has been led by several solid winners, which easily offset a few modest losers. Top performers are from marketing software, semiconductors, entertainment, and insurance, including megacap darlings NVDA and NFLX, easing offsetting laggards from information management software, biopharma, and cell phone services.

So far, the portfolio is outperforming all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (including both capweight and equal-weight).

It is *beating* the S&P 500 by +7.8 pps (gross total return) as of 3/31/24.



Latest Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen Portfolio – statistics upon launch

Launch date: 1/19/2024

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Industry	Mkt Cap (\$B)	NTM EPS Growth	Fwd PE	Fwd PEG	Div Yield	EQR	GQR
ALKS	Alkermes plc	Health Care	Biotechnology	4.6	72.9%	12.0	0.16	0.0%	4	10
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	Broadline Retail	1586.3	73.7%	45.8	0.62	0.0%	5	10
APP	AppLovin Corporation	Information Technology	Application Software	14.5	114.0%	11.3	0.10	0.0%	3	6
NE	Noble Corporation plc	Energy	Oil & Gas Drilling	6.2	85.3%	12.8	0.15	3.7%	3	6
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	Movies & Entertainment	212.4	50.7%	32.1	0.63	0.0%	5	9
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	Semiconductors	1410.5	124.2%	29.3	0.24	0.0%	3	10
OTEX	Open Text Corporation	Information Technology	Application Software	10.9	35.3%	8.5	0.24	2.5%	5	6
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	Property & Casualty Insurance	99.4	76.4%	20.5	0.27	0.2%	5	6
PVH	PVH Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	Apparel, Accessories & Luxury Goods	7.0	25.3%	10.0	0.40	0.1%	4	9
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines	32.1	103.0%	14.3	0.14	0.0%	3	7
TMUS	T-Mobile US, Inc.	Communication Services	Wireless Telecommunication Services	190.7	24.2%	18.0	0.74	1.6%	5	10
VC	Visteon Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	Automotive Parts & Equipment	3.3	39.7%	13.8	0.35	0.0%	4	9
WRB	W. R. Berkley Corporation	Financials	Property & Casualty Insurance	19.2	20.9%	13.2	0.63	2.6%	5	10
Notos:			Average:	276.7	65.0%	18.6	0.29	0.8%	4.2	8.3

Notes:

Diverse Large/Mid/Small cap mix of 6/6/1

> 5 Value and 8 Growth stocks

➤ 9 secular growth InfoTech, Biotech, Comm Services, Insurance balanced with 4 cyclical growth Energy, Apparel, Travel, and Auto Parts

EQR has quintile scale of 1-5 (5 is best)
GQR has decile scale of 1-10 (10 is best)

NOTE: The portfolio is off to a great start. As of 3/31/24, it is up **+16.6% (gross) vs. +8.8%** for the S&P 500.



SectorCast Rankings and Top-ranked ETFs

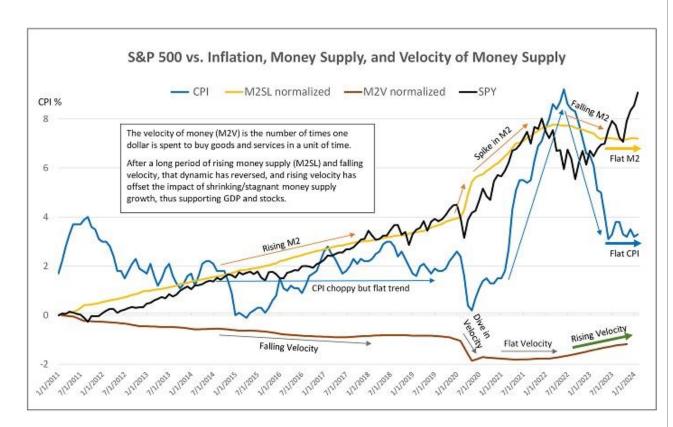
Sabrient SectorCast ETF Rankings								
(as of 4/1/2024)								
Dow Jones U.S. Sector Index	Tracking ETF	Outlook Score						
TECHNOLOGY	IYW	93						
INDUSTRIALS	IYJ	57						
CONSUMER STAPLES	IYK	55						
HEALTHCARE	IYH	41						
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	IYC	39						
FINANCIALS	IYF	39						
UTILITIES	IDU	29						
BASIC MATERIALS	IYM	18						
ENERGY	IYE	18						
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	IYZ	14						

Sector rankings continue to lean bullish, topped by Technology and Industrials and with cyclicals and secular growth sectors generally rated higher than defensive sectors. Notable exceptions are cyclical Materials and Energy in the bottom 3 and defensive Staples in the top 3. Despite a high forward P/E (28.2x), Technology remains on top, with strong EPS growth estimates (17.8%), positive analyst earnings revisions, the highest return ratios, and strong insider sentiment (open market buying).

Top Ranked Nonleveraged Equity ETFs (as of 4/1/2024)					
Fund Name	Tracking ETF	Outlook Score			
Invesco Building & Construction	РКВ	100			
KraneShares CSI China Internet	KWEB	100			
Donoghue Forlines Innovation	DFNV	100			
AdvisorShares Hotel	BEDZ	99			
Invesco Dorsey Wright Technology Momentum	PTF	99			
First Trust Dow Jones International Internet	FDNI	99			
Defiance Hotel, Airline, and Cruise	CRUZ	99			
iShares Factors US Growth Style	STLG	98			
Fidelity Disruptive Communications	FDCF	98			
TrueShares Technology, AI & Deep Learning	LRNZ	98			
Invesco S&P SmallCap 600 Pure Growth	RZG	97			
Alerian MLP	AMLP	97			
iShares Expanded Tech Sector	IGM	97			
Invesco S&P 500 Momentum	SPMO	97			
AdvisorShares Gerber Kawasaki	GK	97			
Invesco Dorsey Wright Consumer Cyclicals Momentum	PEZ	96			
Invesco Next Gen Media and Gaming	GGME	96			
ERShares Entrepreneurs	ENTR	96			
Alger 35	ATFV	96			
SEI Enhanced US Large Cap Momentum	SEIM	96			
Valkyrie Bitcoin Miners	WGMI	95			
iShares Global Tech	IXN	95			
Invesco Large Cap Growth	PWB	95			
American Century US Quality Growth	QGRO	95			



Velocity of Money Supply offsets M2 growth and contraction



This chart compares movements in the S&P 500, inflation, M2 money supply, and the velocity of money supply since 2011. There was a close correlation between rising money supply and rising equity prices (aka asset inflation) until M2 peaked. Since then, the S&P 500 has round-tripped lower and then higher, back to where it was 2 years ago.

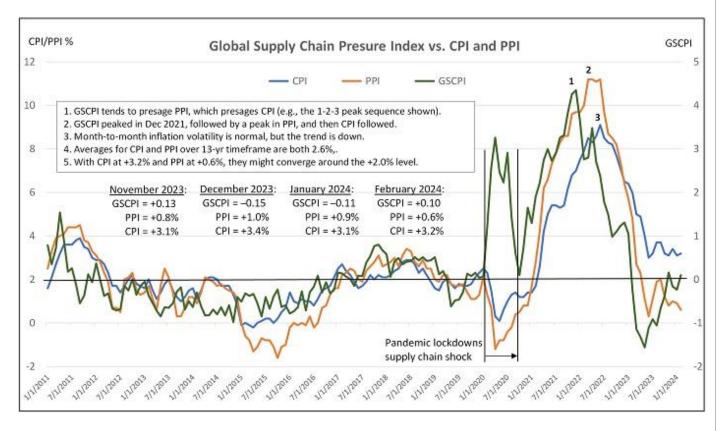
Meanwhile, CPI inflation seemed uncorrelated, oscillating in a trading range (0-4%) even while M2 rose, at least partly because velocity of M2 was falling, which largely offset the impact of M2 growth, even throughout the initial pandemic response when M2 surged and velocity plunged. Much of the new money was simply going into bank reserves and personal savings and investments.

But when velocity stabilized while M2 continued to surge higher, inflation soon followed M2 higher. You can see that stocks peaked right around the same time that money supply peaked, and then inflation peaked shortly thereafter.

As M2 has receded, velocity has increased, offsetting the negative effects of shrinking money supply so that GDP has avoided recession and stocks have recovered while inflation falls back towards its historical range. A return to modest money supply growth may be appropriate for balancing both economic growth and inflation moderation.



As supply chain pressures remain subdued, inflation shrinks



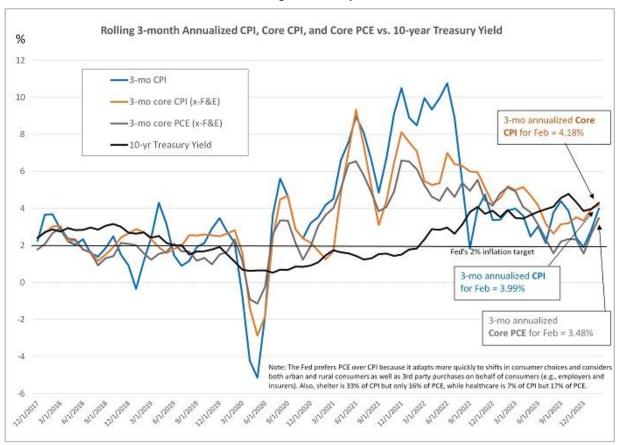
Movement, peaks, and troughs in GSCPI tend to presage PPI, which in turn presages CPI, each with a slight lag. PPI, CPI, and GSCPI all surged when COVID lockdowns were instituted and M2 money supply surged, and all 3 have fallen precipitously once supply chains rapidly recovered while M2 crested and interest rates surged, creating increased supply and less demand.

GSCPI peaked in Dec 2021 (at an all-time high of +4.31), followed by M2, PPI, and CPI a few months later. It then plummeted to a deeply negative May 2023 level of -1.57. Recently, GSCPI, CPI, and PPI have been consolidating, but inflation likely will continue to slide toward the Fed's 2% target as long as GSCPI remains at or below its historical average (zero line), particularly as the demand side remains constrained by stagnant money supply, elevated interest rates, and slowing wage growth.



Current inflation trend based on 3-month annualized averages

Data through February 2024



Because the Fed can do little about energy and food prices, we think it is best to focus on <u>core</u> inflation (excluding food & energy). Also, we compute **3-month rolling annualized** since it better reflects the <u>current</u> trend. Core CPI and PCE have fallen dramatically from their highs while 10-year Treasury yield has risen, lifting *real* yields (great for savers, bad for borrowers—and we are a highly indebted society).

As shown, 3-mo annualized **headline CPI** fell to a post-pandemic-recovery low of +1.90% in July but has shown resurgence, mainly due to shelter costs (33% of CPI but only 17% of PCE). But there is a long lag between the shelter data used in CPI calculation and current prices.

In December, 3-mo annualized **headline CPI** came in at only **+1.79%** and <u>Core CPI +3.33%</u>, while the Fed's preferred metric Core PCE showed a 3-mo annualized average of **+2.16%**.

Since then, inflation readings have ticked up. Although year-over-year Core PCE is only +2.78%, 3-mo annualized Core PCE in February was +3.48%, Core CPI +4.18%, and headline CPI +3.99%, largely reflecting one-time first-of-year resets in services prices like insurance premiums and restaurant menus.

Regardless, all 3-month average annualized readings seem to be back to chopping within the pre-pandemic range of roughly 0-4% (shown).



Market Observations & Outlook

- 1. 3-month annualized inflation is chopping back within its pre-pandemic range and should continue to recede given that supply chain pressures are subdued, money supply growth is stagnant, interest rates remain elevated, and the wage growth rate is falling. Indeed, the Fed recognizes lag effects are manifesting quickly, leading to a softer tone and rate-cut forecasts.
- 2. High valuations on major indexes are primarily driven by a few mega-cap Tech names, e.g., the AI-oriented "Magnificent Seven" (MAG7). Minus those, valuations across the broad market are more reasonable. To illustrate, forward P/E on QQQ is 26.9x and SPY is 21.8x, but equal-weight S&P 500 (RSP) is 17.9x and S&P 600 small caps (SPSM) is just 14.8x, as of 3/31/24.
- 3. Although an anticipated (and needed) market pullback has been elusive, it still seems likely given the unusually strong bull run. Also, continued broadening of market leadership into small caps, value, quality, high dividend, and equal-weight bodes well for market health.
- 4. The passive indexes, although still strong, may be at the point at which investors are better served by active stock selection that seeks to identify under-the-radar and undervalued gems primed for explosive growth. This should be **favorable for Sabrient's portfolios** combining Value, Quality, and Growth factors and exposure to both secular and cyclical growth trends.
 - => I discuss all of this in greater detail in my market commentaries



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- 2. Sabrient High-Quality Value Index (50 stocks)
- 3. Sabrient SMID Quality Plus Momentum Index (40 stocks)
- **4.** Sabrient Quality Growth Plus Income Index (solid growth with high dividend yield of 4-5%, 25 stocks)
- 5. Sabrient Defensive Equity Portfolio (for tumultuous market conditions, 50 stocks)
- 6. Sabrient Earnings Quality Leaders Index (50 stocks)
- 7. Sabrient High-Quality Technology Index (aka Best of InfoTech, for a broadening market, 50 stocks)
- **8. Sabrient High-Quality Healthcare Index** (aka Best of Healthcare, 25 stocks)
- Sabrient High-Quality Energy Index (aka Best of Energy, 25 stocks)
- 10. Sabrient Quality Legacy & Green Energy Index (25 stocks)

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