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Portfolio Update and Market Outlook

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

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Summary Talking Points

1. Sabrient leverages a **process-driven methodology** developed by former engineers and forensic accountants to build quantitative, fundamentals-based, multifactor models and a "*quant*amental" (<u>quant</u>itative screen plus fund<u>amental</u> review & selection) approach (Slides 4-5).

2. The **Baker's Dozen Annual Model Portfolio** launched January 2009 (near bottom of Global Financial Crisis). Over the full 17 years, it shows an **average annual gross total return of +20.3%** vs. +14.7% for SPY, outperforming SPY in 12 of the 17 years (Slide 6).

3. Our suite of portfolios include the quarterly **Baker's Dozen, Dividend, and Small Cap Growth**, and the annual **Forward Looking Value**. Of our most recent portfolios, **29 of 34 (85%)** have outperformed or stayed close to their benchmarks (gross total return) as of 1/5/26 (Slide 8).

4. The latest **Q4 2025 Baker's Dozen** launched on 10/17 with 13 concentrated positions across a diverse group of Large/Mid/Small caps (2/8/3) and a 7/6 split between Growth/Value, reflecting a SMID and Growth bias (Slide 7). The *Baker's Dozen* is designed to offer the <u>potential for outsized gains</u> — for example, Q1 2024 portfolio had gross total return **+45.7%** vs. SPY +8.2% (Slide 9), and Q3 2024 portfolio is **+41.7%** vs. +24.1% for SPY (Slide 11).

5. The latest **Small Cap Growth 49** launched on 12/19. It provides an <u>alpha-seeking alternative</u> to a passive position in the Russell 2000 Index for small-cap exposure in anticipation of improving market breadth.

6. The **latest Dividend 54 launched on 11/6** and offers a **3.55% current yield.** It employs a <u>GARP & Income strategy</u>, offering bond-proxy income while seeking capital appreciation from quality companies with a solid growth history and reliable dividends.

7. The annual **Forward Looking Value 13** launched on 8/15 with a small/mid-cap bias. It is a <u>less-concentrated and more value-oriented</u> version of Baker's Dozen and offers an alpha-seeking alternative to a passive position in the S&P 500 Value Index. It is now in secondary market and closed to new investors.

8. One key alpha factor is our Earnings Quality Rank (EQR), an accounting-based risk assessment signal used in all our portfolio strategies. It is also licensed as a quality prescreen to the **First Trust Long-Short ETF (FTLS)**, an actively managed, low-beta portfolio that has eclipsed $2.15 billion in AUM.

9. Our **Sector Rotation Model Portfolio** is bullish and suggests holding Technology, Basic Materials, and Industrials (Slide 17).

10. Uncertainty persists with trade deals, wars, federal debt, civil strife, midterm elections, Fed policy, and high valuations, but **fundamental tailwinds outweigh headwinds**, in our view, so investors are positioning for a strong 2026 on continued AI optimism, robust capex, rising global liquidity, tax and interest rate cuts, disinflationary trends, deregulation, re-privatization, re-industrialization, and rising productivity/margins/earnings (Slides 18-19).

11. Rather than the pricey passive cap-weighted indexes dominated by Big Tech, **investors may be better served by active stock selection** that seeks under-the-radar and undervalued gems primed for explosive growth. *This is what Sabrient aims to do in our various portfolios*, all of which provide exposure to Value, Quality, Growth, and Size factors and to both secular and cyclical growth trends.

Sabrient Portfolios: leveraging our "quantamental" approach

➢ **Q4 2025 Baker's Dozen** (quarterly, 13 stocks) launched 10/17/2025

⇒ *Our flagship product is a concentrated, all-cap, alpha-seeking portfolio that balances value/cyclical growth with high-quality secular growers*

⇒ *The new* **Q1 2026 Baker's Dozen** *will launch on 1/20/2026*

➢ **Small Cap Growth 49** (quarterly, 47 stocks) launched 12/19/2025

⇒ *Alpha-seeking alternative to the passive Russell 2000 for small cap exposure*

⇒ *May benefit from rate cuts, improving market breadth, and rotation to small-mid cap*

➢ **Dividend 54** (quarterly, 44 stocks) launched 11/6/2025

⇒ *High-quality GARP + Income portfolio; bond-proxy income with capital appreciation*

⇒ *Current Yield of* **3.55%** *on NAV as of 1/5/2026*

➢ **Forward Looking Value 13** (annual, 28 stocks) launched 8/15/2025

⇒ *Less-concentrated and more value-oriented version of the Baker's Dozen*

⇒ *May benefit from improving market breadth and mean reversion of Value vs. Growth*

Company Overview

➢ **Sabrient Systems LLC:**

- Independent equity research provider and registered investment advisor (RIA) founded in 2000

- Quantitative fundamentals-based multifactor models created by:

  ✓ team of engineers and analysts led by founder David Brown, a former **NASA** engineer on the Apollo 11 moon landing project, and CEO Scott Martindale, a former **Chevron** engineer

  ✓ team of forensic accounting specialists from Gradient Analytics, a wholly owned Sabrient subsidiary

- Process-driven, bottom-up methodology leveraging a scientific hypothesis-testing approach to model development

- 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**

- 8 core proprietary multi-factor models, including the **Earnings Quality Rank (EQR)**, an accounting-based risk signal designed by subsidiary Gradient Analytics and used internally for Sabrient portfolios. It is also licensed to hedge funds and to the **First Trust Long-Short ETF (FTLS)**.

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Our "Quantamental" Approach

1. <u>Quant</u>itative screen to narrow large eligible universe (50-100 names)

Forward P/E, forward EPS growth, recent dynamics of analyst consensus estimates,
earnings quality (based on expertise of subsidiary Gradient Analytics),
consistency & reliability of earnings growth

2. <u>Fundamental</u> analysis to identify top candidates (approx. 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.

Note: This applies to Baker's Dozen selection, but we employ a similar approach for all portfolios (adjusted for appropriate universe or investment mandate).

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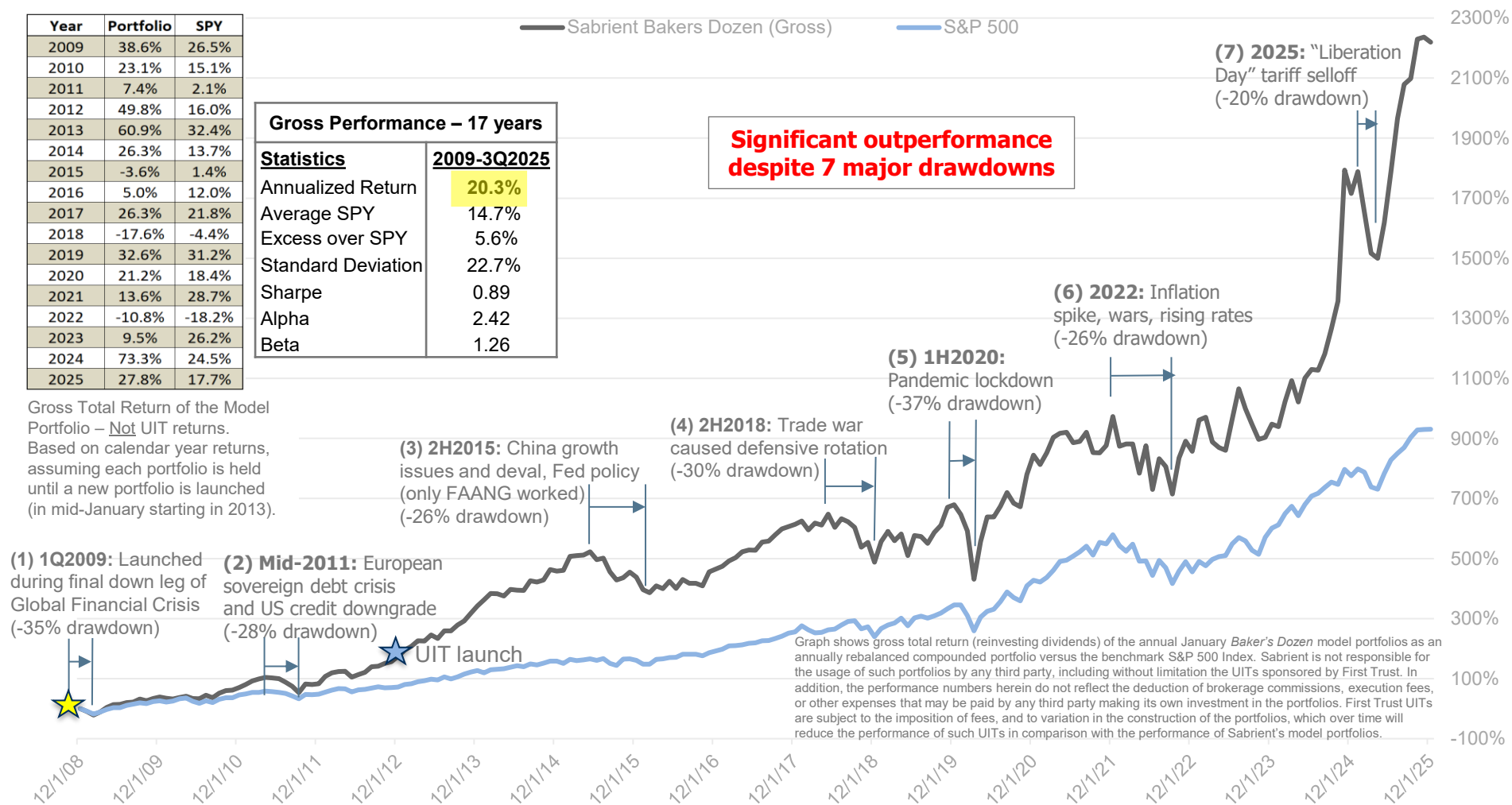# Baker's Dozen: Performance of Annual Model Portfolio (rebalanced each January)

(17 years: 1/1/2009 inception thru 12/31/2025, end-of-month data points, updated quarterly)

Year	Portfolio	SPY
2009	38.6%	26.5%
2010	23.1%	15.1%
2011	7.4%	2.1%
2012	49.8%	16.0%
2013	60.9%	32.4%
2014	26.3%	13.7%
2015	-3.6%	1.4%
2016	5.0%	12.0%
2017	26.3%	21.8%
2018	-17.6%	-4.4%
2019	32.6%	31.2%
2020	21.2%	18.4%
2021	13.6%	28.7%
2022	-10.8%	-18.2%
2023	9.5%	26.2%
2024	73.3%	24.5%
2025	27.8%	17.7%

Gross Performance – 17 years

Statistics	2009-3Q2025
Annualized Return	20.3%
Average SPY	14.7%
Excess over SPY	5.6%
Standard Deviation	22.7%
Sharpe	0.89
Alpha	2.42
Beta	1.26

Gross Total Return of the Model Portfolio – Not UIT returns. Based on calendar year returns, assuming each portfolio is held until a new portfolio is launched (in mid-January starting in 2013).

Significant outperformance despite 7 major drawdowns

(7) 2025: "Liberation Day" tariff selloff (-20% drawdown)

(6) 2022: Inflation spike, wars, rising rates (-26% drawdown)

(5) 1H2020: Pandemic lockdown (-37% drawdown)

(4) 2H2018: Trade war caused defensive rotation (-30% drawdown)

(3) 2H2015: China growth issues and deval, Fed policy (only FAANG worked) (-26% drawdown)

(2) Mid-2011: European sovereign debt crisis and US credit downgrade (-28% drawdown)

(1) 1Q2009: Launched during final down leg of Global Financial Crisis (-35% drawdown)

UIT launch

— Sabrient Bakers Dozen (Gross)   — S&P 500

Graph shows gross total return (reinvesting dividends) of the annual January *Baker's Dozen* model portfolios as an annually rebalanced compounded portfolio versus the benchmark S&P 500 Index. Sabrient is not responsible for the usage of such portfolios by any third party, including without limitation the UITs sponsored by First Trust. In addition, the performance numbers herein do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions, execution fees, or other expenses that may be paid by any third party making its own investment in the portfolios. First Trust UITs are subject to the imposition of fees, and to variation in the construction of the portfolios, which over time will reduce the performance of such UITs in comparison with the performance of Sabrient's model portfolios.

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Q4 2025 Baker's Dozen Portfolio – statistics upon launch

Launch date: 10/17/25

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Industry	Mkt Cap ($B)	NTM EPS Growth	Fwd PE	Fwd PEG	Div Yield	EQR	GQR
ARLO	Arlo Technologies	Information Technology	Electronic Equipment & Instruments	1.8	25.7%	26.5	1.03	0.0%	5	9
AVGO	Broadcom	Information Technology	Semiconductors	1,672.4	33.1%	42.3	1.28	0.7%	5	8
CMC	Commercial Metals	Materials	Steel	6.2	70.8%	10.3	0.15	1.2%	3	8
FLS	Flowserve	Industrials	Industrial Machinery and Supplies	6.6	24.7%	14.2	0.57	1.7%	5	8
FNF	Fidelity National Financial	Financials	Property and Casualty Insurance	15.0	29.0%	9.3	0.32	3.6%	5	7
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics	Health Care	Biotechnology	7.8	34.2%	9.6	0.28	0.0%	4	9
MPC	Marathon Petroleum	Energy	Oil & Gas Refining and Marketing	55.1	90.3%	15.0	0.17	2.0%	4	5
PINS	Pinterest	Communication Services	Interactive Media and Services	22.2	25.5%	17.1	0.67	0.0%	4	9
RNG	RingCentral	Information Technology	Application Software	2.4	12.4%	6.0	0.48	0.0%	4	10
TKO	TKO Group Holdings	Communication Services	Movies and Entertainment	15.4	55.9%	31.8	0.57	0.8%	5	8
TREX	Trex Company	Industrials	Building Products	5.5	34.2%	21.2	0.62	0.0%	5	8
USFD	US Foods Holding	Consumer Staples	Food Distributors	16.9	18.4%	17.8	0.97	0.0%	4	9
WAY	Waystar Holding	Health Care	Health Care Technology	7.0	33.3%	24.9	0.75	0.0%	4	10
Average:				141.1	37.5%	18.9	0.50	0.8%	4.4	8.3

Notes:

➤ Diverse, SMID-biased, Large/Mid/Small cap mix of 2/8/3

➤ Growth bias with 7 Growth and 6 Value stocks

➤ A balance of *secular* growth, *non-cyclicals,* and *cyclical* stocks

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

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Performance of live and recently terminated portfolios – as of 1/5/2026

Baker's Dozen - Gross return thru: 1/5/2026

Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return (FTP website)	SPY Return	Active Return
Q4 2023 BD	10/20/23	1/21/25	46.2%	45.6%	0.6%
Q1 2024 BD	1/19/24	4/21/25	45.7%	8.2%	37.5%
Q2 2024 BD	4/19/24	7/21/25	18.9%	29.0%	-10.1%
Q3 2024 BD	7/19/24	10/20/25	41.7%	24.1%	17.6%
Q4 2024 BD	10/18/24		26.4%	19.4%	7.0%
Q1 2025 BD	1/17/25		30.7%	16.4%	14.2%
Q2 2025 BD	4/17/25		25.0%	31.8%	-6.8%
Q3 2025 BD	7/18/25		10.6%	10.2%	0.4%
Q4 2025 BD	10/17/25		0.1%	3.8%	-3.7%

The tables show <u>gross</u> total returns (without transactional sales charge, as displayed on the <u>ftportfolios.com</u> website) vs. a relevant benchmark for all the live portfolios plus some that recently terminated.

S&P 500 Value (SPYV) is the benchmark for Forward Looking Value, S&P 500 High Dividend (SPYD) is the benchmark for Dividend portfolios, and S&P 600 Small Cap Growth (SLYG) is the benchmark for Small Cap Growth.

The vast majority (72%) of portfolios created since enhancements were implemented in December 2019 have either outperformed or stayed close to their benchmarks. Moreover, **29 of the 34 most recent portfolios (85%)** shown on this slide across the 4 themes are outperforming or staying close to their benchmark.

To illustrate the outperformance potential, the **Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen** finished up **+45.7%** vs. +8.2% for SPY, and the last-to-terminate **Q3 2024** portfolio was up **+41.7%** vs. +24.1% for SPY. In addition, last year's **2024 Forward Looking Value 12** terminated up **+19.9%** vs. +12.7% for SPYV.

Forward Looking Value - Gross return thru: 1/5/2026

Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return	SPYV Return	Active
FLV 10	7/15/22	10/24/23	24.0%	12.4%	11.6%
FLV 11	7/24/23	11/4/24	20.8%	20.3%	0.6%
FLV 12	7/31/24	11/10/25	19.9%	12.7%	7.2%
FLV 13	8/15/25		10.7%	7.5%	3.2%

Sabrient Dividend - Gross return thru: 1/5/2026

Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return	SPYD Return	Active
Div 44	6/5/23	6/5/25	35.4%	27.9%	7.4%
Div 45	9/1/23	9/2/25	30.6%	30.7%	-0.1%
Div 46	11/29/23	12/1/25	30.6%	31.4%	-0.8%
Div 47	2/26/24		28.2%	24.8%	3.4%
Div 48	5/23/24		28.5%	17.8%	10.7%
Div 49	8/19/24		12.4%	6.6%	5.8%
Div 50	11/15/24		3.6%	1.5%	2.1%
Div 51	2/11/25		7.8%	3.9%	3.9%
Div 52	5/10/25		16.5%	7.3%	9.2%
Div 53	8/8/25		9.4%	3.8%	5.6%
Div 54	11/6/25		5.0%	4.8%	0.2%

Small Cap Growth - Gross return thru: 1/5/2026

Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return	SLYG Return	Active
SCG 40	11/3/23	2/3/25	29.8%	29.2%	0.6%
SCG 41	2/1/24	5/1/25	3.3%	0.3%	3.0%
SCG 42	5/1/24	8/1/25	7.5%	6.7%	0.8%
SCG 43	7/29/24	10/29/25	-3.9%	2.3%	-6.2%
SCG 44	10/25/24		5.1%	7.5%	-2.4%
SCG 45	1/22/25		7.3%	3.3%	4.0%
SCG 46	4/22/25		44.2%	24.3%	19.8%
SCG 47	7/16/25		12.6%	7.4%	5.2%
SCG 48	10/3/25		4.9%	1.6%	3.3%
SCG 49	12/19/25		NEW!		

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Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated

Launch date (1/19/24) through termination (4/21/25)

Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
APP	AppLovin Corporation	Information Technology	454.5%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	104.6%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	63.0%
TMUS	T-Mobile US, Inc.	Communication Services	56.3%
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	54.5%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	50.4%
WRB	W. R. Berkley Corporation	Financials	37.6%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	7.7%
ALKS	Alkermes plc	Health Care	-3.2%
OTEX	Open Text Corporation	Information Technology	-36.9%
VC	Visteon Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	-38.5%
PVH	PVH Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	-42.4%
NE	Noble Corporation plc	Energy	-51.5%
		Average =	**45.7%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		8.2%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		4.4%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		-0.5%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		-3.7%

This high-performance portfolio was led by 6 big winners—most notably AI-driven marketing software firm AppLovin, plus several recognizable names: entertainment powerhouse Netflix, mega-cap market darling NVIDIA (dominant in AI chips), cellular network carrier T-Mobile, and major cruise line Royal Carib.

They offset 4 laggards from oil & gas, retail apparel manufacturing, auto parts, and information management software

The portfolio greatly outperformed all relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks including both cap-weight and equal-weight by a wide margin (gross total return).

This portfolio illustrates the power of having a few big winners within a concentrated portfolio—even in a weak or stagnant market.

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Q2 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated

Launch date (4/19/24) through termination (7/21/25)

Q2 2024 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	125.0%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	122.2%
USFD	US Foods Holding Corp.	Consumer Staples	66.7%
PPC	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Consumer Staples	44.3%
SQSP	SquareSpace, Inc.	Information Technology	35.0%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	31.3%
WRB	W. R. Berkley Corporation	Financials	27.5%
GM	General Motors Company	Consumer Discretionary	27.2%
HMN	Horace Mann Educators Corporation	Financials	17.8%
NE	Noble Corporation plc	Energy	-37.4%
RPD	Rapid7, Inc.	Information Technology	-48.8%
JAMF	Jamf Holding Corp.	Information Technology	-56.2%
CE	Celanese Corporation	Materials	-61.8%
		Average =	**18.9%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		29.0%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		17.2%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		12.9%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		16.3%

This portfolio was led by several solid winners which only partially offset a few big losers. Top performers were powerhouse mega-caps Netflix and NVIDIA, plus two packaged foods firms, and a software infrastructure firm (that was acquired).

Laggards were 4 companies from specialty chemicals, oil & gas, and cloud cybersecurity infrastructure.

The portfolio underperformed the S&P 500 but outperformed the equal-weight S&P 500 and other relevant mid and small cap indexes (gross total return).

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Q3 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated

Launch date (7/19/24) through termination (10/20/25)

Q3 2024 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
CRS	Carpenter Technology Corporation	Industrials	102.6%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	95.6%
MU	Micron Technology, Inc.	Information Technology	81.0%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	80.0%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	54.9%
USFD	US Foods Holding Corp.	Consumer Staples	46.0%
FTI	TechnipFMC plc	Energy	29.7%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	23.0%
GM	General Motors Company	Consumer Discretionary	20.1%
XYZ	Block, Inc.	Financials	12.3%
ALL	The Allstate Corporation	Financials	11.1%
PPC	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Consumer Staples	-4.8%
LNW	Light & Wonder, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-27.4%
		Average =	**41.7%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		24.1%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		15.1%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		9.9%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		16.1%

This portfolio was led by a diverse mix of mid-cap specialty metals company, mega-caps Netflix, a major cruise line, a semiconductor maker, NVIDIA, and a packaged foods company.

The only laggards are a video gaming firm and another packaged foods company.

This portfolio greatly outperformed all relevant large, mid, and small cap benchmarks by a wide margin, including both cap-weight and equal-weight (gross total return).

This portfolio also illustrates the power of having a few big winners within a concentrated portfolio.

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Q4 2024 *Baker's Dozen* Model Portfolio

Launch date (10/18/24) through current (1/5/26)

Q4 2024 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
STX	Seagate Technology Holdings plc	Information Technology	158.5%
FTI	TechnipFMC plc	Energy	88.6%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	60.5%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	40.1%
MGNI	Magnite, Inc.	Communication Services	36.8%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	35.3%
HMN	Horace Mann Educators Corporation	Financials	23.2%
CPRX	Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Health Care	7.3%
ALL	The Allstate Corporation	Financials	5.2%
TSN	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Consumer Staples	-4.8%
XYZ	Block, Inc.	Financials	-8.3%
SWK	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	Industrials	-27.4%
CE	Celanese Corporation	Materials	-68.7%
		Average =	**26.4%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		19.4%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		9.3%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		7.7%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		13.6%

This portfolio has been led by a diverse stock mix, including a prominent digital storage hardware firm, an oil & gas services firm, the world's largest semiconductor foundry, a major cruise line, and a small-cap digital advertising platform.

Laggards include a specialty materials company focused on engineered polymers, a power tools maker, a biopharma, a fintech digital payments firm, and a packaged foods/meats company.

The portfolio is outperforming all relevant large, mid, and small cap indexes by a wide margin, including both cap-weight and equal-weight (gross total return).

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Q1 2025 *Baker's Dozen* Model Portfolio

Launch date (1/17/25) through current (1/5/26)

Q1 2025 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
RKT	Rocket Companies (acquired Mr Cooper)	Financials	133.5%
FIX	Comfort Systems USA, Inc.	Industrials	104.9%
AMD	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	Information Technology	82.0%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	52.4%
FTI	TechnipFMC plc	Energy	48.3%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	29.9%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	15.9%
MRK	Merck & Co., Inc.	Health Care	9.7%
DAL	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Industrials	9.1%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.2%
DBX	Dropbox, Inc.	Information Technology	-11.9%
PINS	Pinterest, Inc.	Communication Services	-13.2%
XYZ	Block, Inc.	Financials	-21.3%
		Average =	**30.7%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		16.4%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		10.0%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		6.0%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		13.4%

This portfolio so far has been led by a mortgage servicing firm, an engineering & construction (infrastructure) firm, two large semiconductor makers, an oil & gas services firm, and a biotech.

The few laggards include a fintech digital payments firm, an interactive lifestyle platform, a file transfer & collaboration software firm, and mega-cap Amazon.com ecommerce firm.

The portfolio is greatly outperforming all relevant large, mid, and small cap indexes by a wide margin, including both cap-weight and equal-weight (gross total return).

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Q2 2025 *Baker's Dozen* Model Portfolio

Launch date (4/17/25) through current (1/5/26)

Q2 2025 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
STRL	Sterling Infrastructure, Inc.	Industrials	133.2%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	112.4%
AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	Information Technology	100.8%
HRMY	Harmony Biosciences Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	29.1%
RNG	RingCentral, Inc.	Information Technology	22.3%
GILD	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	Health Care	13.2%
SPOT	Spotify Technology S.A.	Communication Services	3.3%
EAT	Brinker International, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-2.6%
CHWY	Chewy, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-8.8%
QNST	QuinStreet, Inc.	Communication Services	-9.3%
FNF	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	Financials	-9.9%
LNG	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	Energy	-14.1%
ADMA	ADMA Biologics, Inc.	Health Care	-15.4%
		Average =	**25.0%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		31.8%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		21.2%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		24.6%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		36.7%

This portfolio has been led by an engineering & construction (infrastructure) firm, two semiconductor firms, an application software communications firm, and a biotech.

Laggards include a biotech, an LNG transport company, and a title/escrow firm.

So far, the portfolio is slightly trailing the S&P 500 and Russell 2000 but is in-line with or outperforming other relevant cap-weight and equal-weight benchmarks (gross total return) during a notably low-quality, risk-on (post-"Liberation Day" selloff) market rally.

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Q3 2025 *Baker's Dozen* Model Portfolio

Launch date (7/18/25) through current (1/5/26)

Q3 2025 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
EXPE	Expedia Group, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	55.4%
ALNT	Allient Inc.	Industrials	46.5%
CMC	Commercial Metals Company	Materials	38.0%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	34.0%
STRL	Sterling Infrastructure, Inc.	Industrials	30.3%
AIZ	Assurant, Inc.	Financials	27.8%
VLO	Valero Energy Corporation	Energy	23.6%
BBT	Beacon Financial Corp	Financials	1.6%
YEXT	Yext, Inc.	Information Technology	-2.2%
SPOT	Spotify Technology S.A.	Communication Services	-14.7%
ARLO	Arlo Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology	-15.4%
PINS	Pinterest, Inc.	Communication Services	-28.6%
KD	Kyndryl Holdings, Inc.	Information Technology	-33.4%
		Average =	**10.6%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		10.2%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		6.6%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		7.6%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		14.4%

This portfolio so far has been led by an online travel reservations firm, a precision electronics maker, a steel products maker, the world's largest semiconductor foundry, and an engineering & construction (infrastructure) firm.

Laggards include a cloud and IT services firm, an interactive lifestyle platform, qn electronics equipment maker, and a music streaming service.

So far, this young portfolio is performing in line with most relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (gross total return).

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Q4 2025 *Baker's Dozen* Model Portfolio

Launch date (10/17/25) through current (1/5/26)

Q4 2025 Baker's Dozen Portfolio

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return
FLS	Flowserve Corporation	Industrials	43.5%
CMC	Commercial Metals Company	Materials	26.7%
TKO	TKO Group Holdings, Inc.	Communication Services	7.6%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	6.2%
RNG	RingCentral, Inc.	Information Technology	4.2%
FNF	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	Financials	0.8%
USFD	US Foods Holding Corp.	Consumer Staples	-0.1%
AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	Information Technology	-1.7%
MPC	Marathon Petroleum Corporation	Energy	-5.2%
WAY	Waystar Holding Corp.	Health Care	-14.1%
PINS	Pinterest, Inc.	Communication Services	-18.2%
ARLO	Arlo Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology	-21.2%
TREX	Trex Company, Inc.	Industrials	-28.6%
		Average =	**0.1%**
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		3.8%
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		3.9%
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		5.6%
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		4.2%

This new portfolio so far has been led by a construction & energy equipment firm, a steel products maker, an entertainment company, and a biotech.

Laggards include a composite decking & railing maker, an electronics equipment maker, an interactive lifestyle platform, and a healthcare technology company.

So far, this new portfolio is trailing its relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (gross total return).

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SectorCast Rankings and Sector Rotation Model

Sabrient SectorCast Sector Rotation Strategy - As of 1/2/2026 Suggested Top 3 Sector ETFs for Bullish, Neutral, or Defensive Outlooks Bullish/Neutral/Defensive bias based on SPY vs. 50/200 day moving averages; 30-90-day forward look							
Sector	ETF	Outlook Score	Bull Score	Bear Score	Net Score: Neutral Bias	Net Score: Bullish Bias	Net Score: Defensive Bias
TECHNOLOGY	IYW	96	54	42	96	90	58
HEALTHCARE	IYH	58	48	66	58	57	90
BASIC MATERIALS	IYM	52	55	54	52	78	63
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	IYZ	44	48	54	44	52	60
FINANCIALS	IYF	43	51	58	43	62	68
INDUSTRIALS	IYJ	39	52	52	39	64	54
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	IYC	27	51	52	27	57	49
UTILITIES	IDU	23	42	65	23	25	73
CONSUMER STAPLES	IYK	15	41	72	15	19	84
ENERGY	IYE	12	43	67	12	24	72

Sabrient's *Outlook Score* employs a forward-looking fundamentals-based scoring algorithm to create a composite profile of the constituent stocks. *Bull Score* and *Bear Score* are based on price behavior of the underlying stocks on particularly strong and weak days over the prior 40 market days. High Bull indicates a tendency for relative strength in a strong market, and high Bear indicates a tendency for relative strength in a weak market (i.e., safe havens). High for all scores is 100, and higher is better.

Sabrient's SectorCast rankings reflect a **neutral bias**, as cyclicals, secular growth sectors, and defensive sectors are interspersed across the rankings. Only 3 sectors score above 50 on Outlook score. Technology remains firmly at the top despite its high valuation.

Stock prices and valuations pulled back in Q4 on defensive investor sentiment from the many macro uncertainties and growing concerns of an AI bubble and Fed rate-cut reluctance. But the pullback was bought on renewed optimism about rate cuts and a year-end rally, as well as solid and earnings growth forecasts, stable inflation expectations, falling interest rates, and fiscal stimulus (tax cuts and deregulation)—although jobs growth has been stagnant and the government shutdown standoff will reappear in January. Look for more volatility (and potential downside) in Q1.

Technology still displays the highest forward P/E (28.5x) but remains atop the rankings due to strong and rising EPS growth estimates (21.9%), a reasonable forward PEG ratio (1.30), by far the best sell-side analyst earnings revisions, the highest profit margins and return ratios, and the strongest insider buying. Telecom has the lowest forward P/E (15.0x), while Basic Materials enjoys the lowest forward PEG (0.80).

Our **Sector Rotation Model Portfolio** briefly fell to a neutral bias when the SPY lost support at its 50-day moving average in November. But it bounced from support at the 100-day and quickly regained its 50-day. It reflects a **bullish bias** based on being above both its 50-day and 200-day moving averages. So, the model suggests holding **Technology (IYW), Basic Materials (IYM), and Industrials (IYJ)**—followed closely by Financials (IYF).

# Market Observations & Outlook - 1/2

1. Stocks got the expected Q4 pullback but still finished 2025 strong, just missing a 3rd straight 20%+ total return for the S&P 500 (up +17.7%, although Nasdaq 100 was +20.8%). Valuations remain high but are more reasonable minus Big Tech concentrations. To illustrate, the forward P/E on cap-weighted Nasdaq 100 (QQQ)=26.3x and S&P 500 (SPY)=23.0x, but equal-weight Nasdaq 100 (QQQE)=21.8x and S&P 500 (RSP)=17.6x, while S&P 600 small-cap (SPSM)=15.4x, as of 1/5/2026.

2. Uncertainty persists with trade deals, Ukraine/Russia war, Venezuela, rising federal debt, civil strife, political polarization, midterm elections, Fed policy, high valuations, a weak jobs market, signs of consumer distress, and a government shutdown redux on the horizon, which temper the near-term outlook. However, stock and bond market volatility is subdued, and credit spreads remain tight. Forecasts for growth and corporate margins & earnings are strong as the private sector retakes its rightful place as the primary engine of growth, with much more efficient capital allocation and ROI than government bureaucrats' decisions. Disinflationary trends have resumed, including rising productivity, falling shelter and energy costs, a firmer dollar, and the deflationary impulse on the world from a struggling China.

3. We believe fundamental tailwinds outweigh headwinds, and indeed investors seem to be positioning for a strong 2026 on continued AI optimism, robust capex, looser Fed monetary policy, rising global liquidity, full enactment of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), tax and interest rate cuts, smaller government, deregulation, re-privatization, re-industrialization, and a potential "peace dividend." This should continue to attract foreign capital into the US, cut the deficit-to- ratio, and unleash organic private sector growth, with stock valuations driven by rising earnings rather than multiple expansion.

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4. The Fed remains behind the curve. A terminal fed funds rate near 3.0% seems right and fed funds futures suggest 75% odds we get there by the end of 2026. Bond yields have normalized with 10-year Treasury below 4.20%. The economy needs lower interest rates (including a 30-year mortgage rate well below 6%) in tandem with business-friendly fiscal policy to: a) sustain rising global liquidity, b) relieve indebted consumers and businesses, c) support US and global economies, and d) avert a global credit crisis.

5. At the core of an equity portfolio still should be US Big Tech stocks, given their entrepreneurial culture, disruptive innovation, wide moats, global scalability, huge cash stores, resilient and durable earnings growth, and world-leading margins, ROI, and free cash flow. But a broadening market, falling interest rates, and rising liquidity suggest opportunities in small/mid caps, value, quality, cyclicals, equal-weight indexes, and sectors like industrials, financials, materials, and healthcare, plus dividend stocks, commodities, and bitcoin.

6. Rather than the passive cap-weighted indexes, investors may be better served by active stock selection that seeks to identify under-the-radar, undervalued, high-quality gems primed for explosive growth. **This is what Sabrient seeks to do in our various portfolios**, all of which provide exposure to Value, Quality, Growth, and Size factors and to both secular and cyclical growth trends.

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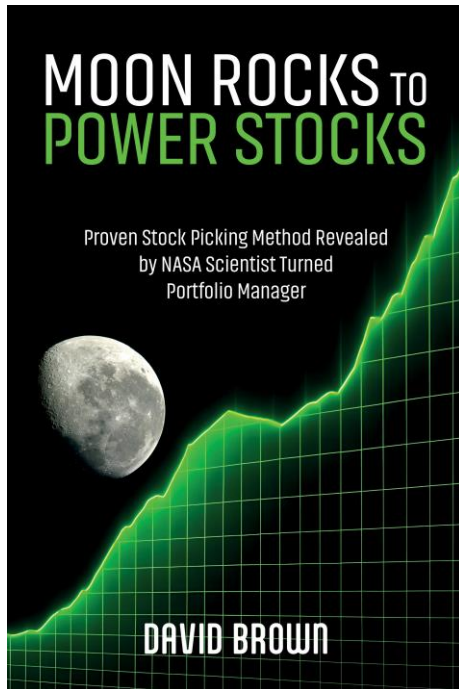
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