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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
- 2. Overview of the latest Q2 2025 Baker's Dozen
- 3. Company overview and our portfolio selection process
- 4. Performance update
- 5. Market observations & outlook

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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 "quantamental" (quantitative screen plus fundamental review & selection) approach.
- 2. The vast majority (67%) of Sabrient portfolios created **since major process enhancements** were implemented in December 2019 have outperformed or stayed close to their benchmarks (gross total return), despite narrow market breadth dominated by the Big Tech megacaps that have made the cap-weighted S&P 500 (SPY) hard to beat. Notably, 81% of Small Cap Growth portfolios have outperformed. Our portfolios include: **Baker's Dozen**, **Dividend**, **Small Cap Growth**, **and Forward Looking Value**.
- 3. The new **Q2 2025** *Baker's Dozen* launched on 4/17 with 13 concentrated positions across a diverse group of large/mid/small caps (5/4/4) and with an 11/2 split between growth/value, reflecting a strong growth bias (due to lowered valuations). The *Baker's Dozen* is designed to provide the <u>potential for outsized gains</u>—for example, the Q1 2024 portfolio terminated on 4/21 with a **+45.7%** gross return (see slide 10).
- 4. The new **Small Cap Growth 46** launched on 4/22. It provides an <u>alpha-seeking alternative</u> to a passive position in the Russell 2000 for small-cap exposure in expectation of greater market breadth.
- 5. The new **Dividend 52** launched on 5/12 and offers a current yield of **3.36%** (as of 6/9). It employs a <u>GARP & Income strategy</u> that seeks capital appreciation from quality companies with a solid growth history and reliable dividends.
- 6. The annual **Forward Looking Value 12** launched on 7/31/24. It is a <u>less-concentrated and more value-oriented</u> version of *Baker's Dozen*.
- 7. 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 prescreen to the **First Trust Long-Short ETF (FTLS)**, an active low-volatility portfolio that now exceeds \$2B in AUM.
- 8. Uncertainty lingers around trade deals, rising debt, and the "One Big Beautiful Bill." But expected market volatility has not materialized, so we likely have seen the lows in stocks as investors position for tax and rate cuts, deregulation, solid earnings, and rising liquidity.
- 9. Rather than the passive cap-weighted indexes dominated by Big Tech, **investors may be better served by active stock selection** that seeks to identify under-the-radar and undervalued gems primed for explosive growth. <u>This is what Sabrient seeks to do in our various</u> portfolios, all of which provide exposure to Value, Quality, Growth, and Size factors and to both secular and cyclical growth trends.



## **Company Overview**

#### Sabrient Systems LLC:

- Independent equity research provider and SEC-registered 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).



## 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 (based on expertise of subsidiary Gradient Analytics), consistency & reliability of earnings growth

2. Fundamental 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.



## Sabrient Portfolios: leveraging the "quantamental" approach

- > Q2 2025 Baker's Dozen (quarterly, 13 stocks) launched 4/17/25
  - ⇒ Our flagship product is a concentrated, all-cap, alpha-seeking portfolio that balances value/cyclical growth with high-quality secular growers.
- > Small Cap Growth 46 (quarterly, 47 stocks) launched 4/22/25
  - ⇒ Alpha-seeking alternative to the passive Russell 2000 for small cap exposure.
  - ⇒ Poised to benefit from improving market breadth and rotation to small-mid cap
- > Dividend 52 (quarterly, 44 stocks) launched 5/12/25
  - ⇒ High-quality GARP + Income portfolio; Current Yield of 3.47% on NAV
- Forward Looking Value 12 (annual, 33 stocks) launched 7/31/24
  - ⇒ Less-concentrated and more value-oriented version of the Baker's Dozen.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The new FLV 13 will launch on 8/15/25



## New Q2 2025 Baker's Dozen Portfolio - statistics upon launch

Launch date: 4/17/25

Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Industry	Mkt Cap (\$B)	NTM EPS Growth	Fwd PE	Fwd PEG	Div Yield	EQR	GQR
ADMA	ADMA Biologics	Health Care	Biotechnology	5.0	45.2%	29.5	0.65	0.0%	5	10
AVGO	Broadcom	Information Technology	Semiconductors	821.0	29.2%	25.2	0.86	1.3%	4	7
CHWY	Chewy	Consumer Discretionary	Other Specialty Retail	14.4	19.1%	28.3	1.48	0.0%	5	10
EAT	Brinker International	Consumer Discretionary	Restaurants	6.7	35.3%	16.8	0.48	0.0%	3	10
FNF	Fidelity National Financial	Financials	Property and Casualty Insurance	16.9	28.4%	10.3	0.36	3.2%	4	8
GILD	Gilead Sciences	Health Care	Biotechnology	130.7	71.7%	13.3	0.18	3.0%	4	9
HRMY	Harmony Biosciences	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	1.6	23.7%	5.6	0.24	0.0%	5	7
LNG	Cheniere Energy	Energy	Oil & Gas Storage and Transport	50.9	30.2%	18.3	0.61	0.9%	5	5
QNST	QuinStreet	Communication Services	Interactive Media and Services	0.9	72.7%	15.4	0.21	0.0%	5	8
RNG	RingCentral	Information Technology	Application Software	2.0	13.5%	5.4	0.40	0.0%	5	10
SPOT	Spotify Technology	Communication Services	Movies and Entertainment	115.3	98.8%	47.9	0.48	0.0%	5	9
STRL	Sterling Infrastructure	Industrials	Construction and Engineering	4.3	31.6%	17.5	0.55	0.0%	4	9
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor	Information Technology	Semiconductors	683.3	29.5%	16.6	0.56	0.0%	4	10

Notes: 142.5 40.7% 19.2 0.47 0.6% 4.5 8.6

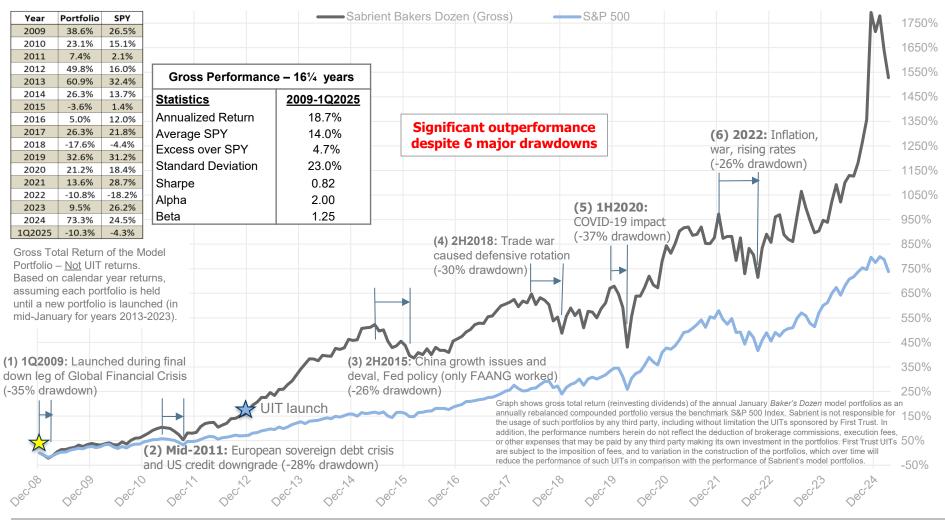
- Diverse Large/Mid/Small cap mix of 5/4/4
- > Strong growth bias with 11 Growth and 2 Value stocks
- ▶ 6 secular growth and noncyclicals from Semiconductors, Biotech, Pharma, Software ... balanced with 7 cyclical growth from Retail, Restaurants, Oil & Gas, Construction, Title Insurance, Media, Entertainment

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



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

(16 years: 1/1/2009 inception thru 3/31/2025, end-of-month data points, updated quarterly)





## Performance of live and recently terminated portfolios – as of 6/6/2025

Baker's Dozen - Gross return thru	: 6	/6	/2025
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			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%
Q4 2022 BD	10/20/22	1/22/24	-5.3%	34.9%	-40.2%
Q1 2023 BD	1/20/23	4/22/24	1.0%	28.5%	-27.6%
Q2 2023 BD	4/20/23	7/22/24	35.2%	37.1%	-1.8%
Q3 2023 BD	7/20/23	10/21/24	24.0%	31.3%	-7.3%
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		16.2%	22.5%	-6.3%
Q3 2024 BD	7/19/24		29.0%	10.2%	18.8%
Q4 2024 BD	10/18/24		3.6%	3.1%	0.5%
Q1 2025 BD	1/17/25		-4.5%	0.6%	-5.1%
Q2 2025 BD	4/17/25		17.2%	13.8%	3.4%

#### Forward Looking Value - Gross return thru: 6/6/2025

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		-0.3%	2.3%	-2.5%

The tables show <u>gross</u> total returns (without transactional sales charge, as displayed on the <u>ftportfolios.com</u> website) vs. the most relevant benchmark for all the <u>live portfolios</u> plus those that recently terminated. SPDR S&P 500 Value (SPYV) is the benchmark for Forward Looking Value, and iShares Select Dividend (DVY) is the new benchmark for Dividend portfolios (since it typically holds less than 15% international stocks trading on US exchanges).

The vast majority (67%) of portfolios created since enhancements were implemented in December 2019 have either outperformed or stayed close to their benchmarks. Last to terminate was the Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen, which finished **up +45.7%** since 1/19/24 inception compared to S&P 500's +8.2% as of 4/21/25 termination date, illustrating the outperformance potential. Notably 81% of Small Cap Growth portfolios have outperformed the Russell 2000 Small Cap Index.

Worst performers were the Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 Baker's Dozens, mainly due to extreme sector "tilts" away from the benchmark allocations that didn't pan out. Since then, we have avoided such sector bets.

#### Sabrient Dividend - Gross return thru: 6/6/2025

Portfolio	Launch	Close	Gross Return	DVY Return	Active
Div 36	6/22/21	6/22/23	7.0%	2.6%	4.3%
Div 37	9/20/21	9/20/23	21.3%	5.5%	15.7%
Div 38	12/20/21	12/20/23	15.3%	5.2%	10.1%
Div 39	3/18/22	3/18/24	5.0%	1.7%	3.3%
Div 40	6/15/22	6/14/24	21.3%	9.3%	12.0%
Div 41	9/12/22	9/12/24	12.0%	14.5%	-2.5%
Div 42	12/9/22	12/9/24	22.1%	22.8%	-0.7%
Div 43	3/8/23	3/7/25	25.5%	21.0%	4.5%
Div 44	6/5/23	6/5/25	35.4%	26.4%	8.9%
Div 45	9/1/23		23.2%	23.9%	-0.7%
Div 46	11/29/23		15.9%	25.1%	-9.2%
Div 47	2/26/24		8.9%	19.5%	-10.6%
Div 48	5/23/24		7.2%	11.6%	-4.3%
Div 49	8/19/24		-2.8%	3.9%	-6.8%
Div 50	11/15/24		-9.5%	-3.1%	-6.3%
Div 51	2/11/25		-3.0%	-1.9%	-1.2%
Div 52	5/12/25		NEW!		

#### Small Cap Growth - Gross return thru: 6/6/2025

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	5/10/24	3.5%	9.2%	-5.8%
SCG 38	5/8/23	8/8/24	23.1%	20.8%	2.3%
SCG 39	8/7/23	11/7/24	16.1%	23.8%	-7.7%
SCG 40	11/3/23	2/3/25	29.8%	30.3%	-0.5%
SCG 41	2/1/24	5/1/25	3.3%	1.7%	1.5%
SCG 42	5/1/24		5.0%	9.2%	-4.2%
SCG 43	7/29/24		-4.7%	-3.6%	-1.1%
SCG 44	10/25/24		-2.4%	-2.7%	0.3%
SCG 45	1/22/25		-4.8%	-7.0%	2.2%
SCG 46	4/22/25		16.0%	13.0%	3.0%



#### Q4 2023 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated

#### Launch date (10/20/23) through termination (1/21/25)

						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	240.3%	28.1	25.4	15.6%	130.7%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	116.9%	26.7	39.2	50.3%	65.1%
META	Meta Platforms, Inc.	<b>Communication Services</b>	99.7%	18.8	26.1	11.6%	60.5%
COOP	Mr. Cooper Group Inc.	Financials	92.7%	6.9	8.4	5.1%	41.3%
EXEL	Exelixis, Inc.	Health Care	72.6%	16.2	16.8	43.0%	125.6%
TRV	The Travelers Companies, Inc.	Financials	48.0%	9.9	14.6	26.3%	64.4%
DTE	DTE Energy Company	Utilities	28.2%	13.9	19.1	21.2%	19.2%
ALKS	Alkermes plc	Health Care	11.4%	14.3	18.4	32.2%	104.9%
CHX	ChampionX Corporation	Energy	-7.0%	15.6	15.9	29.6%	6.5%
EXTR	Extreme Networks, Inc.	Information Technology	-16.4%	12.9	17.1	36.8%	-90.9%
RPD	Rapid7, Inc.	Information Technology	-20.5%	28.9	16.0	13.5%	45.5%
WFRD	Weatherford International plc	Energy	-21.2%	17.0	9.0	-2.8%	19.7%
VC	Visteon Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	-31.4%	14.0	9.9	-49.4%	-39.2%
		Average =	46.2%	17.2	18.2	17.9%	42.6%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		45.6%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		35.5%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		39.7%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		40.2%				

This portfolio enjoyed several big winners, led by 3 of the mega-cap market darlings (NVDA, META, NFLX), easily offsetting some losers. Other top performers include a mortgage servicer and a biotech (oncology).

Laggards included a networking communications firm, an auto parts company, a cloud cybersecurity provider, and 2 oil & gas services firms.

Most of the companies met or exceeded their EPS estimates even laggards VC and RPD, which have sold off due to reduced forward guidance.

The portfolio outperformed the SPY as well as other relevant large cap, mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (gross total return).



#### Q1 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio – terminated

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

Q1 2024 Ba	024 Baker'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
APP	AppLovin Corporation	Information Technology	454.5%	11.3	32.3	114.0%	186.2%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	<b>Communication Services</b>	104.6%	30.3	41.1	33.6%	46.8%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	63.0%	29.3	25.4	124.2%	130.7%
TMUS	T-Mobile US, Inc.	<b>Communication Services</b>	56.3%	17.2	21.1	20.6%	28.4%
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	Financials	54.5%	20.6	17.3	33.7%	61.7%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	50.4%	14.3	14.3	102.7%	76.5%
WRB	W. R. Berkley Corporation	Financials	37.6%	12.8	15.7	17.8%	12.1%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	7.7%	46.1	30.3	72.7%	90.7%
ALKS	Alkermes plc	Health Care	-3.2%	12.0	15.6	72.9%	104.9%
OTEX	Open Text Corporation	Information Technology	-36.9%	8.5	7.4	35.3%	1.8%
VC	Visteon Corporation	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	-38.5%	12.7	10.0	-49.0%	-35.7%
PVH	PVH Corp.	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	-42.4%	10.0	5.8	25.9%	9.5%
NE	Noble Corporation plc	Energy	-51.5%	12.8	13.7	85.3%	26.2%
		Average =	45.7%	18.3	19.2	53.0%	56.9%
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 Al-driven marketing software firm AppLovin, plus several recognizable names: entertainment powerhouse Netflix, mega-cap market darling NVIDIA (dominant in Al 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 has 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 also illustrates the power of having a few big winners within a concentrated portfolio.



## Q2 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

#### Launch date (4/19/24) through current (6/6/25)

Q2 2024 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
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	Communication Services	123.7%	34.9	45.9	45.5%	46.8%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	86.0%	34.3	29.5	90.3%	77.2%
USFD	US Foods Holding Corp.	Consumer Staples	55.4%	16.0	19.5	18.5%	23.6%
PPC	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Consumer Staples	48.2%	11.4	9.0	84.4%	150.4%
WRB	W. R. Berkley Corporation	Financials	38.4%	13.6	16.3	20.8%	12.1%
SQSP	SquareSpace, Inc.	Information Technology	35.0%				
HMN	Horace Mann Educators Corporation	Financials	25.5%	11.1	10.5	98.9%	84.3%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	22.3%	43.6	34.5	41.7%	72.0%
GM	General Motors Company	Consumer Discretionary	13.5%	4.7	5.4	18.7%	33.2%
NE	Noble Corporation plc	Energy	-35.1%	14.3	21.0	72.8%	1.4%
JAMF	Jamf Holding Corp.	Information Technology	-42.6%	33.9	12.5	76.3%	163.6%
RPD	Rapid7, Inc.	Information Technology	-46.5%	20.4	13.1	38.8%	13.3%
CE	Celanese Corporation	Materials	-63.5%	13.6	10.1	27.6%	-23.9%
·		Average =	16.2%	21.0	18.9	52.9%	54.5%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		22.5%		·	·	·
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		13.6%				

9.1%

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

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

The portfolio is slightly underperforming the S&P 500 but is ahead of the equal-weight S&P 500 and other relevant mid and small cap indexes (gross total return).



SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust

iShares Russell 2000 ETF

MDY

IWM

### Q3 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

#### Launch date (7/19/24) through current (6/6/25)

Q3 2024 B	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
CRS	Carpenter Technology Corporation	Materials	108.4%	21.2	30.7	50.2%	91.6%
NFLX	Netflix, Inc.	<b>Communication Services</b>	96.0%	33.4	45.9	33.8%	46.8%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	64.2%	14.2	17.2	33.0%	46.7%
USFD	US Foods Holding Corp.	Consumer Staples	48.8%	16.2	19.5	22.1%	23.6%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	20.2%	41.4	29.5	62.4%	77.2%
PPC	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Consumer Staples	19.4%	10.5	9.0	59.9%	150.4%
ALL	The Allstate Corporation	Financials	19.3%	13.5	9.7	78.6%	127.8%
FTI	TechnipFMC plc	Energy	15.5%	21.4	14.4	93.1%	189.6%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	0.4%	12.7	10.0	37.5%	46.8%
GM	General Motors Company	Consumer Discretionary	-1.7%	5.2	5.4	19.5%	33.2%
XYZ	Block, Inc.	Financials	-4.6%	19.0	22.3	59.8%	37.5%
MU	Micron Technology, Inc.	Information Technology	-5.0%	15.4	12.7		
LNW	Light & Wonder, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-14.3%	23.8	14.3	79.3%	55.6%
		Average =	29.0%	19.1	18.5	52.4%	77.2%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		10.2%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		7.4%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		2.3%				
IWM	iShares Russell 2000 ETF		-1.4%				

This portfolio so far has been led by a diverse mix of a mid-cap specialty metals company, mega-cap Netflix, a major cruise line, a packaged foods company, and a biotech.

The few laggards include a large semiconductor maker and a fintech payments firm.

The portfolio is greatly outperforming SPY and other relevant large, mid, and small cap benchmarks, including both capweight and equal-weight (gross total return).



#### Q4 2024 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

#### Launch date (10/18/24) through current (6/6/25)

						Est. NTM EPS	
				Fwd P/E	Current		Actual EPS
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Return	at Launch	Fwd P/E	Launch	Growth
MGNI	Magnite, Inc.	Communication Services	43.6%	14.8	20.1	38.0%	32.7%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	38.2%	16.1	17.2	24.1%	34.8%
FTI	TechnipFMC plc	Energy	27.0%	16.8	14.4	57.5%	109.2%
CPRX	Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Health Care	21.8%	10.5	13.2	114.1%	165.0%
HMN	Horace Mann Educators Corporation	Financials	19.0%	11.6	10.5	50.1%	87.9%
STX	Seagate Technology Holdings plc	Information Technology	13.2%	16.7	13.8	425.6%	517.2%
ALL	The Allstate Corporation	Financials	6.5%	12.2	9.7	19.4%	37.0%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	3.1%	11.7	10.0	36.5%	47.9%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturin	Information Technology	2.2%	26.1	22.2	41.0%	52.6%
TSN	Tyson Foods, Inc.	Consumer Staples	-7.8%	18.3	14.6	28.3%	51.2%
XYZ	Block, Inc.	Financials	-13.0%	18.4	22.3	44.3%	1.4%
SWK	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	Industrials	-37.8%	20.0	14.9	45.3%	6.1%
CE	Celanese Corporation	Materials	-59.2%	11.4	10.1	29.5%	-36.2%
		Average =	3.6%	15.7	14.9	73.4%	85.1%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		3.1%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		-0.9%				

-3.8%

-5.6%

This portfolio so far has been led by a diverse mix including an omnichannel advertising platform, a biotech, a major cruise line, and oil & gas services firm.

Laggards include a specialty materials company focused on engineered polymers, a power tools maker, a fintech payments firm, and a maker of digital storage devices.

The portfolio is performing ahead of all its relevant large, mid, and small cap indexes, including both capweight and equal-weight (gross total return).



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#### Q1 2025 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

#### Launch date (1/17/24) through current (6/6/25)

Q1 2025 B	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
СООР	Mr. Cooper Group Inc.	Financials	26.6%	8.1	9.6	34.1%	33.5%
RCL	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	14.3%	17.0	17.2	20.3%	25.6%
PINS	Pinterest, Inc.	<b>Communication Services</b>	12.0%	18.1	18.5	18.3%	10.4%
FIX	Comfort Systems USA, Inc.	Industrials	1.3%	30.8	25.8	25.6%	44.0%
FTI	TechnipFMC plc	Energy	-0.2%	17.6	14.4	29.5%	45.1%
HALO	Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	Health Care	-1.0%	11.8	10.0	24.0%	31.3%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufactu	urin{Information Technology	-3.0%	24.1	22.2	43.1%	44.3%
DBX	Dropbox, Inc.	Information Technology	-3.7%	11.9	11.2	11.7%	18.5%
AMD	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	Information Technology	-4.3%	26.6	28.9	48.6%	25.5%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-5.5%	37.7	34.5	25.5%	33.9%
MRK	Merck & Co., Inc.	Health Care	-19.4%	11.7	8.8	44.5%	42.2%
DAL	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Industrials	-22.6%	8.7	9.5	23.3%	-14.8%
XYZ	Block, Inc.	Financials	-25.3%	20.6	22.3	34.6%	-14.6%
		Average =	-4.5%	18.8	17.9	29.5%	25.0%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		0.6%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		-0.3%				
MDY	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust		-5.3%				

-5.8%

This portfolio so far has been led by a biotech, a mortgage servicing firm, and an interactive social media platform.

Laggards include a major airline, a fintech payments firm, and a major drugmaker.

So far, the portfolio is trailing the S&P 500 but in line with other relevant mid-cap, and small-cap benchmarks (gross total return).



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#### Q2 2025 Baker's Dozen Model Portfolio

#### Launch date (4/17/24) through current (6/6/25)

QZ 2023 B	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
STRL	Sterling Infrastructure, Inc.	Industrials	46.9%	17.6	24.1	30.9%	39.1%
AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	Information Technology	44.4%	25.3	33.7	29.0%	29.2%
CHWY	Chewy, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	36.8%	28.3	37.4	19.1%	20.1%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturii	n{Information Technology	35.2%	16.6	22.2	29.5%	29.7%
HRMY	Harmony Biosciences Holdings, Inc.	Health Care	25.1%	5.6	8.1	23.7%	7.5%
SPOT	Spotify Technology S.A.	<b>Communication Services</b>	24.0%	53.8	69.6	89.8%	54.2%
RNG	RingCentral, Inc.	Information Technology	19.5%	5.4	6.4	13.4%	13.4%
EAT	Brinker International, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	11.9%	16.8	18.5	35.3%	39.8%
GILD	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	Health Care	7.6%	13.3	13.9	71.7%	72.4%
LNG	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	Energy	5.0%	18.3	18.5	30.2%	33.3%
QNST	QuinStreet, Inc.	<b>Communication Services</b>	-0.1%	15.4	15.5	72.7%	61.2%
ADMA	ADMA Biologics, Inc.	Health Care	-3.3%	29.5	41.5	45.2%	2.8%
FNF	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	Financials	-11.5%	10.3	9.6	28.4%	12.8%
		Average =	17.2%	19.7	24.5	39.9%	31.9%
SPY	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		13.8%				
RSP	Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight		9.9%				
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11.3% 13.6% This brand-new portfolio so far has been led by construction & engineering firm, two semiconductor makers, and a pet product firm.

Laggards include a title insurance company, a biotech, and a digital marketing firm.

So far, the portfolio is outperforming all 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 6/6/2025 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 90.0	Net Score: Defensive Bias 54.4
TECHNOLOGY					96		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	IYZ	72	46	58	72	58.5	87.6
HEALTHCARE	IYH	55	47	49	55	54.6	51.2
INDUSTRIALS	IYJ	45	52	50	45	59.8	50.5
CONSUMER STAPLES	IYK	45	33	62	45	27.7	90.0
FINANCIALS	IYF	39	52	50	39	57.9	48.1
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	IYC	23	54	49	23	56.1	38.4
UTILITIES	IDU	21	39	62	21	30.0	80.4
ENERGY	IYE	13	48	49	13	42.6	34.4
BASIC MATERIALS	IYM	2	48	52	2	39.1	39.9

Sabrient's Outlook Score employs a forward-looking fundamentals-based scoring algorithm to create a composite profile of the constituent stocks. Boll 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 and secular growth sectors are spread out across the rankings. Technology (dominated by the Big Tech, of course) at the top, particularly as the lofty valuations have receded. However, cyclical sectors Materials and Energy remain at the bottom, and Financials have fallen as well.

Valuations have pulled back on defensive investor sentiment from the uncertainty (severity and duration) of tariffs and trade wars. However, earnings growth forecasts have held up, and interest rates are expected to fall further. Technology still displays the highest forward P/E (27.5x, as of 6/6) but remains at the top of the rankings due to still-solid EPS growth estimates (17.6%), a reasonable forward PEG ratio of 1.57, solidly positive sell-side analyst earnings revisions, the highest profit margins and return ratios, and substantial insider buying.

Our sector rotation model suggests a **bullish bias** based on the SPY rising back above both its 50-day and 200-day moving averages. So, the model suggests holding Technology (IYW), Industrials (IYJ), and Telecom (IYZ) as of 6/6.



## Market Observations & Outlook - 1/2

- 1. GDP and jobs growth have been long over-reliant on government spending and its inefficient use of capital compared with the "crowded out" private sector. Inflation ticked up after a surge in federal spending in Oct-Jan, but the disinflationary trend has resumed. GDP growth and hiring have weakened, and the federal debt and budget deficit have surged. Relatively tight Fed monetary policy, elevated bond yields and mortgage rates, and a still-strong dollar have hurt US consumers, small businesses, and the global economy.
- 2. Allowing slightly elevated inflation around 2.4% can help "inflate away" the large federal debt as part of a 3-pronged plan—in conjunction with cutting federal deficit spending and implementing fiscal & monetary policies that support robust, organic private sector growth—leading to rising productivity, margins, earnings, jobs, wages, GDP—and tax receipts (which since 1950 have averaged 17% of GDP no matter the tax rate). Private enterprise is much better at efficient capital allocation than government bureaucrats.
- 3. The Fed remains behind the curve despite cutting rates 100 bps. A terminal fed funds rate of 3.25-3.50% seems right (for 2.5% inflation plus 75-100 bps r\*) vs. today's 4.25-4.50%. Bond yields remain elevated, with the 10-year Treasury around 4.50% due to worries about the huge federal debt & deficit. The market needs lower interest rates in tandem with business-friendly fiscal policy, including a 5% 30-year mortgage rate and weaker dollar to support US and global economies, allow other central banks to inject liquidity, avert global recession and credit crisis, and relieve indebted consumers and businesses.
- 4. Despite the market correction, lofty valuations on cap-weight indexes remain. But minus Big Tech titans, valuations are more reasonable. To illustrate, forward P/E on cap-weight Nasdaq 100 (QQQ) is 26.3x and S&P 500 (SPY) is 21.9x, but equal-weight Nasdaq 100 (QQQE) is 23.9x and S&P 500 (RSP) is 17.4x, while S&P 600 small-cap (SPSM) is just 14.6x, as of 6/6. Large-cap over small-cap valuations remain extreme.



#### Market Observations & Outlook - 2/2

- 5. Investor uncertainty lingers around trade deals, rising debt, and the "One Big Beautiful Bill." But expected market volatility has not materialized, so we likely have seen the lows in stocks as investors position for tax and rate cuts, deregulation, solid earnings, and rising liquidity. Positive signs are emerging pointing to resolution of both trade wars and hot wars, tax cuts, re-privatization, deregulation, strong earnings and capex commitments, lower inflation, and Fed rate cuts. These should combine to foster a resumption in foreign capital flow into the US, cut deficit-to-GDP ratio (from today's lofty 6.6%), unleash organic private sector growth, and quiet the noise such that stock prices are once again driven by earnings and liquidity.
- 6. At the core of an equity portfolio still should be US Tech stocks, given the entrepreneurial culture of US, disruptive innovation, and world-leading ROI, which attracts foreign capital to the US, as well as Big Tech's huge cash stores, wide moats, global scalability, and strong earnings growth, free cash flow, margins. But a broadening market should also create opportunities in small caps, value, quality, cyclicals, and equal-weight indexes, including industrials, homebuilders, banks, insurers, energy services, and healthcare. Also, falling interest rates and rising liquidity suggests dividend stocks, gold, and bitcoin. Small caps can offer the most explosive growth opportunities, even if the broad small-cap indexes can't keep up with the S&P 500.
- 7. 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.
- => All this is discussed in greater detail in our "Sector Detector" market commentaries at Sabrient.com.



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## 2. Sector Detector newsletter/blog post

➤ Go to sign-up box at: <u>sabrient.com</u> home page

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