Physics-Based Sentiment Forecasts - US Stocks | Mar 7 2025



RSP | Invesco® S&P 500® Equal Weight ETF
Three-week Horizon
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This three-week forecast of investor sentiment is an example of our perspective on stock market corrections and recoveries.

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Three-Week Forecasts (periods between shifts)			
	**	3 to 4 (1-4 scale, 4=Most Optimistic)	Figure 1
Physics-	Short-Term Sentiment (wks):	Pessimistic	Figure 1
Based	Flash Sentiment:	None	Figure 1
	Market Price Momentum:	Trending lower, stabilizing at the end of March	Figure 3
Implied Economics-Based Sentiment:		Meaningfully Negative	Figure 3

Video version: https://youtu.be/0B_3S5Cthzg

Summary (data as of Mar 07 2025): Recent stock market declines have been consistent with our sentiment forecasts. We expect the stock market to be vulnerable to declines for another week or so. The market will likely become more resilient later in March when investors become more naturally optimistic.

Investors have been pessimistic about economic and market conditions for several weeks as shown in Figure 3. If it continues, this condition will amplify price declines and dampen price recoveries.

Figure 1: The Short-Term Driver shown in Figure 1 indicates naturally occurring pessimism through the end of March. The Long-Term Driver indicates an important shift at the end of the month to its highest level of optimism with a reading of Most Optimistic. There is also a Minor Flash of optimism in the second half of the month, which may reinforce a growing optimistic view. As noted in our explanatory notes and videos, the forecasts are not always accurate to the week.

The Macro and Micro Market Resilience Indexes shown in Figure 1—do not yet indicate strong negative trends. The Macro MRI is at a relatively high level of 68 and the Micro MRI is at a moderate level of 46 on a scale of 0-100. Both can move meaningfully lower from these levels and still be within their normal ranges.

Notes:

Introductory video: https://youtu.be/CzI67Md1s1w

Web page for written notes: https://cpminvesting.com/notes

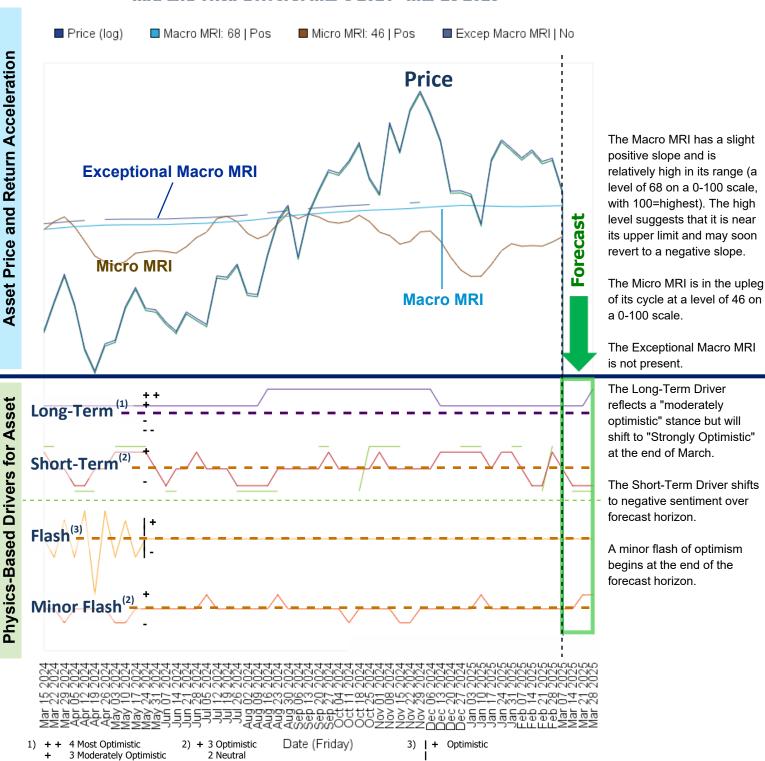


MRI and Sentiment Drivers

Fig. 1

Explanatory Video: https://youtu.be/YOpocz C8is

Physics-Based Sentiment Forecasts
ETF "RSP" | S&P 500® Equal Weighted Index as of Mar 07 2025
MRI and Their Drivers: Mar 8 2024 - Mar 28 2025





2 Moderately Pessimistic

1 Most Pessimistic

1 Pessimistic

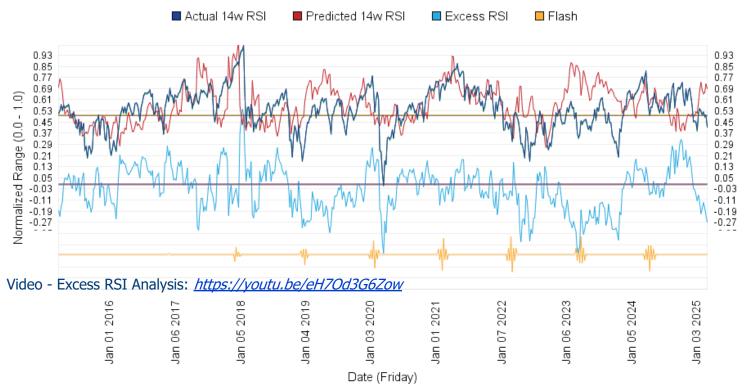
Pessimistic

with description

RSI Analysis - Excess RSI Over 10-Year Horizon

Fig. 2

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The 14-week RSI is a component within the Short-Term Driver shown in Figure 1. RSI is a widely used measure of asset price momentum. Our predicted RSI explains much of the weekly volatility in the actual RSI over the last several decades. | The upper portion of Figure 2 displays the predicted and actual 14-week RSI for an asset price (not shown) over the past 10 years. The light blue line in the middle of the figure, labeled "Excess RSI," represents the difference between the two series. High values of "Excess RSI" indicate stronger-than-expected price momentum, which may be caused by positive economic or market conditions. Conversely, low values suggest weaker-than-expected momentum, likely reflect negative conditions. Excess RSI reflects investor sentiment related to a range of factors including investor views of stock valuations, inflation, interest rates, and economic growth. | The Flash Driver is included for reference.

Comments (data as of Mar 07 2025): On the far right of Figure 2, the light blue line indicates that the 'Excess RSI' remains below the center line. This condition indicates that investors have now adopted a more pessimistic outlook on economic, market, and other real-world conditions. It is now at an extremely low level compared to the 10-year period shown.



RSI Analysis - Predicted RSI, Implied Econ Sentiment

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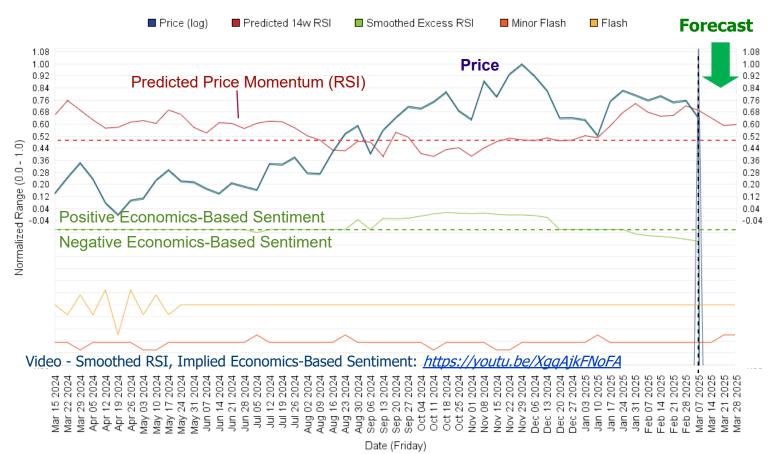


Figure 3 shows the asset price (upper panel, heavy blue line) and the predicted price momentum, measured as the 14-week Relative Strength Index (RSI, red line). The "Smoothed Excess RSI" is displayed as the light green line, which deviates from its neutral level (represented by the dashed light green line) when the actual 14-week RSI of the market (not shown) remains meaningfully higher or lower than the expected level over several weeks. | Smoothed Excess RSI represents the "Implied Economics-Based Sentiment" and can signal unusually strong or weak economic conditions. It can also identify when investors have a negative view of economic conditions even when the stock market moves higher. | Smoothed Excess RSI is calculated as the exponential moving average (EMA) of the difference between the actual 14-week RSI and the predicted 14-week RSI (labeled "Excess RSI" on the prior page). To emphasize meaningful deviations, only z-score values exceeding ±0.5 are shown. A horizontal line indicates that the actual 14-week RSI is not meaningfully different from what is expected due to natural sentiment shifts.

Comments (data as of Mar 07 2025): The solid red line shows the predicted price momentum moving lower and then stabilizing at the end of March.

Implied Economics-Based Sentiment is currently below the neutral level, shown as the dashed green line, indicating meaningfully negative sentiment related to economic and market factors. This condition began at the end of Jan 2025 and is likely to continue over the next few weeks even if the stock market moves higher. Should this condition continue, it will amplify price declines and dampen price recoveries.



Fig. 3

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Background

Sentiment shifts occur periodically and are described as changes between:

Optimism|Pessimism Risk-on|Risk-off Resilience|Vulnerability Euphoria|Panic Aspirational thinking|Critical thinking

Total sentiment reflects economic forces and the naturally occurring forces that directly affect human behavior:

- > Economic forces
 - Investor views on economic conditions
 - Investor views on market fundamentals
 - Investor behavior (e.g., trend following, mean reverting, calendar effects, response to current events)
- > Natural forces Our focus is here
- Naturally Occurring Shifts Have a Big Impact: Naturally occurring sentiment shifts have a bigger impact than many investors realize, and typically explain over 70% of the weekly variability of widely used index price momentum measures such as the 14-week Relative Strength Index (RSI). In addition, systematically predicting the future strength of the natural forces can be done more easily and reliably than predicting the future strength of economic forces.
- We can Infer Impact of Economic Forces: When total sentiment deviates meaningfully from the natural shifts, we can infer that economic forces have a higher impact. If we take the actual RSI, for example, which reflects both economic and natural forces, and subtract the effect of the natural forces (represented by the predicted series), the difference is a reasonable gauge of the impact of the economic forces.
- **Early Indicators of Market Declines:** Key early indicators of an impending market correction are a) when Excess RSI (EMA) moves to negative levels, and b) when actual sentiment metrics, such as one of our Market Resilience Indexes or the 14-week RSI, converges with a negatively trending predicted metric. See Note #4 on this page:

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Two types of Physics-Based Sentiment Drivers: We maintain over three dozen physics-based drivers. There are two general types:

> Cyclic Drivers - sentiment changes gradually over time. The Long- and Short-Term drivers are cyclic.



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> Episodic Drivers - sentiment changes abruptly. The Flash and Minor Flash drivers are episodic. Our forecasts of Episodic Drivers tend to be more accurate than those for the Cyclic Drivers.

For descriptions of each driver, see Note #2 on this page (https://cpminvesting.com/notes).

Two Sentiment-Related Metrics: We use two different metrics in our forecasts of sentiment. We forecast the 14-week Relative Strength Index (RSI) to measure price momentum for a market index. Upward sloping RSI indicates positive sentiment:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Relative strength index

We also forecast our own Market Resilience Index® (MRI) series. The MRI measure return acceleration. Upward sloping MRI indicate positive sentiment. MRI indicate short- and long-term shifts in market resilience for each market index:

- > Micro MRI short-term trends lasting several weeks
- > Macro MRI long-term trends lasting several quarters

The RSI and MRI have different features.

RSI (Relative Strength Index)

- Widely used in investment industry
- Effective in identifying market bottoms
- Less effective in identifying market tops. RSI can peak several months before the index price peaks.

MRI (Market Resilience Index)

- Designed to identify accurately both market tops and bottoms

For descriptions of each driver, see Note #1 on this page (https://cpminvesting.com/notes).

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