

08/30/2019 UPTREND under PRESSURE, Market UP 2.7% last week! Volume is holiday low.  
 Friday Volume 18 #168

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 A TREND-FOLLOWING STRATEGY

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**CURRENT MARKET DIRECTION: UPTREND under PRESSURE**

<b>Current Armchair Investor action:</b>	<b>Hold QQQ</b>
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**Current Signs of Market Strength:**

- The major indexes rose almost 3% last week, holding above 200-day m.a. line.

**Current Signs of Market Weakness:**

- The ratio of Leader stocks rising /falling on high volume is a middle 1.2.(see table)
- **After the 8/13 Follow-through day signaled a new Uptrend** (see 30-day list):
  - There has been **only one accumulation day** (in last 13 trading days).
  - Only one other day (8/20) was **“consistent with” an Uptrend** and it was the weaker signal of the Nasdaq falling on lighter volume.
  - Even though the Nasdaq and S&P500 have moved sideways bound between their 50-day and 200-day moving average lines, their Accumulation/Distribution ratios of D- show a **moderately heavy selling of stocks**.
  - **“President Trump is about to fire the most dangerous shot of the China trade war....** he confirmed that new Trump tariffs will take effect on Sunday... [potentially] blowing up yet another cease-fire.” *IBD Trump Tariffs Are A Go, China Trade Talks May Be Dead; Dow Jones Awaits Xi Response*

**MY PLAN FOR MONDAY: Hold the QQQ. Watch the market. Expect low volume.**

- Lower volume the day after the Labor Day weekend is usual.  
But China may react strongly to new Trump tariffs.
- Four distribution days has me **“ON ALERT!”** (see table of prior 20-days)
- **REMEMBER: CASH IS A POSITION!** And sometimes cash is the safest I Build my Watch List of stocks to BUY if market shows strength.

LAST WEEK'S MARKET ACTION				
8/30/19	Weekly Index % Change	Weekly Volume % Change	Volume Above/Below 10-week Avg	Type of Week
Nasdaq	+2.7%	-8.3%	-15.0%	Neither
S&P 500	+2.8%	S&P 500 Volume		Neither
DJIA	+3.0%	-3.1%	-8.0%	Neither

## DAILY MARKET ACTION

8/30/19	Index Close	Index % Change	Volume % Change	Volume vs 50-day Avg.	Accumulation or Distribution Day?	Recent Trend Gain/Loss from 8/13 UPTREND SIGNAL
Nasdaq	7,962.88	-0.1%	-15.0%	-30.6%	Neither	+0.9%
S&P500	2,925.35	+0.1%	NYSE Volume		Neither	+2.2%
DJIA	26,403.28	+0.16%	-5.1%	-13.3%	Neither	+2.2%

A **Major Accumulation Day**: Price RISES 1.0% or more with higher Volume than the day before.

A **minor accumulation Day**: Price RISES 0.2% or more with strong Volume (either higher than the day before or is well-above average volume).

A **Major Distribution Day**: Price FALLS 1.0% or more with higher Volume than the day before.

A **minor distribution Day**: Price FALLS 0.2% or more with strong Volume (either higher than the day before or is well-above average volume).

\*\* The **Recent Trend Gains/Losses** column calculates how far each index has moved from the recent trend change assuming you purchased the index (in an Uptrend) or sold the index (in a Downtrend) at the opening price on the day after the signal. Although not every year outperforms the common "buy and hold" strategy, using these signals has significantly OUTPERFORMED the buy-and-hold strategy in total since 1/1/2000.

### Why are my Final Volumes Sometimes Different than yours?

Why do the volume numbers on this table not always match other sources such as Investors.com, Nasdaq exchange, other charting sites? The 4:00 close of the market immediately shows an accurate final price. But the volume figures continue to trickle in for hours. At some time, the accumulation of volume numbers has to be cut off. Also, some sources include the volume of stocks listed on one exchange but traded on another (e.g. Apple stock listed on Nasdaq but also traded on other exchanges.) And some sources do not.

## ARMCHAIR INVESTOR TREND-FOLLOWING RETURNS Current Uptrend

8/30/19	Opening Price on 8/14/2019*	TODAY's Closing Price	ETF % Change Today	Gain or Loss Since 8/13/19 Uptrend Signal
QQQ (1x)	185.31	187.47	-0.2%	+1.2%
QLD (2x)	93.62	95.43	-0.4%	+1.9%
TQQQ (3x)	59.15	60.49	-0.7%	+2.3%

This table tracks the returns you would now have if you had followed the Armchair Investor plan and bought the ETFs listed above at the opening price on the morning after the new "Market in Uptrend" signal.

## MARKET ACTION 2019 YEAR-TO-DATE

8/30/19	2018 Closing Price	Current Price	Index % Change Year-to-Date
Nasdaq	6635.38	7962.88	+20.0%
S&P 500	2506.85	2926.46	+16.7%
NYSE	11374.39	12,736.88	+12.0%
DJIA	23327.46	26,403.28	+13.2%

This yearly table is included for your reference. These returns have little relevance to trend-following returns since trend-followers do not hold during "Downtrends" and may lighten their holdings during "Uptrends under Pressure."

## HOW CLOSE ARE THE INDICES TO ALL-TIME HIGHS?

8/30/2019	Nasdaq	S&P500	NYSE	DJIA
Date of Index All-time High*	7/26/2019	7/26/2019	1/26/2018	7/16/2019
All-time High	8339.64	3027.98	13637.02	27398.68
Current Price	7962.88	2926.46	12736.88	26403.28
Below (-) or Above (+) Recent High (%)	-4.5%	-3.4%	-6.6%	-3.6%

# MARKET FACTORS, COUNTS & RATINGS

8/30/2019

<p><b>Type of Day for <u>Nasdaq Index</u></b> Accumulation, Distribution or Neither</p>		<p><b>Neither</b></p>	
<p>I track the <u>Nasdaq's</u> price-volume because it usually leads the market direction.</p>			
<p><b>Market Direction</b> Uptrend, Under Pressure, Downtrend</p>		<p><b>UPTREND under Pressure</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Nasdaq Accumulation &amp; Distribution Days (last 20 days)</u></b> Only accumulation and distribution days since the last market change (1/4/2019) are in this count.</p>		<p><b>Accumulation Days</b></p>	<p><b>Distribution Days</b></p>
		<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><b>NOTE: Since the last Uptrend signal (8/13/2019) the Nasdaq has had only 1 accumulation day and 4 distribution days. Review the last 20 trading days in the 20-day table below.</b></p>			
<p><b>Count of Up Days and Down Days</b> Nasdaq's last <u>10-days'</u> price movement</p>		<p><b>Up Days</b></p>	<p><b>Down Days</b></p>
		<p>5</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Only days that move at least + or - 0.2% are included in the Up/Down count which does not always, therefore, add up to 10 days.</p>			
<p><b>Rising/Falling Ratio of Leader Stocks with High Volume</b> Nasdaq 10-day ratio</p>		<p><b>1.2</b></p>	
<p>This indicator looks at leading stocks (high RS) and is, thus, biased to the upside. Uptrend indicator: 1.5 or higher. Neutral: 1.0 to 1.49. Downtrend: less than 1.0</p>			
<p><b>Market Accumulation/Distribution Ratings</b> "A": heavy accumulation, "B": moderate accumulation, "C": neutral, "D": moderate distribution, "E": heavy distribution. Accumulation = Institutions are BUYING, Distribution = Inst are SELLING</p>		<p><b>Nasdaq</b></p>	<p><b>D-</b></p>
		<p><b>S&amp;P 500</b></p>	<p><b>D-</b></p>
		<p><b>DJIA</b></p>	<p><b>E</b></p>
<p><b>Are Major Indexes Above or Below Moving Averages?</b> "At" is within 1% above or below the moving average.</p>		<p><b>50-Day</b></p>	<p><b>200-Day</b></p>
<p>Nasdaq</p>		<p><b>At</b></p>	<p><b>Above</b></p>
<p>S&amp;P 500</p>		<p><b>At</b></p>	<p><b>Above</b></p>
<p>NYSE</p>		<p><b>Below</b></p>	<p><b>Above</b></p>
<p>DJIA</p>		<p><b>At</b></p>	<p><b>Above</b></p>

## MARKET ACTION (Nasdaq) OVER THE LAST 20 DAYS

(For a full explanation of the terms in this table see end of this newsletter)

#	Date	Close	Index % Change	Volume % Change	Current Trend Day Count	Type of Day: Accumulation, Distribution or Neither (—)	CONSISTENT WITH: UPTREND or Downtrend?
20	8/5/19	7726.04	-3.8%	+15.6%	1	Major Distribution	DOWNTREND
19	8/6/19	7833.27	+1.4%	-22.4%	2	—	DOWNTREND
18	8/7/19	7862.82	+0.4%	+11.4%	3	Minor accumulation	UPTREND
17	8/8/19	8039.16	+2.2%	+8.0%	4	Major Accumulation	UPTREND
16	8/9/19	7959.14	-1.0%	-8.4%	5	—	UPTREND
15	8/12/19	7863.41	-1.2%	-15.0%	6	—	UPTREND
14	8/13/19	8016.36	+2.0%	+14.5%	1	Major Accumulation	UPTREND
13	8/14/19	7773.94	-3.0%	+16.1%	2	Major Distribution	DOWNTREND
12	8/15/19	7766.62	-0.09%	-18.6%	3	—	—
11	8/16/19	7895.99	+1.7%	-12.8%	4	—	DOWNTREND
10	8/19/19	8002.81	+1.4%	-4.5%	5	—	DOWNTREND
9	8/20/19	7948.56	-0.7%	-9.5%	6	—	UPTREND
8	8/21/19	8020.21	+0.9%	-2.9%	7	—	DOWNTREND
7	8/22/19	7991.39	-0.3%	+5.4%	8	Minor distribution	DOWNTREND
6	8/23/19	7751.77	-3.0%	+23.8%	9	Major Distribution	DOWNTREND
5	8/26/19	7853.73	+1.3%	-23.3%	10	—	DOWNTREND
4	8/27/19	7826.95	-0.3%	+12.6%	11	Minor distribution	DOWNTREND
3	8/28/19	7856.88	+0.4%	-14.5%	12	—	DOWNTREND
2	8/29/19	7973.40	+1.5%	+4.1%	13	Major Accumulation	UPTREND
1	8/30/19	7962.88	-0.13%	-15.1%	14	—	—

"CURRENT TREND" COLUMN COLORS: Green = Uptrend.  
 Yellow = Uptrend under Pressure (e.g. showing weakness)  
 Red = Downtrend (also called correction)..

**The stocks with A or B ratings has rebounded from 33% to 38% showing a small increase in buying 2 weeks ago.**

**PROGRESS IN ACCUMULATION/DISTRIBUTION RATINGS**

		A	B	C	D	E	As + Bs
4 weeks ago	8/2	8%	35%	25%	23%	9%	43%
3 weeks ago	8/9	8%	33%	24%	25%	11%	40%
2 weeks ago	8/16	6%	26%	22%	28%	17%	33%
1 week ago	8/23	8%	31%	24%	25%	13%	39%
Today	8/30	7%	31%	22%	26%	13%	38%
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Stocks with an A or B rating are under accumulation (being bought.)

Stocks with a D or E rating are under distribution (being sold).

"2 weeks ago" is 10 market days ago; "4 weeks ago" is 20 days ago. The ratings which are higher than two weeks prior are colored light GREEN. Lower ratings are PINK.

## Nasdaq Daily chart, 4 months (updated Friday)

Index ends the week just below 50-day moving average!



## Nasdaq Weekly chart, 1 year (updated last Friday)

Index holding between 10-week and 40-week moving average lines.



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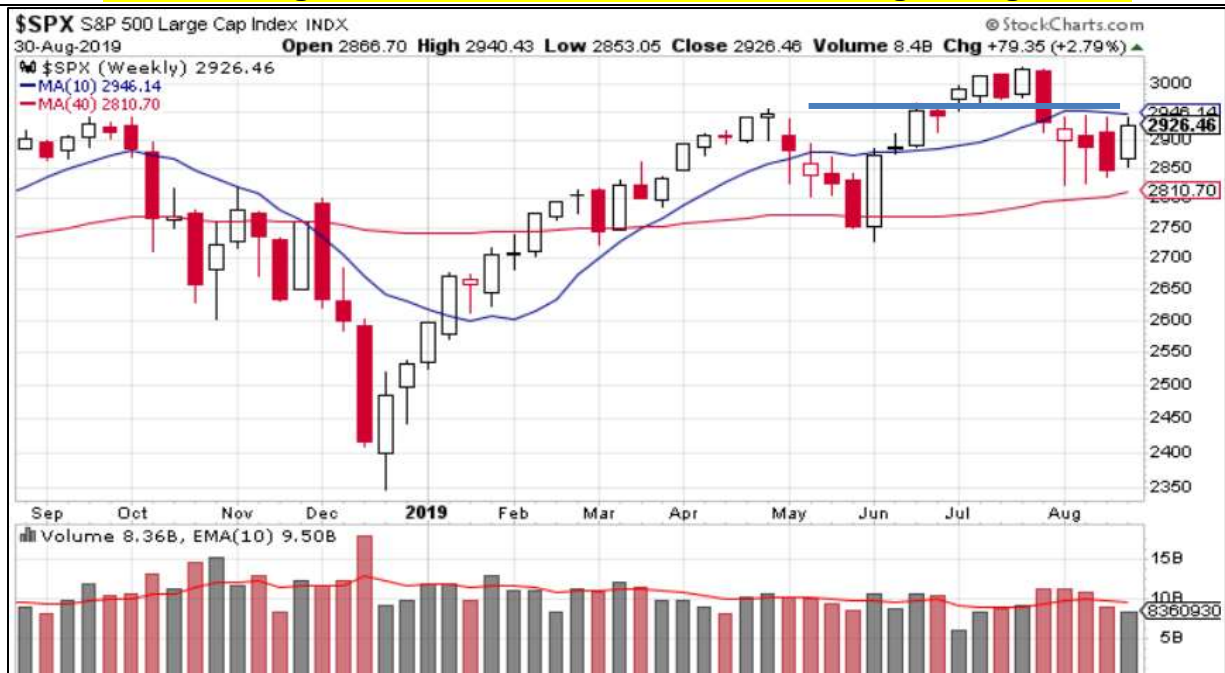
## S&P500 Daily chart, 4 months (updated Friday)

Index ends the week just below 50-day moving average!



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Index holding between 10-week and 40-week moving average lines.



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# HOW CAN YOU CAPTURE THOSE GREAT MARKET TRACKING GAINS SHOWN ABOVE?

It's as easy as 1- 2- 3!

## THE ARMCHAIR INVESTOR PLAN:

### **STEP 1: In an Uptrend, buy the QQQ, a Nasdaq 100 ETF.**

Find the market direction diagnosis every night in this newsletter. At the Uptrend signal, buy the QQQ (or one of the multiple Uptrend ETFs shown in a table above) the next morning.

Just in case protection: When you receive your confirmation of the purchase price, place an 8% STOP LOSS order to protect your portfolio from a sudden market reversal (executing this sale is rare – I almost always sell when the market goes into “under pressure or Downtrend – see Step 2 below). Your broker can help you set up this order.

**This upward ride is the most exciting part of trend-following – Ride the escalator up, up, up as the market rises.** Enjoy your ETF investment as it increases with the rise of the market.

Did you get your share of those extraordinary rises in this Uptrend!

### **THE MARKET IS CURRENTLY IN STEP 2: Uptrend under Pressure:**

### **STEP 2: When the Uptrend slows down: “Uptrend under Pressure”**

“Uptrend under Pressure” means the

- The market is showing enough distribution days – down days on higher volume – **to be concerned and cautious. Be sure to check on your investments each night!**
- From “Uptrend under Pressure” the market diagnosis could:
  - Rise, showing strength, and return to a healthy Uptrend – **STEP 1**, or
  - Could have more distribution days and fall into a **Downtrend (correction) – Step 3**

### **STEP 3: When the market diagnosis changes to Downtrend.**

**Selling your Uptrend ETF position (QQQ, QLD or TQQQ) will capture gains earned in Steps 1 & 2 above. Wait in cash.** After exiting the Uptrend ETF, **wait in cash** until the next Uptrend signal.

**Also: Watch this box for a signal to invest in an inverse ETF.**

**NOTE: Not every market direction signal ends with a positive return.** But overall, the ETFs have outperformed the market when traded according to these guidelines. Plus the market direction signals will help you by indicating when it is most effective to consider adding individual stocks to your portfolio (with a strong uptrending market.

## **DO YOU INVEST IN INDIVIDUAL STOCKS?—**

**Always consider taking some profit if significant distribution is showing up for your individual stocks.** However, many individual stocks are rising with gusto! Look at all the lists in the Investor's Business Daily newspaper for stocks breaking out with high volume. **They are there!**

To get a deeper sense of the health of the market, look at the **MARKET FACTORS, COUNTS & RATINGS table** included each day in the FULL Armchair Investor newsletter. It looks at 7 key market direction factors and highlights the leaning of each:

- If the factor leans toward the **Uptrend**, that box will be **green**
- If the factor leans toward the **Downtrend**, that box will be **orange** or **red**

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