

ARMCHAIR INVESTOR^(sm) MORNING MARKET
NEWSLETTER
 A TREND-FOLLOWING STRATEGY

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>>>**ALSO:** Watch for my more complete analysis of this recent market later today: Is this Uptrend likely to continue? What does history tell us about the likelihood of this Uptrend failing? I have found a very disturbing period mirroring this market and wonder if its future will be ours. I would love to hear your comments, now and after you read my paper.

CURRENT MARKET DIRECTION: UPTREND.

Armchair Investor Trend-following Investment Position:	I bought the QQQ at 4/8 open
Total Armchair Investor 2020 Return See trades on page 2	11.6% year-to-date

THE MARKET'S MESSAGE The week ended with a pleasant surprise: Wednesday and Thursday were the first time the Nasdaq has risen for two consecutive days since it began its 32.6% drop on 2/19.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Have you noticed the biggest Wall Street traders have been taking money OUT of the market?

You can see that sneaky action in the alternating up and down price action. And it's not just the wild gyrations in this roller coaster market. To see what's really happening:

You MUST pair each day's price and volume action.

Compare the higher volume down days (distribution) to the mostly weak, lower volume up days! That combination shows more selling than buying and is what is keeping both major indexes' Accumulation/Distribution rating at D- (heavy selling) . **Why are they selling?**

>>>> Thursday's price-volume action: UP without volume support:

- Two accumulation days in a row show Uptrend support.
- Neither the Nasdaq nor S&P500 topped Tuesday's highs.
- Could this week be the moment this Uptrend takes off? *I'm not so sure!*

DAILY MARKET ACTION						
4/9/20	Index Close	Index % Change	Volume % Change	Volume vs 50-day Avg.	Accumulation or Distribution Day?	<u>YOUR GAIN</u> from Buying the index on 4/3 (New Uptrend)
Nasdaq	8153.57	+0.8%	+19.8%	+14.8%	Minor accumulation	+9.0%
S&P500	2789.82	+1.5%	NYSE Volume		Major Accumulation	+10.9%
DJIA	23719.37	+1.2%	+34.6%	+35.5%	Major Accumulation	+11.4%

MY PLAN FOR MONDAY: HOLD the QQQ. I will continue buying partial positions in a couple of strong individual stocks, easing into this frisky market.

DEFINITIONS:

A **Major Accumulation Day**: Price RISES at least 1.0% or more with higher Volume than prior day.
 A **Major Distribution Day**: Price FALLS at least 1.0% or more with higher Volume than the day before.
 A **minor distribution Day**: Price FALLS at least 0.2% and less than 1% with strong Volume (either higher than the day before or is well-above average volume).
 If the day's price/volume action does not meet the accumulation or distribution definitions above, it is a "**Neither**" day.

ARMCHAIR INVESTOR TREND-FOLLOWING RETURNS				
Current Trend				
4/9/20	Opening Price on 4/3/2020*	TODAY's Closing Price	ETF % Change Today	Gain or Loss Since 4/6/2020 Uptrend Signal
QQQ (1x)	\$185.50	\$200.86	+0.1%	+8.3%
QLD (2x)	\$84.89	\$98.84	+0.3%	+16.4%
TQQQ (3x)	\$43.86	\$54.67	+0.4%	+24.6%

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.

This NEW UPTREND is still not guaranteed!

After a dramatic 30+% drop on the Nasdaq and S&P500 mid-February to mid-March 2020, **history warns us** that the first upturn is more likely to fail. Stay tuned! And watch the virus/economic news.

The market would go back into Downtrend IF:

- it undercuts its recent low on 3/23 or
- Has a serious concentration of distribution days since the Uptrend signal on 4/2..

ARMCHAIR INVESTOR TREND-FOLLOWING RETURNS						
All Trades In 2020						
Market Direction Signal Change	Direction	Action	# Days	Closing Price	% GAIN Each Trend (See note)	Armchair Investor GAIN In 2020
12/31/19	Uptrend	Hold the QQQ	55	\$212.61	+4.34%	+4.3%
2/24/20	Uptrend under Pressure	Sold QQQ. Wait in CASH	3	\$221.84	+0.0%	+4.3%
2/27/20	Downtrend	Bot PSQ at Open	38	\$24.65	+0.0%	+4.3%
4/6/20	Uptrend	Sold PSQ at Open	2	\$26.03	+5.6%	+10.2%
4/8/20	Uptrend	Bot QQQ at Open	0	\$198.08	+0.0%	+10.2%
4/9/20	End of Day	Holding QQQ	2	\$200.86	+1.3%	+11.6%
Year-to-date:		# Days	100	TOTAL% Growth in 2020:		+11.6%
Note: It is highly unlikely the Armchair Investor strategy will earn 50% this year, but it is on track to be a top performing year with this simple strategy.				Annualized Growth:		+50.2%

THURSDAY's MARKET LESSON:

Most days before a 3-day holiday weekend are commonly low volume, boring days, but this market showed a respectable rise in price and volume with an accumulation days for both major indexes:

- The S&P500 rose 1.5% with a volume rise of +35%
- The Nasdaq rose 0.8% with a volume rise of +20%

Before I scare you with the following thoughts, please know that even if the worst (see below) happens in a year, a month or next week, the Armchair Investor Strategy will NOT “stay the course” and ride a falling market down.

Could this new Uptrend still die? Yes, it might! I'm sad to say I suspect that the worse of the pandemic's worst impact may not have hit yet. And the financial impact could be felt for years. Will congress' bailout package be enough? Will it have a lasting effect?

In the financial crisis of 2007, it took the market 2 1/2 years to recover, falling 56%. Worse yet was the reaction to the dot.com 90's market over-inflation that crashed in March of 2000.

ON lesson I have learned from every great investor I have read the material from,

HUMAN NATURE DOESN'T CHANGE.

That is why the cups and handles, double bottoms, etc. continue to work. HUMAN NATURE DOESN'T CHANGE. (Fear and greed driven)

Stick with the Armchair Investor non-emotional, fact-based analysis to ride the market as it rises and exit as it falls. I have never been ashamed of exiting a failing market or riding a winner up, no matter what “they” say.

I've been looking for past examples and see a close one in 1998: a 33% drop during the “dotcom” rally in 1998, Everyone was sure 1998 was the top and got out. When it turned around, they all jumped in again.

When the 2000 crash occurred, their brokers told them to stay in because, “...It always comes back! Just look at 1998.

Or will it rise for another year or two, convince us all to put everything in the market that is “going to the moon”? And then die as it did in 2000?

I will put it all together with charts later today. I have to baste the ham, etc.

(continued on the next page)

I am going to spend this afternoon working on expanding this analysis. Anyone have historical examples, other ideas, etc. that you would like to contribute?

ALL OF YOUR IDEAS AND REFENCES ARE WELCOME. In fact, I will include every comment I sent to:

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What would have to happen for this new Uptrend to collapse back into a Downtrend? Two patterns give up the Uptrend:

- One of the major indexes falls and undercuts its recent low. This action would require a drop of 16 - 18%. In this wildly swinging market, that undercut could happen in just a 2 or 3 bad days.
- The concentration of distribution days (down days on higher volume) would have to get serious enough to reveal heavy selling. Read this newsletter daily. It will alert you with a warning one page one when either or both of the major indexes starts to rack up distribution days.

See **20 DAILY MARKET ACTION** table for daily price-action details below (page 10).

2 CHART READING LESSONS: Look at a Nasdaq or S&P500 daily chart over the last 8 weeks. (Charts are at the end of this newsletter.)

Notice the telltale **DOWN-TRENDING** pattern of:

- frequent higher volume DOWN days (serious selling) and
- frequent lower volume UP days (lack of commitment to the upward move).

REMEMBER:

THE MARKET CONTINUES IN THE DIRECTION IT IS GOING,

.....UNTIL IT DOESN'T !

Current Signs of Market Strength

- **The market went into UPTREND on Thursday 4/2** with a strong Follow-through day on the S&P500 index only (the Nasdaq did not have supporting volume.) The S&P500 rose 2.3% with volume +7.6%.
- **The S&P500 is up 25.5% from the 3/23 low. The Nasdaq is up 22.0%.**
- Many of the recent concentration of distribution days have mostly aged into the past. The **market has reversed upward with ONLY 2 distribution day** and 2 accumulation day in the last 10 days.
- **Monday's Major Accumulation day is strong confirmation of the new Uptrend**, but NOT a guarantee.
- The 24% of stocks with **"A" or "B" accumulation/distribution ratings is the highest it has been in a month!** (with plenty of room to grow; a "fair share" of these 2 out of 5 possible ratings is 40%)

Current Signs of Market Weakness

- **Only the S&P500 had a Follow-through day on Thursday 4/2.** You could call Monday (4/6) the Nasdaq's F-T day as its volume kicked in with a strong volume increase.
- The Nasdaq and S&P500 continue **living below their 50-day and 200-day moving averages**. But are getting closer!
- **The major indexes (Nasdaq, S&P500 and DJIA) have low Distribution ratings of "D" indicating wide spread selling.** (This 90-day rating is slow to turn around.)
- The market feels like the "Wild West" – unpredictable, highly volatile. **Avoid the "showdown" by exiting any losing stocks.**
- **Only three stocks are on the Sector Leader list – Netflix, LITE and NOW.** If this market is strong enough to go back into Uptrend, where are all the leading stocks? (They were sold off quite hard in the last Downtrend.)
- On this Follow-Through day (Thursday 4/2), **only 3 leader stocks rose with higher volume, while 5 leader stocks dropped on higher volume.** That's backwards from a powerful Follow-Through day.

With the Coronavirus spreading, it could be a... long,... cold... spring!

>>>>But be sure to watch each stock in your portfolio for additional distribution days to signal an exit point. See selling rules chapter of “How to Make Money in Stocks” by William O’Neil, founder of Investor’s Business Daily.

Reminder: I do not make recommendations - just ideas to consider.

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I’m just hanging around the house!

A Downtrend changes to an Uptrend by having a Follow-through day which occurs when the market takes 2 clear Upward steps:

1. **Attempted Rally:** One or both major indexes (Nasdaq and S&P500) closes higher than the day before and stays above that low.) This happened on 2/28. The Attempted Rally stays in effect until the index undercuts the recent low, or a Follow-Through day changes the market diagnosis to Uptrend – See step 2 next...
2. **Follow-through Day: On day 4 or later of the A-R,** one or both of the major indexes has a **strong rise** (usually 1.3% or more) with higher volume than the day before.
NOTE: Stay tuned! A New Uptrend could begin any day now! Or not!

MARKET ACTION 2020 YEAR-TO-DATE				
4/9/20	2019 Closing Price	Current Price	Index % Change Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Nasdaq	8972.61	8153.57	-9.1%	
S&P 500	3230.78	2789.82	-13.6%	
DJIA	28538.44	23719.37	-16.9%	

PLEASE UNDERSTAND: BUY & HOLD IS NOT A STRONG INVESTING STRATEGY.

Imagine the difference in returns if you could just wait in cash as the market falls and get back in as it starts back up! It isn’t necessary to get out at the top or in at the bottom. But stepping out of the market somewhere *near the top* and getting back in *near the bottom* has had a HUGE IMPACT on my portfolio.

THE ARMCHAIR INVESTOR TREND-FOLLOWING STRATEGY

A Simple and Powerful Tool to Increase Your Returns

Armchair Investor Mantra:

- Be IN the market when it is going up
- Be OUT of the market when it is going down
- Protect your portfolio with 8% stops.

The primary purpose of this Armchair Investor newsletter is to let you, the reader, earn bigger returns riding the trend of the market.

By following the best (most reliable) market change signals, you can:

- **Get in the market near the bottom** of a new bull market
- **Exit the market near the top**, and
 - **Capture more of the gains**,
 - **Avoid more of the losses** and, thus
 - **Earn higher returns** than the “buy-and-hold” strategy recommended by many brokers and money managers!

Why a “Buy-and-Hold” strategy doesn’t work well:

When the market has topped and starts to fall, do you really want to let your profits fade away as the market falls – sometimes for years? Of course not! Selling your uptrend position allows you to capture your gains and store them safely away in cash. What is the right time to exit? This newsletter will show you the market’s signal.

Most downtrends (also called corrections) fall faster than the uptrends rise.

I am not willing to sit in a sick, falling market and lose my hard earned gains! Cash is a safer position!

Here are the three signals I will give you in this newsletter for the three market conditions:

- **Uptrends:** When the market rises into an Uptrend, buy and hold the QQQ, a stock that rises with the general market.
- **Uptrend showing Weakness:** As a market Uptrend starts to fall, you will receive the signal to exit the QQQ and safely wait in cash.
- **Downtrends:** If the market continues down, you will receive a signal to buy the PSQ, a stock that rises while the market falls.

FINALLY – For individual stocks: Use these market signals to help you when buying individual stocks. You increase your likelihood of a successful stock purchase if you only buy stocks when the market is in an Uptrend. Lesson: Don’t fight the market trend!

**HOW CAN YOU CAPTURE THOSE
GREAT MARKET GAINS SHOWN ABOVE?
USE THE ARMCHAIR INVESTOR PLAN:
*It's as easy as 1- 2- 3!***

STEP 1: Ride a rising market _____.

STEP 2: Protect your investments during a weakening Uptrend

STEP 3: Go to _____ in a falling market. <<<<<< NOW!

This newsletter will identify the market direction, (step 1, step 2 or step 3) and explain what you can do to grow and protect your portfolio.

STEP 1: In an Uptrend, hold the QQQ, a Nasdaq100 ETF

Find the market direction diagnosis every night in this newsletter.

- In the Uptrend, buy the QQQ the next morning if you don't yet have that position. This newsletter will alert you to the Uptrend signal! *The QQQ follows the ups and downs of the Nasdaq100, allowing you to grab the rises of an Uptrend.*
- With some additional positive action, you may decide to switch to the double QQQ ETF (QLD) or triple QQQ (TQQQ). I do not recommend these moves for the first time investor.

Just in case protection: When you receive your confirmation of the purchase, 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. Exit when the market starts to show significant weakness (read this newsletter nightly!

Although not every Uptrend signal generates a positive return, most do.

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

“Uptrend under Pressure” is a Warning Message and means:

- The market is showing significant distribution (selling pressure.)
Investors should:
 - **Be concerned about the strength of this Uptrend.**
During an Uptrend under Pressure, this newsletter may move into CASH position to avoid possible losses.
 - **Check on the health of your investments each night!** Many investors do not buy new stock positions during this period due to higher failure rates.
- **From STEP 2, “Uptrend under Pressure,”** the market diagnosis will go one of two ways:
 - **Rise** with price and volume strength, and return to **Uptrend – (STEP 1)**, or
 - Continue to add more distribution days and **fall** into a **Downtrend (correction)**
- This is a time to pay attention to the market behavior.

STEP 3: When the market diagnosis goes to “Downtrend”

Capture much of the gains from the Uptrend by selling your Uptrend ETF position (QQQ, QLD or TQQQ) when the market diagnosis goes into Downtrend to capture much of the gains earned in Steps 1 & 2 above.

After exiting the Uptrend ETF, wait in cash until the next Uptrend signal. More recent Downtrends have been short term and not tradable.

The Uptrend has been years long and strong. The market is due for a long dive. I will invest in the PSQ (inverse QQQ) ETF which makes profits as the market falls!

NOTE: Not every market direction signal ends with a positive return. But overall, this Market Tracking Strategy has outperformed the market when traded according to these signals.

BONUS: 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).

MARKET FACTORS, COUNTS & RATINGS		4/9/2020	
Type of Day for <u>Nasdaq Index</u> Accumulation, Distribution or Neither		Minor accumulation	
I track the <u>Nasdaq's</u> price-volume because it usually leads the market direction.			
Market Direction Uptrend, Under Pressure, Downtrend		Uptrend (but tenuous)	
<u>Nasdaq Accumulation & Distribution Days (last 20 days)</u> Only accumulation and distribution days since the last market direction change are in this count.		Accumulation Days	Distribution Days
FYI: IBD uses 25 days for their distribution count. I've found the last 20 days to be most relevant. Thus, we don't always match.		4	4
Count of Up Days and Down Days Nasdaq's last <u>10-days'</u> price movement		Up Days	Down Days
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.		5	5
Rising/Falling Ratio of Leader Stocks with High Volume Nasdaq 10-day ratio		1.0	
This indicator looks at the HEALTH of leading stocks (high RS rating) with strong financials (high EPS rating) Uptrend indicator: 1.5 or higher. Neutral: 1.0 to 1.49. Downtrend: less than 1.0			
Market Accumulation/Distribution Ratings "A": heavy accumulation, "B": moderate accumulation, "C": neutral, "D": moderate distribution, "E": heavy distribution. Accumulation = Institutions are BUYING, Distribution = Inst are SELLING		Nasdaq	D-
		S&P 500	D-
		DJIA	D-
Are Major Indexes Above or Below Moving Averages? "At" is within 1% above or below the moving average.		50-Day	200-Day
Nasdaq		Below	Below
S&P 500		Below	Below
NYSE		Below	Below
DJIA		Below	Below

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	3/13/20	7874.88	+9.4%	-8.9%	14	—	DOWNTREND
19	3/16/20	6904.59	-12.3%	-3.4%	15	—	UPTREND
18	3/17/20	7334.78	+6.2%	+7.6%	16	Major Accumulation	UPTREND
17	3/18/20	6989.84	-4.7%	+0.24%	17	Major Distribution	DOWNTREND
16	3/19/20	7150.58	+2.3%	-4.1%	18	—	DOWNTREND
15	3/20/20	6879.52	-3.8%	+3.2%	19	Major Distribution	DOWNTREND
14	3/23/20	6860.67	-0.3%	-11.7%	20	—	UPTREND
13	3/24/20	7417.86	+8.1%	+0.9%	21	Major Accumulation	UPTREND
12	3/25/20	7384.30	-0.5%	-1.8%	22	—	UPTREND
11	3/26/20	7797.54	+5.6%	-14.5%	23	—	DOWNTREND
10	3/27/20	7502.38	-3.8%	-1.6%	24	—	UPTREND
9	3/30/20	7774.15	+3.6%	-2.4%	25	—	DOWNTREND
8	3/31/20	7700.10	-1.0%	+2.0%	26	Major Distribution	DOWNTREND
7	4/1/20	7360.58	-4.4%	-10.0%	27	—	UPTREND
6	4/2/20	7487.31	+1.7%	-2.4%	1*	—*	DOWNTREND
5	4/3/20	7373.08	-1.5%	-1.5%	2	—	UPTREND
4	4/6/20	7913.24	+7.3%	+8.3%	3	Major Accumulation	UPTREND
3	4/7/20	7887.26	-0.3%	+8.9%	4	Minor distribution	DOWNTREND
2	4/8/20	8090.90	+2.6%	-15.7%	5	—	DOWNTREND
1	4/9/20	8153.57	+0.8%	+19.8%	6	Minor accumulation	UPTREND

*April 2nd's Follow-through day signaled a move into Uptrend but only by the S&P500. Single index indicators of a new Uptrend are not as strong as when both F-T. Two days later, the Nasdaq also had a F-T signal on 4/6 adding to the positive factors for a new Uptrend.

On a rising day with lower volume (see 3/13 and 3/26 for example), the lower volume says the market isn't supportive of the rise in price. Thus, the right-most column labeled the day "DOWNTREND" which means the Nasdaq's price-volume action was consistent with a market Downtrend.

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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A BULLISH BUYING PATTERN EMERGES IN ACCUMULATION/DISTRIBUTION TABLE:

A week ago (3/20):

- 15% of stocks were being had “B” ratings (being bought) or “C” ratings (neutral).

Last week (ending on 4/3)

- “B” and “C” rated stocks jumped to 31% indicating serious buying.
- Why did “A” stocks not rise? This small but elite group of best stocks (having strong fundamentals including strong, growing earnings) have continued to be bought and held (not sold off).

PROGRESS IN ACCUMULATION/DISTRIBUTION RATINGS							
		A	B	C	D	E	As + Bs
4 weeks ago	3/12	3%	11%	15%	33%	38%	14%
3 weeks ago	3/19	2%	5%	7%	24%	62%	7%
2 weeks ago	3/26	2%	11%	13%	29%	45%	13%
1 week ago	4/2	2%	14%	16%	29%	39%	16%
Today	4/9	4%	20%	21%	30%	25%	24%
	# stocks in each rating:	227	1245	1281	1858	1500	6111
<p>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. The ratings which are higher than two weeks prior are colored light GREEN. Lower ratings are PINK.</p>							

AN EVEN SPLIT: Since there are 5 ratings, each would equally get 20%.

When the market shows heavy buying of top stocks, the A and B counts will rise and the D and E counts will fall. When the market is heavily selling stocks, the opposite happens,

THE SIGNAL: Notice I have noted the % of all stocks that have A or B ratings.

- When the A+B% rises, I know the market, as a whole, is being bought.
- Any total of A+B's over their “fair share” of 40% (2 ratings out of the 5 possible ratings= 40%) is **good news.**

WHAT HAPPENED IN LAST WEEK'S MARKET ACTION:

IMPORTANT: >>> Scan across the volume over the last four weeks on a daily chart. You will see almost all the tall volume bars (sticking up above their neighbors) are RED, showing higher volume on down days. Thus, the "E" distribution ratings on the Nasdaq, S&P500, NYSE and DJIA.

Conclusion: HOW TO SEE DISTRIBUTION ON 2-COLOR CHARTS!

Distribution action is easiest to see when you are on a chart with two color volume lines, usually red for falling price days and green (or blue) for rising days. The fastest way to get a sense of the accumulation/distribution going on in a stock or index is to swing your eyes across the volume bars – noting the color of the highest bars - the red volume bar indicates the price dropped that day. The taller bar indicates the volume was higher.

Last Week in Review (final IBD numbers)						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FOR THE WEEK:
	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	4/3	
Nasdaq	+7.3%	-0.3%	+2.6%	+0.8%	Market Holiday	+10.6%
Volume	+8.3%	+8.9%	-15.7%	+19.8%		

Note the pattern of higher volume DOWN days with lower volume UP days continued Monday through Thursday, but after Thursday's Follow-through day, both price and volume receded.

Over the last four weeks, you will see almost all the volume bars that are sticking up above their neighbors are RED showing higher volume down days. This analysis is easier on a chart with two color volume lines, red for rising price days and green (or blue) for rising days.

LAST WEEK'S MARKET ACTION				
4/9/20	Weekly Index % Change	Weekly Volume % Change	Volume Above/ Below 10-week Avg	Type of Week
Nasdaq	+10.6%	-14.9%	-10.0%	Neither
S&P 500	+12.1%	S&P 500 Volume		Neither
DJIA	+12.7%	-11.8%	-1.0%	Neither
<p>The "TYPES OF WEEK" are: ACCUMULATION WEEK PRICE RISES 0.2% or more and VOLUME RISES DISTRIBUTION WEEK PRICE FALLS 0.2% or more and VOLUME RISES Another type of DISTRIBUTION(*): WEEK PRICE FALLS 0.2% or more & VOLUME is 15% or more above average even without an increase in volume. The NYSE volume is used for the S&P500, DJIA and NYSE Composite.</p>				

NASDAQ Daily 4 month chart, (updated Thursday 4/9/2020)
New Uptrend Thursday as indexes rise but volume is weak.
Watch the new Uptrend – will it hold or fail?



NASDAQ Weekly 1 year chart, (updated Thursday 4/9/2020)
Downtrend reverses: Indexes rise but volume is low (4-day week)



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S&P500 Daily 4 month chart, (updated **Thursday 4/9/2020**)

Downtrend reverses: Indexes rise but volume is low – 4 day week



S&P500 Weekly 1 year chart, (updated **Thursday 4/9/2020**)

Downtrend reverses: Indexes rise but volume is low – 4 day week.



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**EXAMPLE of the DAILY MARKET ACTION table
with explanation of terms and signals:**

THE DAILY MARKET ACTION						
9/27/19	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	7,939.63	-1.1%	+8.5%	-11.0%	Major Distribution	+1.7%
S&P500	2,961.79	-0.5%	NYSE Volume		minor distribution	+3.4%
DJIA	26,820.25	-0.3%	+5.1%	-12.0%	minor distribution	+3.8%

A **Major Accumulation Day**: Price RISES 1.0% or more with higher Volume than the day before.
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If the day's price/volume action does not meet the accumulation or distribution definitions above, it is a **neither day**.

** 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.

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EXAMPLE and DEFINITIONS used in this newsletter:

DAILY MARKET ACTION						
10/25/19	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	8,243.12	+0.70%	+1.2%	-2.1%	Neither	+5.3%
S&P500	3,022.55	+0.41%	NYSE Volume		Neither	+5.3%
DJIA	26,958.06	+0.57%	-9.2%	-1.5%	Neither	+4.3%
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