# **Technical Strategy**

# Trend & Cycle Roadmap

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- US 30-year and 10-year yields pull back to support bands that should support a bounce.
- S&P 500 intermediate and short-term outlook with key levels.
- MSCI's USA Momentum Index price uptrend is intact but relative performance is diverging negatively.
- Lagging groups, such as homebuilders, banks and biotech are showing further signs of bottoming.

We are revisiting the US 30-year and 10-year yield charts to highlight that their recent pullbacks are showing early signs of bottoming at support bands coinciding with 50-62% retracements of the early April to late May rebounds between 4.6-4.7% and 4.15-4.24%, respectively. Short-term technical indicators (not shown) are suitably oversold to support a bounce.

While a bounce appears likely, we expect these longer-term rates to remain in broad trading ranges with the upper end of the range at 5% for the US 30-year yield and 4.5-4.6% for the US 10-year yield.



Source: RBC Wealth Management, Bloomberg, Optuma

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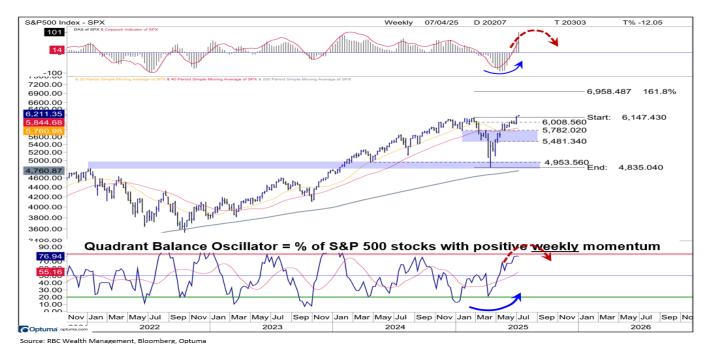
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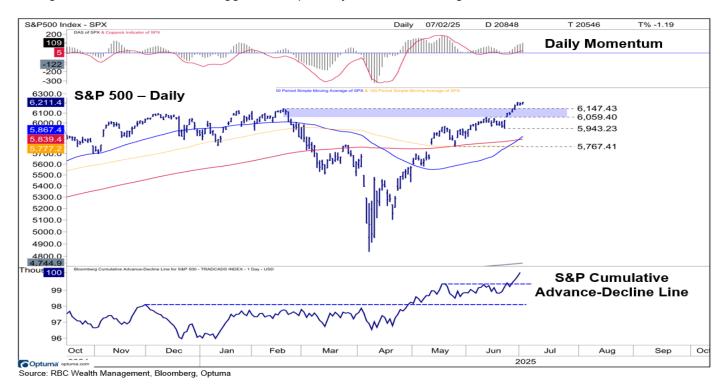
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The S&P's intermediate-term trend and weekly momentum indicators, tracking 1-2 quarter swings, remain positive, suggesting further upside for equities. Our expectation, however, is that the momentum indicators will move into overbought territory heading into mid-Q3 in the heart of earnings reports, with a pullback into late Q3 likely, consistent with weak seasonality moving into Q4.



The S&P's short-term trend remains positive following the breakout to new cycle highs with first support at 6059-6147 and next support between the blue 50-day ma at 5867 and the red 200-day ma at 5839. While valuations remain an understandable concern for investors, a break below the 50 and 200-day moving averages would be needed to suggest the April-July rebound is failing.





The MSCI USA Momentum Factor index (tracked by a widely followed ETF) is a useful index to monitor high momentum stocks. Not surprisingly, this index has a pattern similar to that of the S&P 500 given it is dominated by the same large-cap growth stocks that are powering the S&P 500. However, while the trend of the index in the top panel remains positive, its relative performance in the bottom panel has negatively diverged by trending lower. Although this divergence is still only a short-term event, it suggests extra caution chasing many of the Q2 market leaders that are moving toward overbought levels and to consider diversifying portfolios to areas that have lagged in 2025 that are now showing signs of bottoming.



Source: RBC Wealth Management Bloomberg Optuma

We are revisiting lagging groups, such as **homebuilders**, **biotech and banks**, that we recently featured in the weekly Roadmap given they continue to show evidence of bottoming following pullbacks in late 2024 into 2025. While these groups may not be long-term leadership, our expectation is that their recoveries will continue through Q3 into Q4 and could help diversify portfolio exposure from many of the well advanced growth and momentum leaders.



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