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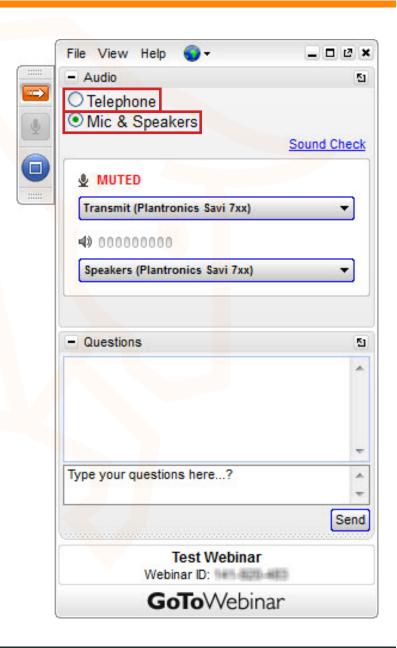
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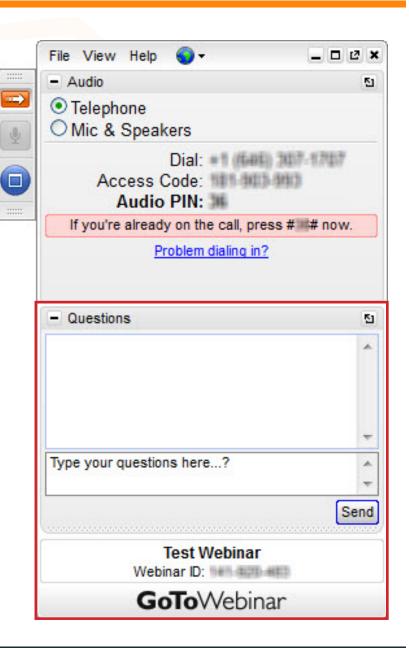
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Preview

1. Breadth basics

2. Inconvenient breadth arithmetic

3. Outperformance breadth

4. Horse race

Some measures of stock market breadth.

Moving Average Breadth: percent of stocks in the index with prices above their (200-day) moving averages.

Other measures of breadth:

- **Net New Highs**: Percent new highs new lows.
- Net Rising: percent rising issues falling issues.

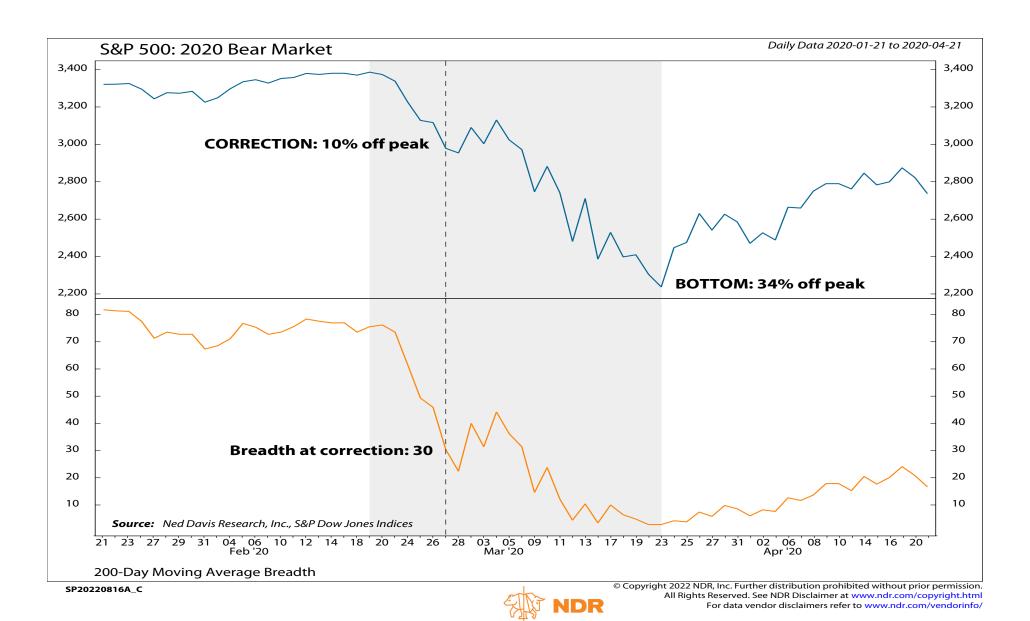
These must be out there somewhere...

High Volatility Breadth: percent of stocks in the index with increasing price return volatility.

Skewness Breadth: percent of stocks in the index with price returns leaning in a certain direction.

Correlation Breadth: percent of stocks in the index with highly correlated price returns versus the index.

Moving average breadth in 2020.



Moving Average Breadth can get "sticky".

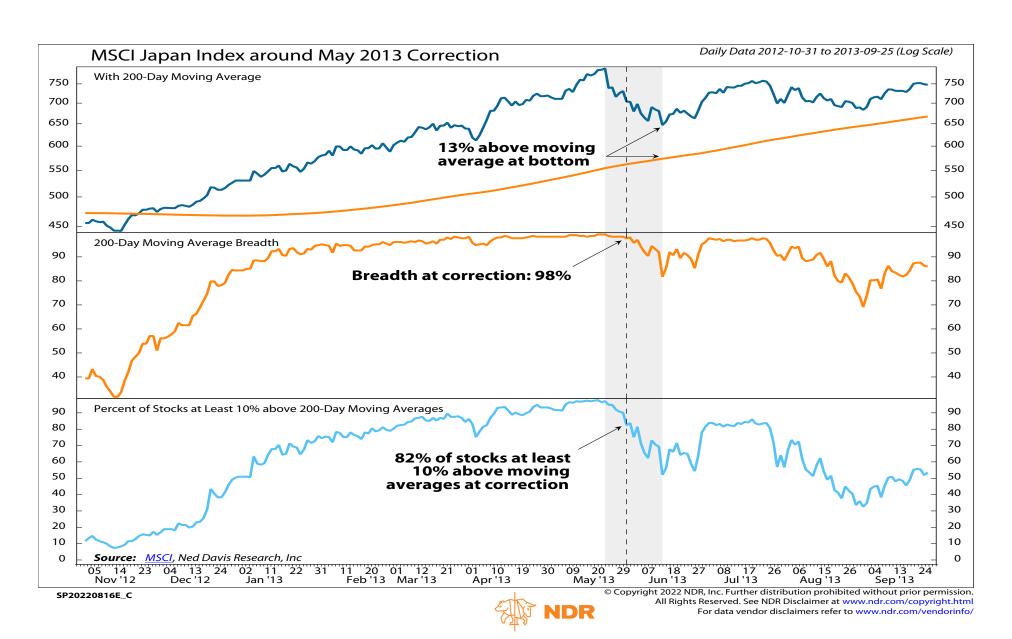
After strong market runs:

Many stocks prices could be well above their moving averages.

 These stocks prices would have to travel far to go below their moving averages.

Moving Average Breadth remains high for too long.

Example of sticky breadth in Japan.



A couple of slow curveballs...

Sticky breadth more likely when index has higher concentration of high beta stocks.

Can breadth be sticky when it is low? Probably not.

Outperformance Breadth.

Percent of stocks in the index that have outperformed the index (over the last 200 days).

Application:

• Use on market correction (index 10% off 52-week high).

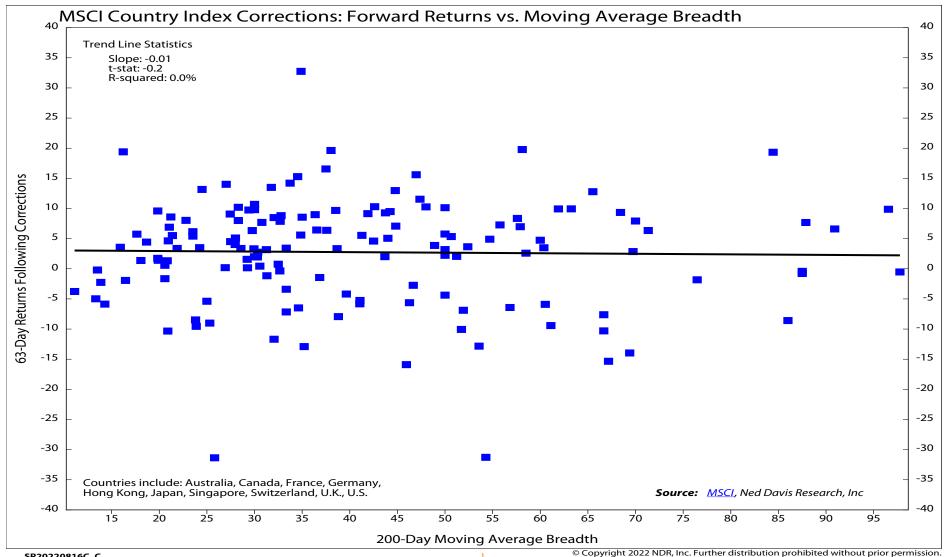
• If Outperformance Breadth > 50, bet market rally.

• If Outperformance Breadth < 50, bet bear market.

List of MSCI country indexes studied.

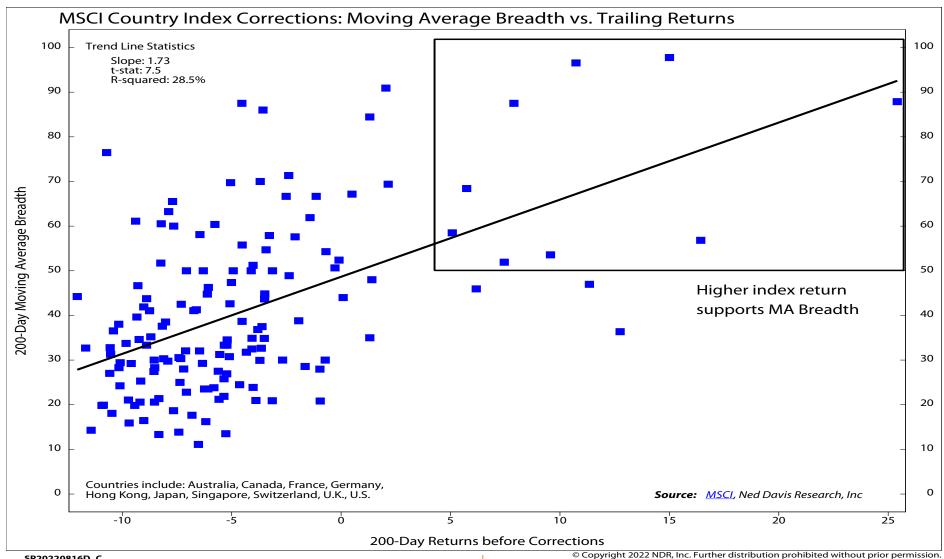
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Germany	United Kingdom	
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Moving Average Breadth and forward returns uncorrelated.



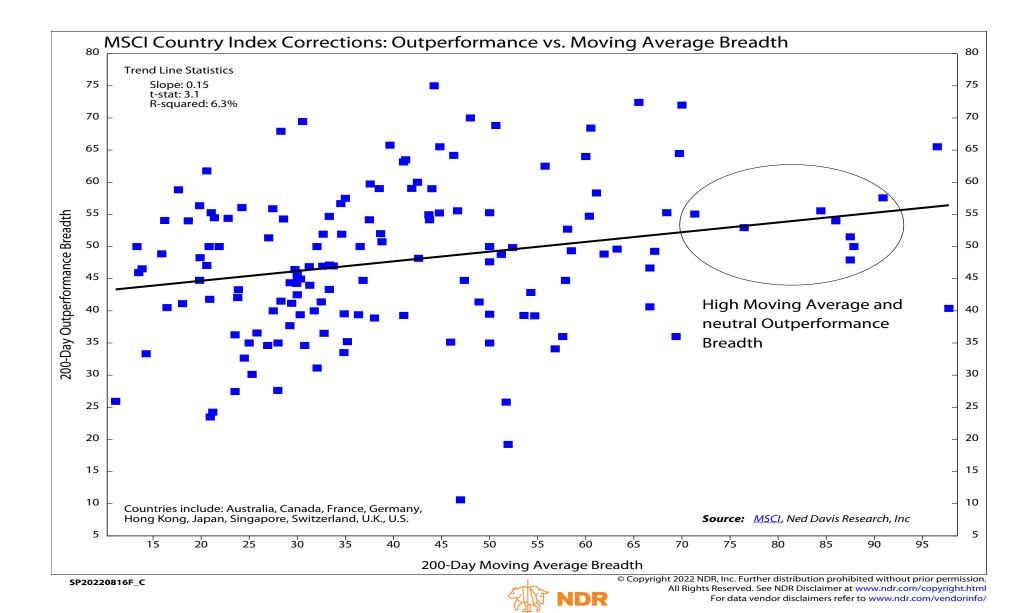
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Moving Average Breadth cushioned from higher trailing returns.



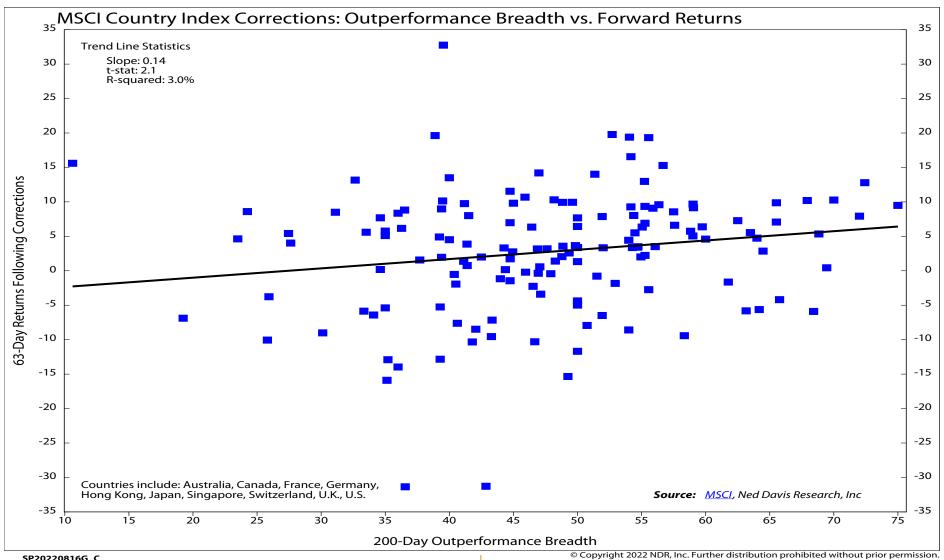
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Outperformance vs. Moving Average Breadth.



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Outperformance Breadth and forward returns move together.



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Performance evaluation.

What happens to the market after it corrects and

- Outperformance Breadth > 50?
- Outperformance Breadth < 50?

How often does market rally after correction and

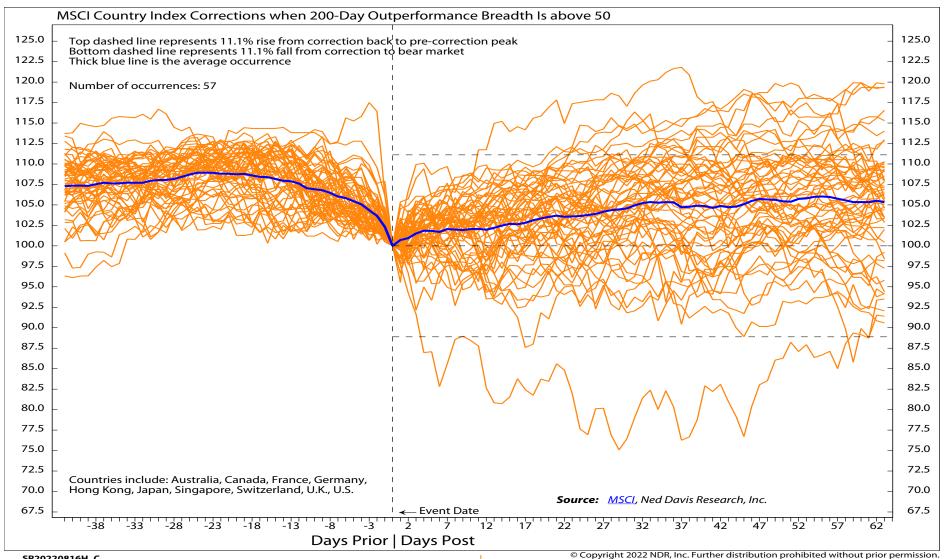
- Outperformance Breadth > 50?
- Outperformance Breadth < 50?

How often does bear market occur after correction and

- Outperformance Breadth > 50?
- Outperformance Breadth < 50?

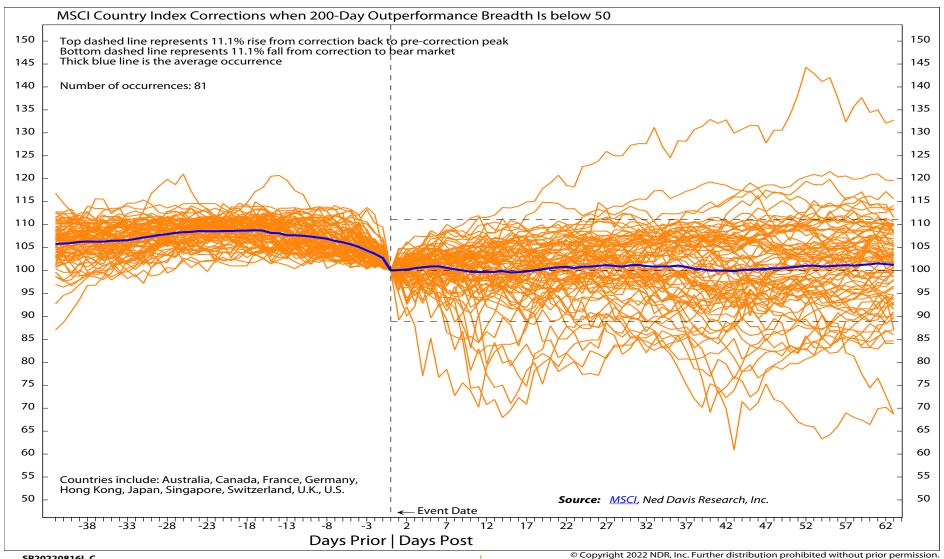
(correction: index down 10% from 52-week high, rally: return to previous peak after correction, bear market: index down 20% from 52-week high)

Correction + high Outperformance Breadth = usually positive returns.



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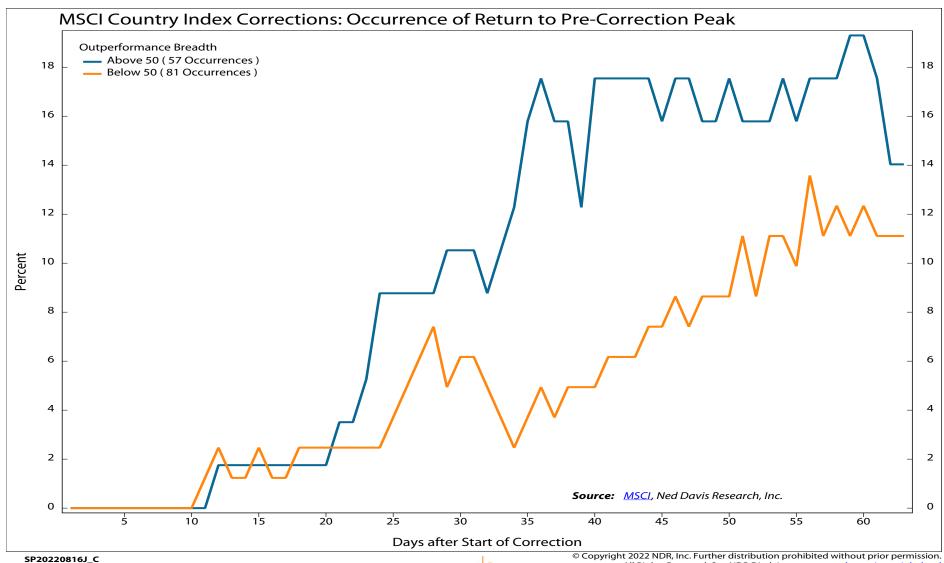
Correction + low Outperformance Breadth = usually flat returns.



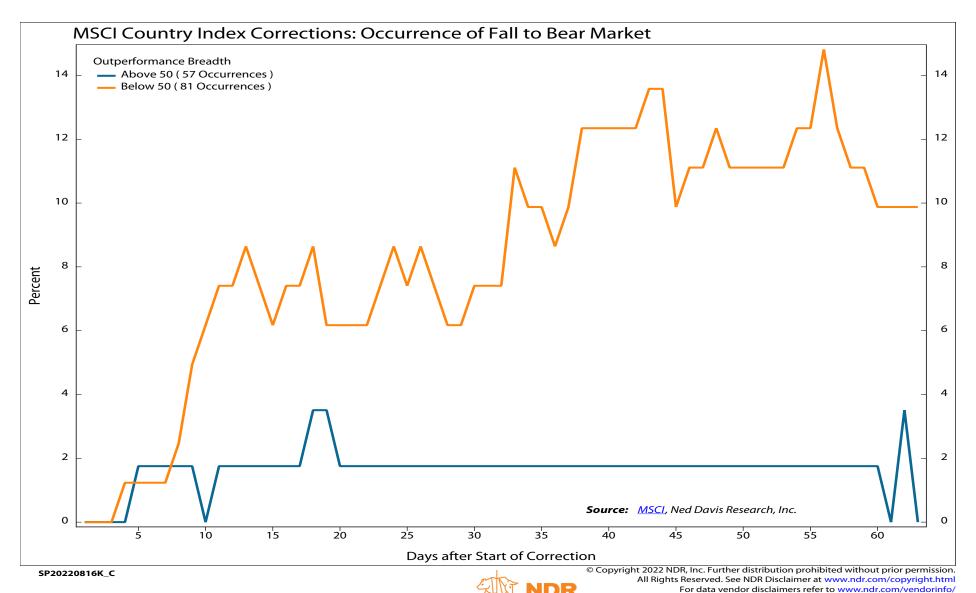
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If there's a rally, what was Outperformance Breadth?



If there's a bear market, what was Outperformance Breadth?



Performance evaluation by breadth measure.

30 Days after Correction

Measure	Level	Average Return	Occurrence of Rally	Occurrence of Bear Market
Outperformance Breadth	> 50	4.94	8.77	1.75
	< 50	1.23	4.94	8.64
Moving Average Breadth	> 50	3.23	10.53	7.89
	< 50	2.34	5.88	4.90
High / Low Breadth	< -10	3.86	6.06	4.55
	> -10	1.70	7.59	6.33
Rising / Falling Breadth	< 0	3.80	7.69	5.49
	> 0	1.13	6.12	4.08

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Conclusions

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Outperformance breadth:

1. Works the way we'd expect it to

2. Should continue to work (?)

3. Should be used with other indicators

4. Does it work under different circumstances?



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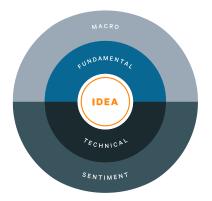
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