

# Technical Speculator

Timely Analysis for the Informed Investor

MARKETS – COMMODITIES – CURRENCIES – SECTORS

March 2026

## Commodities

### Materials rule the other assets groups

**Key Points:**

- **Commodity phase of the bull market has begun.**
- **The GTX now outperforming stocks (SPX & NASDAQ) since mid-2025.**
- **The Precious Metals sector holds on to the top in 90-day performance, once again.**
- **WTI prices remain contained.**
- **NatGas rebounds on geopolitical concerns. New upside target for gold is \$5950.**
- **Silver's new target is \$125.**
- **Industrial Metals ETF (GYX) stalling after breakout. Higher levels coming in Q2.**
- **More price strength for metals companies.**
- **Copper prices stall, short-term, at \$6.40.**
- **US dollar weakness continues into Q2.**

market cycle when commodities outperform the other major asset groups (S&P 500, Nasdaq, US 30-year T-bonds, US dollar). Over the past 90-days, the S&P Commodity Index has outperformed all the other asset groups (**Chart 1**). This growing performance has developed over the last six months. **Chart 1a** of the Business Cycle illustrates the

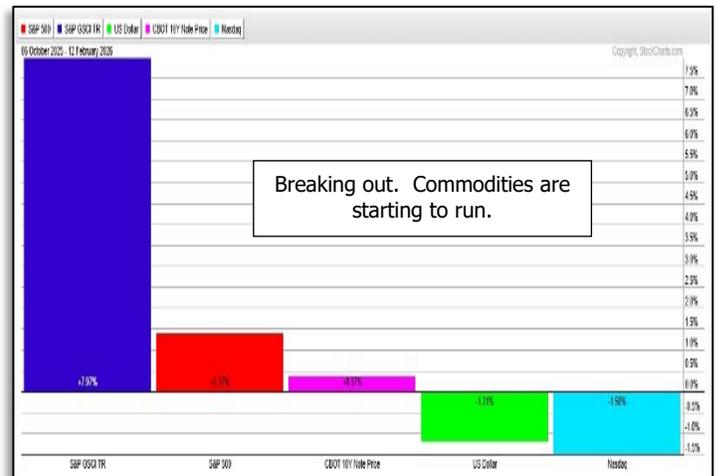


Chart 1

	Since Last Month	Year to Date	Since Inception mid-2003
<b>TS Model Portfolio</b>	4.41%	7.64%	<b>1,340.16%</b>
S&P 500	-0.82%	0.49%	587.89%

The 19-year average for the TS Model Portfolio – 12.46%  
 The 19-year average for the S&P 500 8.86%

**Five-Year Performance**

2021-16.25%	2022-(-15.88%)
2023-23.29%	2024-19.14%
2025-15.51%	

TS Model Income Portfolio – 9.31% average div. yield

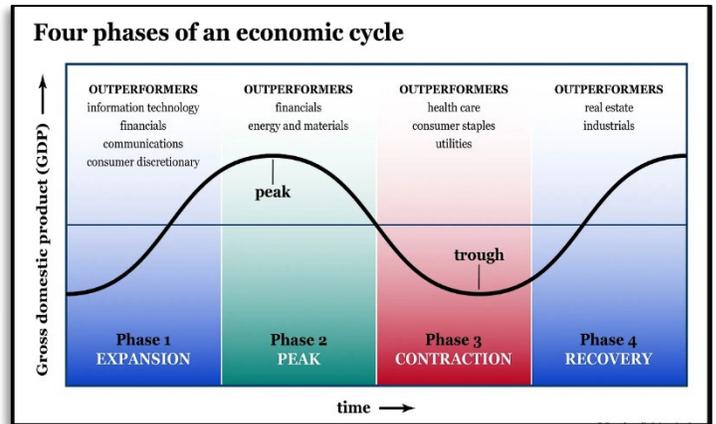


Chart 1a

**GTX: Leading in Performance**

**Outlook Positive:** Bull market peaks are associated with strong performance in materials. This is the only time in the

standard securities that outperform at different phases. The Peak Phase is the only stage when energy and materials outperform. As a sideline, financials are also a top-performing security group now.

Phase 2 (Peak) can last two to three years.

The S&P GSCI Commodity Index (GTX) continues to break out (**Chart 2**). Buying momentum (RSI) is positive, and there is a narrow positive 'Green Cloud' in Q1 with more expansion in Q2. Both suggest higher levels should be expected in the weeks ahead. US 10-year T-bond yields are still trending in lockstep with the GTX.



**Chart 2**

The long-term 10-year monthly data view supports higher levels for the GTX going forward into 2026. The S&P Commodity Index remains in a bullish pattern of higher highs and higher lows. There was a clean breakout in January of the GTX. Positive momentum confirms. A broad expanding 'Green Cloud' plus an accommodating uptick in bond yields, adds to the expectation of higher commodity levels this year (**Chart 2a**).

**What does it mean?** **Charts 1 and 1a** suggest that the economic and market cycles are at the peak phase. After over 16 years of the bull market, these are clear indications that the market is in the cresting stage. **Charts 2 and 2a** show the breakout of the S&P Commodity Index.

The target for the GTX remains at 4500

As US T-bond yields are moving in tandem with the GTX, higher yields should also be expected in 2026.



**Chart 2a**

### Inflation vs Deflation: A Solid Win

**Outlook: Positive:** The declining levels in the US dollar (down 12.00% over the last 12 months), and the ongoing geopolitical uncertainty, have continued to drive relative performance for inflationary assets over deflationary assets since Q3. Buying momentum trends are near overbought levels (still confirming additional upward strength). There is a positive 'Green Cloud' in Q1 and Q2 (**Chart 3**).



**Chart 3**

**What does it mean?** A dominant trend shift where inflationary assets (commodities-inflation) are outperforming deflationary assets (Dow-deflation) began in mid-2025. We anticipate a continued dominant performance from inflationary assets in 2026.

### Commodity Performance: Metals Win

**Outlook: Positive:** Precious metals soared up 34.49%, and the Industrial metals rose 17.51% (**Chart 4**). The US dollar remains under selling pressure with a -0.94% dip over the last 90 days. The energy sector is firming with 5.60%. Energy strength is expected to increase in Q2.

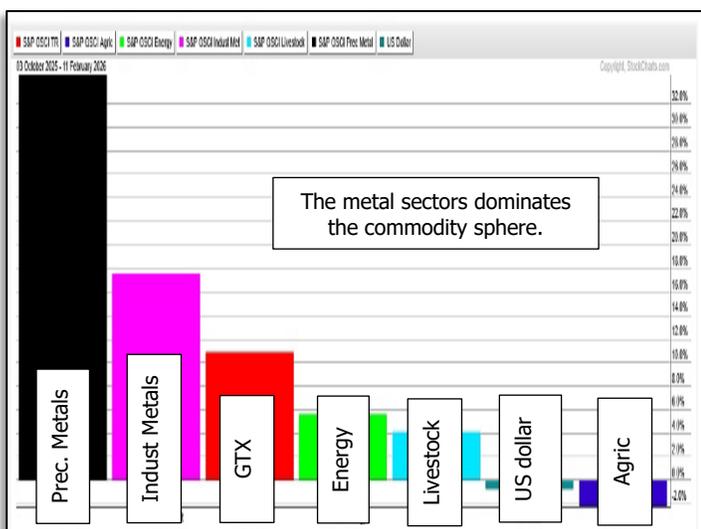


Chart 4

### WTIC: Continued Weakness

**Outlook: Negative:** Oil prices climbed off the base of \$56.00 but remained under pressure by persistent oversupply. The IEA said global oil inventories rose at the fastest pace since 2020.

**The 1-year trend is down.** The major trend is lower. Buying momentum (RSI) trend has recovered, now positive (confirming additional upward strength). A broadening negative 'Red Cloud' extends into Q2, suggesting prices will remain depressed over the next few months. The first price support is \$61.00. 1<sup>st</sup> resistance is at \$73.20 (**Chart 5**).

**What does it mean?** Oil prices are expected to remain depressed, remaining under \$73.20 in Q2. There is an oversupply of global supply and weak world demand.

### Natural Gas: On Lower Support Level

**Outlook: Neutral:** US natural gas inventories declined under heavy storage withdrawals. The prolonged Arctic cold boosted heating demand. However, forecasts point to



Chart 5

mostly warmer weather conditions into March, which will limit further price gains.

**The 1-year trend is flat.** Natural gas prices remain in a broad upward sloping channel. Recent price action shows a retest of the major support line. A narrow negative 'Red Cloud' in Q1 and Q2 suggests short-term price weakness. Buying momentum (RSI) is negative (not confirming additional upward strength).

**What does it mean?** NatGas prices are expected to remain under selling pressure in Q2. A meaningful price rally is not expected. The target is \$4.00. Wait for a bounce before reducing position size (**Chart 6**).



Chart 6

### Gasoline: Short-term Pop

**Outlook: Neutral/Negative:** US gasoline futures rebounded sharply in January, breaking through the 50-week ma. US gasoline inventories posted a sizable late January build-up of roughly 6.4m barrels. OPEC+'s decision to keep output steady in March and expectations of a global surplus going into Q2 should cap any upside potential. The wild card on gas prices is the attack on Iran.

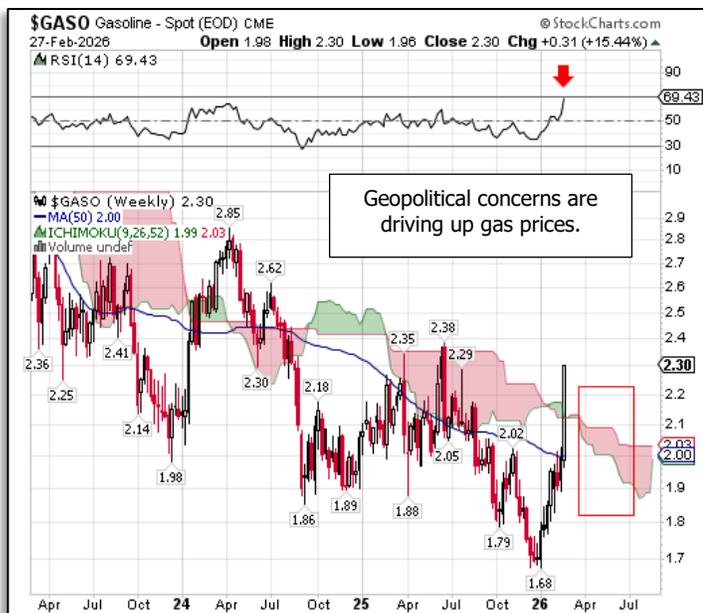


Chart 7

**The 1-year trend is flat.** The major trend continues lower. Still in a pattern of lower highs and lows. Momentum is overbought (not confirming additional upward strength). An expanding negative 'Red Cloud' carries into Q2, suggesting more price weakness in the months ahead. 1<sup>st</sup> resistance is at \$2.30 (Chart 7).

**What does it mean?** GASO has rallied due to geopolitical concerns on supply. GASO is expected to remain in a downward trend in Q2 pressured by abundant supply. The target of \$1.79 is met. The new target is \$2.30. Sell on any strength now.

### Gold: Remaining Overbought

**Outlook: Positive:** The major trend for the yellow metal continues to point higher. Data showed annual inflation slowed to 2.4% in January, below forecasts, while core inflation eased to 2.5%, reinforcing dovish arguments at the Federal Reserve after strong jobs data had pushed rate-cut expectations toward July. Yields edged lower and the dollar weakened following the release, offering near-term support to bullion.

**The 1-year trend is up.** Buying momentum (RSI) is overbought, again (still confirming additional upside pressure). Past overbought readings have produced a stall and a short-term consolidation. Well above the rising 50-week m/a. The first support level is \$4570. A positive 'Green Cloud' remains in Q1 and Q2 (Chart 8).

**What does it all mean?** The fundamental elements that have driven gold to a record high level remain in play. Continue to hold. The target of \$5025 has been met. Use caution, nothing goes up forever. The new target is \$5950.

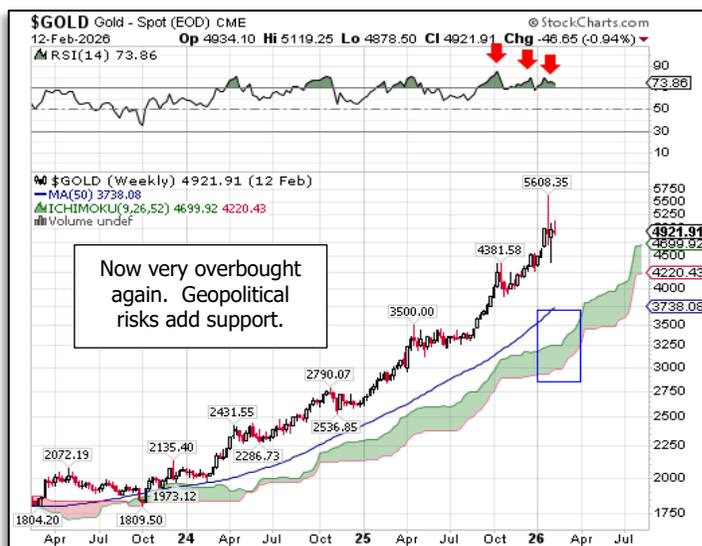


Chart 8

### Silver: Rebounding Off Support

**Outlook: Positive:** Pulling back on softer-than-expected US inflation data (Chart 9). Annual inflation slower to 2.4%



Chart 9

while core inflation eased to 2.5%, reinforcing expectations that any Fed rate cuts will be later in the year. US dollar weakness offering near-term support. Still, lingering market volatility and US policy uncertainty may limit gains.

The US Department of the Interior recently added silver, copper and metallurgical coal to its list of "critical minerals" list. Supply deficits also made silver a critical asset.

**The 1-year trend is up.** The roaring advance over the past year pulled back to the 1<sup>st</sup> support. Buying momentum is positive (confirming additional upward strength). Silver prices are well above the rising 50-week m/a. A positive but stretched 'Green Cloud' is developing into Q1 and Q2, suggesting short-term weakness. Any pullback should be brief. \$70.00 is the 1<sup>st</sup> support level. Use caution.

**What does it mean?** The target of \$97.00 has been met. The next target is \$125.00. Continue to hold the position.

### Industrial Metals: Overbought

**Outlook: Positive:** Aluminum, tin, zinc, nickel, cobalt, and iron ore prices are all rising. China's demand for the metals is the main reason for the escalation of value. Tight supply continues for most base metals (**Chart 10**).



**Chart 10**

**The 1-year trend is up.** After advancing over 25% since mid-2025, the GYX stalled. Buying momentum trend is overbought (still confirming additional upward strength). There is a positive 'Green Cloud' in Q1 and Q2, suggesting renewed strength (**Chart 10**).

The Dow Jones US Industrial Metals Index (**Chart 10a**) posted a new high in February. The buying momentum trend (RSI) is overbought (still confirming additional upward

strength). The index is well above the 50-week m/a. There is a positive 'Green Cloud' in Q1 and Q2. This suggests price strength going into mid-year. 1<sup>st</sup> support is at 640.

**What does it mean?** Strength in most industrial metals, is a sign on growing economic growth in China, the main driver for industrial metals prices.

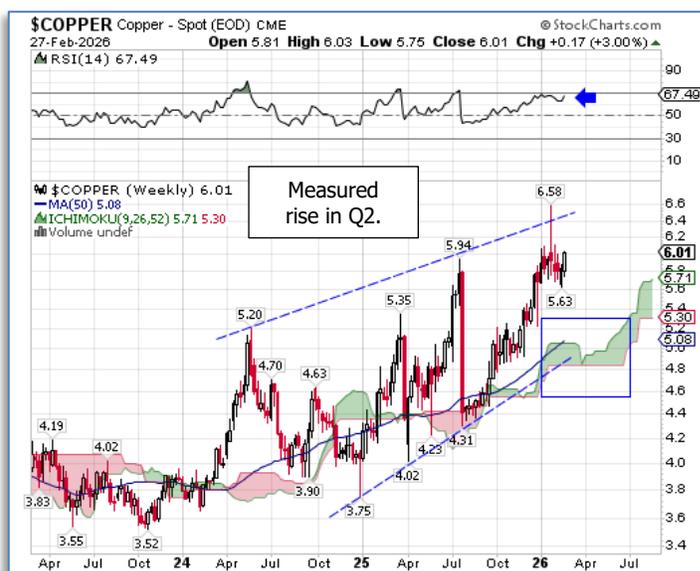
We expect the index (GYX and DJUSIM) to ease short-term and then move higher in the months ahead.



**Chart 10a**

### Copper: Retesting the High Mark

**Outlook: Positive:** Attention is being turned to inflation data which will shape Fed policy on rates (**Chart 11**).



**Chart 11**

Inflation appears to be under control in the US, which is taking some of the 'bloom' off the upward strength of the red metal. Copper reached a record high only to stall and pull back. Bullish sentiment from Chinese investors reversed by as much as 15% in early Q1. Still, the strong global demand from data centres, power grids, and EV vehicles is providing underlying support. Any price declines are quickly absorbed (**Chart 11**).

**The 1-year trend is up.** Copper prices are retesting the upper resistance trend line. Buying momentum is positive (confirming additional upward strength). A positive 'Green Cloud' is emerging in Q2, indicating a gradual rise.

**What does it mean?** Demand is still outstripping supply. The target of \$6.40 has been met. The next target is followed by \$7.60. Continue to hold.

### Livestock: Cattle Prices Stall

**Outlook: Positive:** Rising prices in feeder and live cattle have been the main driver for the S&P Livestock Index (**GVX**). In February, feeder and live cattle prices stalled. Only beef prices continue to rise, driven by increased consumer demand, rising feed prices, and drought conditions. These factors have created a "perfect storm" for beef prices.

**The 1-year trend is up.** The index is retesting the all-time high at 535. Stalling appears to be building. Buying momentum (RSI) is positive buy fading (still confirming additional upward strength). A positive 'Green Cloud' is in late Q1 and early Q2, suggesting that prices will still keep rising over the next few months (**Chart 12**). The 1<sup>st</sup> support is at 486.

**What does it mean?** Rising livestock prices are going higher in the months ahead. The target of 535 is nearly met. Once achieved, 560 is the next target. Continue to hold.



**Chart 12**

### US Dollar: More Price Weakness

**Outlook: Negative:** The greenback came under pressure after weak US inflation data reinforced expectations that the Fed will likely cut rates later in the year. Meanwhile, US payrolls rose the most in a year, signalling a stabilizing labour market. Markets are now pricing in a Fed rate cut in July. Investors are still focusing on the credit downgrade, uncontrolled debt increase, and ongoing Trump turmoil.

**The 1-year trend is down.** The US dollar has dropped again in Q1, after falling 12% since the beginning of 2025. Momentum trends are negative (not confirming additional upward strength). The US dollar moves into an expanding negative 'Red Cloud' in Q2, which suggests more price weakness should be expected (**Chart 13**).



**Chart 13**

**What does it mean?** Growing debt, credit downgrade, and Trump's handling of the government are all negatives for the dollar. Now inflation data suggests a delay in additional rate cuts.

The target is 94. Continue to avoid.

### What does it all mean?

After over 16 years of the bull market, the commodity phase appears to be starting to outperform. Since mid-2025, the S&P Commodity Index (GTX) has beaten equities (SPX, Nasdaq) by a large margin (**Chart 1**). Strength in the natural resources sector normally occurs in the latter part of a bull market.

**Chart 14** on page 7 shows the idealized turning points for bonds, stocks, and commodities.

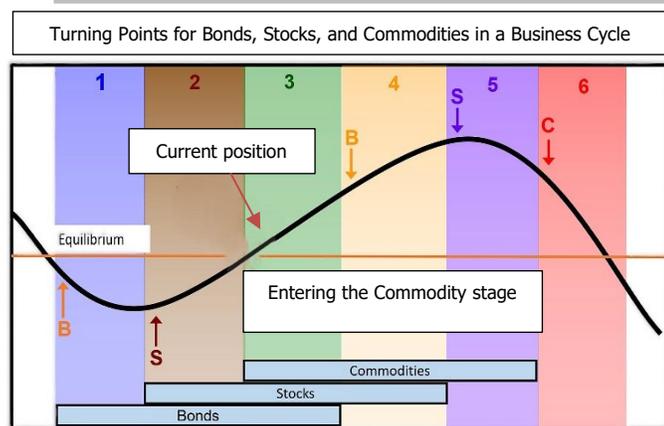


Chart 14

With the new performance strength of the GTX over the last six to seven months, this action would reinforce the idea that the Commodity phase of the business cycle has begun. This phase suggests dominance in performance over stocks in 2026 and beyond.

Note where Nasdaq is in **Chart 1**. This index has the lowest performance. The technology sector had the highest performance in the first half of 2025 (Magnificent 7, AI), but not now.

### What should investors do?

Suggested trading for commodities

- **GTX**- Slow rise into Q1. Add to positions on any weakness. Higher levels are coming. Use DBC as an ETF for commodities.
- **WTI**- Weakness continues in Q2. Hold. Add to the position only at or above \$67.00.
- **Natural Gas**- Weakness into Q2 expected. Buy at or above \$3.70. Target is \$4.00. Use caution.
- **Gasoline**- Weakness. Do not add to positions. Lower levels in Q2. Stay on the sidelines.
- **Gold**- \$5950 new target. Continue holding.
- **Silver**- Pull back. Add to the position only on a retracement. Support at \$70. \$125.00 target.
- **Industrial Metals**- Breakout! More strength in Q2. Wait for a pullback to buy.
- **Copper**- Stalling short-term in late Q1. Target is \$7.60. Add to positions on weakness.
- **Livestock**- Add to position on weakness. Higher levels in Q2 expected.
- **US dollar**- Down. 94 new targets. Sell on strength.

The Materials/Energy sector appears to be the best growth opportunity now. We like AltaGas (**ALA**), Enbridge (**ENB**), Global Mining Enterprises (**GMX**), Black Stone Minerals (**BSM**), Genesis Energy (**GEL**), MPLX LP (**MPLX**), Northwest Natural Gas (**NWN**), Solaris Energy Infrastructure (**SEI**), and Southwest Gas Corp. (**SWX**).

# International Equities

## Upward trend, but overbought

### KEY POINTS:

- **Another month of advancement drives most world markets into overbought status**
- **The Dow Jones Global Index has reached a key junction mark**
- **Down goes the US dollar, up goes the emerging markets EEM**
- **Broad breadth for world markets, all are trending up, except Russia**
- **Most world markets have outperformed the SPX over the past 90-days**
- **Q2 appears promising for global markets**
- **Brazil's Bovespa leads in 90-day performance**
- **Spain, Italy, and the UK markets are charging higher**
- **India's BSE stalls at resistance level, breakout expected in late Q2**
- **France's CAC breakout starts**

- **Overbought momentum builds for Mexico**

### Overview: Upward Trend into Q2

**Outlook Positive:** The major trend going into Q2 has not changed. Models suggest higher levels are coming in the months ahead. After a 38% run from the April 2025 low, the benchmark world equity index shows no evidence of weakness. Buying momentum trend (RSI) is overbought (still confirming additional upward strength). 1<sup>st</sup> price support is at 760. There is a rising positive 'Green Cloud' in Q1 and Q2, suggesting higher levels—no storm clouds on the horizon. The target of 785 has been met. The new target is 830 (**Chart 15 on page 8**).

The long-term (LT) 16-year primary trend remains upward (**Chart 15a on page 8**). Buying momentum trends (RSI) are overbought (still confirming additional upward strength). Now, retesting the top channel line. A retracement occurs