

The Repair Falters, Consumer Staples Leads

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Breadth moved on the day: 36.3% of stocks now sit above their 50-day average (-4.5 points on the session), Bongo Daily reads 55.8% Yes, and A/D accumulation (A+B) stands at 34.0%. Consumer Staples led the day's sectors, and Financials and Utilities hold the most stocks near their 52-week highs. The typical semiconductor stock stands at -21.8% over 21 sessions — the repair is still not being built by the old AI-hardware leadership.



Today's read at a glance — the day drawn: the three gauges up from their October 14 levels, the share above the 50-day average from 23.8% to 36.3%, A-plus-B accumulation from 18.0% to 34.0%, and the Bongo Daily share from 34.0% to 55.8%, with equal weight ahead of cap weight by +11.4 points over 21 sessions.

<p>ABOVE 50-DMA</p> <p>23.8% → 36.3%</p> <hr/> <p>-4.5 today +2.7 over five sessions</p> <p>FROM OCTOBER 14</p>	<p>A/D ACCUMULATION</p> <p>18.0% → 34.0%</p> <hr/> <p>+0.4 today +5.3 over five sessions</p> <p>FROM OCTOBER 14</p>	<p>BONGO DAILY SHARE</p> <p>34.0% → 55.8%</p> <hr/> <p>-8.2 today +5.2 over five sessions</p> <p>FROM OCTOBER 14</p>
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Measured from the October 14 low where this repair began: 36.3% Above 50-day average (from 23.8%), 34.0% A/D accumulation (from 18.0%), 55.8% Bongo Daily share (from 34.0%).

A Recovery off a Low, Not a Crest

Positional breadth is climbing toward its local highs, not rolling off them: 36.3% of stocks sit above their 50-day average and 41.4% above the 200-day. The one wrinkle is institutional: the A-plus-B accumulation share sits at 34.0%, while the D-plus-E distribution share of 39.1% remains elevated.

One session earlier, above-50DMA breadth was 40.8%, A+B accumulation 33.6%, and the Bongo Yes share 64.0% — so the day moved breadth -4.5 points, accumulation +0.4 points, Bongo -8.2 points.

For scale, the full warehouse record puts this repair against the mid-January 2026 pre-correction peak of 63.2% above the 50-day average and the March 2026 correction bottom of 22.5% — today's reading sits closer to the bottom than the peak — and against the November 2021 final pre-bear peak of 65.5%. Of the four core breadth gauges, only Bongo sits above its full-record median (49.5%), and the D-plus-E share remains above its record median of 35.2%. This is a market healing from weakness, not yet a healthy one.

Across the sessions on file, the repair has risen every session: above-50 breadth 34.0% (Oct 26) → 35.6% (Oct 27) → 36.8% (Oct 28) → 40.8% (Oct 29) → 36.3% (Oct 30), and Bongo 51.2% → 56.2% → 60.2% → 64.0% → 55.8% — the longer 21-session window reaches back before the sessions on file.

Three Gauges

Above 50-DMA — 36.3%. A/D accumulation — 34.0% (A 325, B 1285, C 1276, D 1508, E 342). **Bongo Daily — 55.8%** of names with a Bongo reading. The median stock gained **-1.4%** on the day, **+0.1%** over 5 sessions, **-1.4%** over 21 sessions and **-6.4%** over three months. Day moves vs

Oct 29: breadth -4.5 points (from 40.8%), accumulation +0.4 (from 33.6%), Bongo -8.2 (from 64.0%). Distribution on the day: D-plus-E 39.4% → 39.1%.

Measured from the October 14 low where this repair began, the starting anchors are: above 50-DMA 23.8%, A/D accumulation 18.0%, Bongo Daily 34.0%. On today's export those three read 36.3%, 34.0% and 55.8%. Bongo sits 6.3 points above its full-record median of 49.5%.

Confirmation on this framework is the above-50 share pushing through 50% with the D-plus-E share dropping below 35% — today those read 36.3% and 39.1%.

Where the Series Stand

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TODAY'S READINGS VS THE OCTOBER 14 ANCHORS AND THE FULL RECORD		
ABOVE 50-DAY AVERAGE Oct 14 anchor 23.8%	36.3%	REPAIRING Jan 2026 peak 63.2%; Mar 2026 bottom 22.5% — today's reading sits closer to the bottom than the peak.
BONGO DAILY = YES Oct 14 anchor 34.0%	55.8%	ABOVE MEDIAN Record median 49.5%; 6.3 pts above it, and above the 90th percentile of both its regimes.
A/D ACCUMULATION (A+B) Oct 14 anchor 18.0%	34.0%	BUILDING Confirmation on this framework: the above-50 share through 50% with D+E below 35%.
D+E DISTRIBUTION	39.1%	ABOVE MEDIAN Record median 35.2%; still above it.
UP/DOWN VOLUME ABOVE 1.0	44.5%	BELOW MEDIAN Record median 55.1%; reclaiming 55% is confirmation.
FRESH BEARISH BONGO FLIPS	10.6%	NEAR INVALIDATION Record median 4.9%; 90th pct near 10% is invalidation.
MEDIAN ADX	25.0	90TH PCT Record 90th percentile — a trending market.
STRONG DOWNTRENDS / UPTRENDS	28.1% / 22.0%	DOWNTRENDS LEAD Strong downtrends (ADX ≥ 25, negative DI direction) against strong uptrends.

HGS BOXES 1–4	12.9%	90TH PCT	At the record's 90th percentile; maximum 13.8% (2015).
BOX 7 TURNAROUNDS	2.9%	90TH PCT	90th pct of both the full record and the current macro regime.
ZERO OSCORE	22.3%	NEAR RECORD LOW	Regime 10th pct — fundamental deterioration unusually scarce (low is good).
STOCKS BEATING S&P, 3 MONTHS	29.8%	BELOW 10TH PCT	Full-record 10th pct 29.7% — below it.
MEDIAN STOCK, 21 SESSIONS / 3 MONTHS	-1.4% / -6.4%	STILL NEGATIVE	The long tail trails the indices.
Today's readings are computed from this export. The full-record context is the warehouse's own history — the same dataset, more than a decade of sessions — and the anchors date from the October 14 low where this repair began.			

Equal Weight Confirms; the Long Tail Does Not

The indices mask the repair job underneath. SPY sits at 96.7% of its 52-week high and, importantly, the equal-weight RSP at 97.7% — so breadth inside the S&P 500 is confirming. The narrowness lives between the indices and the long tail: the median stock stands at **-1.4%** over 21 sessions and **-6.4%** over three months, and only 29.8% of stocks have beaten the S&P 500 over those three months — below the full record's 10th percentile of 29.7%.

On the day itself, Consumer Staples led with a median gain of **+0.6%** and biotech **-2.8%**, while the median stock across the universe fell 1.4%.

INDEX / SECTOR ETF	% OF 52-WEEK HIGH	21-SESSION CHANGE
SPY	96.7%	-1.1%
RSP	97.7%	+4.5%
XLE	99.8%	+11.7%
XLK	88.3%	-9.3%
XLC	83.0%	-9.1%

DIA	94.6%	+1.7%
QQQ	90.5%	-6.9%
IWM	91.5%	+0.1%

+11.4 pts

The equal-weight / cap-weight gap, 21 sessions

RSP, the equal-weight S&P 500, is **+4.5%** over 21 sessions and sits at 97.7% of its high; QQQ is **-6.9%** at 90.5% of its high. Inside the S&P 500 the typical stock is beating the index — the inverse of the usual narrowness complaint.

XLE is **+11.7%** over 21 sessions and at 99.8% of its high, while XLK is **-9.3%** and XLC **-9.1%** over the same span — the rotation out of the old AI-hardware leadership continues.

Where the Breadth Went

Consumer Staples led with a median gain of **+0.6%**, and the near-high picture favors value: Financials and Utilities hold the largest shares of stocks within 5% of their 52-week highs. The rotation lists and the table's right-hand column show the ten-session change in each sector's near-high share, measured across the warehouse history (the base sessions predate the exports on file). Financials also lifted their share above the 50-day average by 24.3 points over the window, from 20% to 45% (Financials reads 38.0% on today's export). One-day breadth movers: Consumer Staples +2.4, Energy -0.4, Consumer Discretionary -0.8, Materials -2.5; laggards: Health Care -6.2, Industrials -6.3, Communications -6.4.

LEADING THE ROTATION

Δ WITHIN 5% OF HIGH

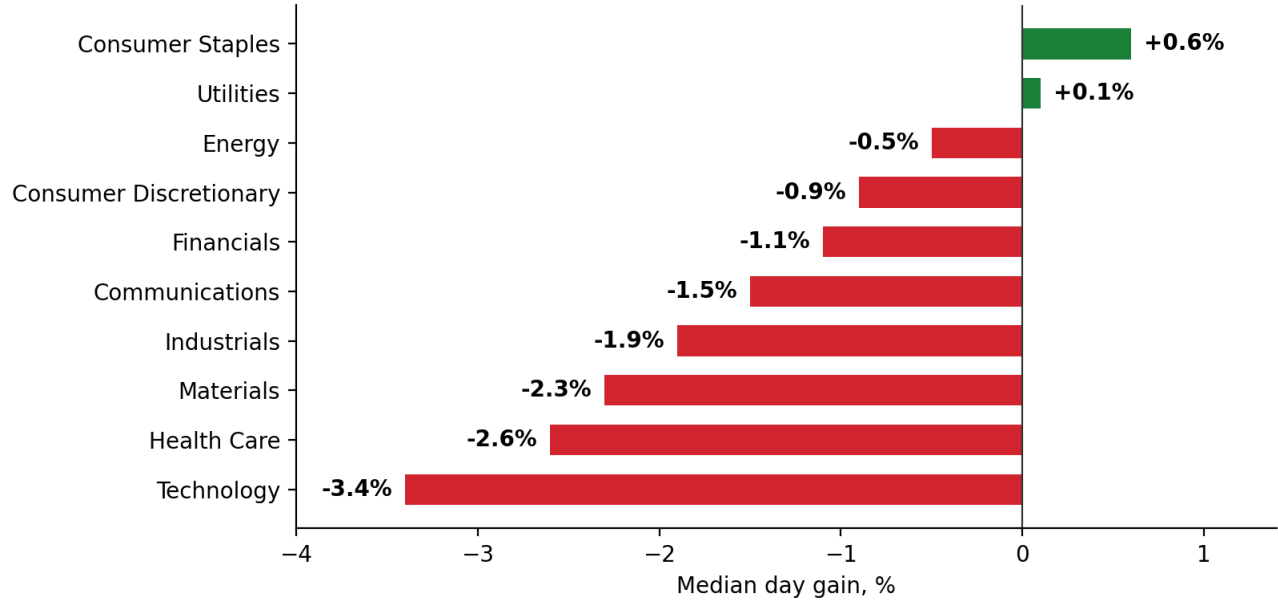
Utilities	+11.0
Financials	+8.0
Health Care	+4.2
Energy	+4.0

TRAILING THE ROTATION

Δ WITHIN 5% OF HIGH

Communications	-1.8
Technology	+1.5
Materials	+2.9
Consumer Staples	+2.9

Median day gain by sector — October 30, 2026



SECTOR	MEDIAN DAY GAIN	ABOVE 50-DAY	WITHIN 5% OF 52-WEEK HIGH	Δ NEAR-HIGH, 10 SESSIONS*
Consumer Staples	+0.6%	50.0%	13.5%	+2.9
Utilities	+0.1%	54.3%	17.1%	+11.0
Energy	-0.5%	47.6%	17.1%	+4.0
Consumer Discretionary	-0.9%	46.3%	10.3%	—
Financials	-1.1%	38.0%	17.3%	+8.0
Communications	-1.5%	26.2%	4.1%	-1.8
Industrials	-1.9%	32.0%	8.0%	—
Materials	-2.3%	26.8%	5.7%	+2.9
Health Care	-2.6%	28.6%	8.0%	+4.2
Technology	-3.4%	35.1%	6.9%	+1.5

* Ten-session changes measured across the warehouse history. Communications is the only sector that lost near-high breadth over the window.

Within the sectors, the day's industry leaders were Packaged Food +1.4% (n=39), Beverages +1.4% (n=33), Information Services +1.3% (n=21), Integrated Oils +1.0% (n=15), Exploration & Production +0.9% (n=69); laggards were Computer Hardware & Storage -6.3% (n=20), Semiconductor Devices -6.7% (n=70), Semiconductor Mfg -7.4% (n=31). Semiconductor manufacturers bounced **-7.4%** on the day — a one-day bounce inside their 21-session decline, not a reversal of it.

New Highs Are Scarce; the Weekly Gauge Lags

Only 13 stocks (0.3%) closed within 0.1% of their 52-week high, and 60 (1.3%) closed at a new 52-week low; 98 sit within 1% of their highs. Breadth is repairing, but new-high thrust has not arrived yet. The slower weekly gauge tells the same tempering story: Bongo Weekly reads Yes for just 34.2% of names with a reading, far below the daily 55.8% — the repair is a daily phenomenon so far, not yet a weekly one.

The New Engine, by Name

Persistent leadership — the dollar-weighted cohort actually making new highs day after day — confirms the shift emphatically. Eight energy names lead it, beside payments and financials and a health care cluster. Not a single semiconductor or AI-infrastructure name qualifies for that cohort. Persistence itself cannot be verified from two consecutive exports, so the table below checks the highlighted names against today's export rather than claiming a multi-day persistence screen; on today's export the cohort sits between 94.1% and 99.8% of their 52-week highs, with 21-session changes from **+4.9%** to **+25.3%**.

STOCK	% OF 52-WEEK HIGH	21-SESSION CHANGE	A/D RATING
XOM	99.3%	+14.3%	B
CVX	99.6%	+13.7%	B
COP	99.8%	+21.2%	A
EOG	99.8%	+17.1%	B
APA	99.7%	+21.9%	B
OVV	98.7%	+21.1%	B

CNQ	99.7%	+17.4%	A
SU	99.0%	+14.9%	B
V	99.2%	+14.9%	B
MA	99.0%	+16.0%	A
NDAQ	98.4%	+15.9%	A
CRL	94.7%	+25.3%	A
HALO	97.7%	+22.4%	A
WST	94.1%	+13.0%	A
HNGE	97.3%	+16.7%	B
A	95.6%	+4.9%	B

The Old Engine, Being Sold

The typical semiconductor stock stands at -21.8% over 21 sessions, and the typical semiconductor manufacturer at -26.2%. At the top of the dollar-volume table, the former leaders sit off their highs: AAPL at 98.0% of its high with A/D direction up and velocity **+17.2%**, MSFT at 94.7% with a D rating and velocity **-9.7%**, NVDA at 84.1% with a D rating, and META carrying an E rating and **-4.3%** over the past five sessions. The broken former leaders sit deeper still: MU 127 days past its last high (its 52-week high dates to June 25) at 70.5% of that high, and SNDK at 48.9% of its high.

The dollar-volume leaderboard shows the mix directly:

STOCK	DOLLAR VOLUME	DAY	% OF HIGH	A/D
NVDA	\$23.6B	-4.2%	84.1%	D
MU	\$22.8B	-5.3%	70.5%	D
TSLA	\$15.2B	-0.9%	80.1%	A
AAPL	\$14.0B	-1.2%	98.0%	B
META	\$13.5B	-1.5%	78.9%	E

SPCX	\$12.5B	-6.4%	59.7%	D
MSFT	\$11.4B	-1.6%	94.7%	D
SNDK	\$10.8B	-13.5%	48.9%	D
AMD	\$10.3B	-10.9%	76.7%	C
AMZN	\$9.0B	-1.4%	83.7%	D

Distribution Into Strength at the Top

The distribution signals sit where the flow is rolling over beneath still-high prices. The A/D non-confirmation scan (stocks within 5% of their high with A/D direction down and negative A/D velocity, ranked by dollar volume) counts 77 names and is headed by AMGN, PM, HLT: names printing near 52-week highs while institutional flow declines beneath them.

STOCK	% OF HIGH	A/D RATING	VELOCITY
AMGN	98.0%	B	-11.3%
PM	97.4%	B	-8.8%
HLT	97.9%	A	-7.2%
MAR	97.2%	B	-13.8%
TRV	97.1%	B	-20.3%
VEEV	96.0%	B	-2.5%
KMI	97.3%	B	-11.3%
CAH	96.4%	B	-6.6%
EMR	96.3%	B	-3.1%
FAST	97.4%	B	-2.8%
MTD	96.9%	B	-10.6%
BDX	98.7%	B	-4.4%
GWW	95.7%	B	-10.9%
MET	96.5%	B	-15.3%

HAS	98.4%	A	-7.2%
CVE	95.8%	D	-12.5%
BRZE	99.6%	B	-10.0%
HNGE	97.3%	B	-0.6%
HST	97.8%	B	-15.3%
GFL	96.7%	B	-7.2%

Fresh bearish Bongo flips numbered 501 (10.6% of the universe), against 112 fresh bullish flips. By dollar volume, the bearish flips are led by: MU (-5.3%), AAPL (-1.2%), SNDK (-13.5%), AMD (-10.9%), AVGO (-5.5%), TSM (-5.9%), ORCL (-6.4%), STX (-8.0%), NBIS (-10.4%), CRWD (-4.1%), AMAT (-7.5%), PANW (-3.9%), CRWV (-9.7%), ASML (-6.6%), QCOM (-11.1%), CSCO (-3.8%), SNOW (-7.3%), DRAM (-7.2%), CRDO (-8.7%), ALAB (-10.9%).

Still, the universe-wide fresh-flip share of 10.6% sits below the record's median of 4.9% — normal churn rather than a regime break.

Rotating, Not Broadly Buying

The trend regime is genuinely bifurcated. A median ADX of 25.0 sits at the record's 90th percentile — a trending market — but strong downtrends (28.1% of stocks, $ADX \geq 25$ with negative DI direction) still outnumber strong uptrends (22.0%), and only 44.5% of stocks show an up/down volume ratio above 1.0, below the record's median of 55.1%. Institutions are re-engaging selectively: A/D direction is up for 49.6% of stocks, above the median, and A/D velocity is improving for 2,492 names. They are rotating, not broadly buying.

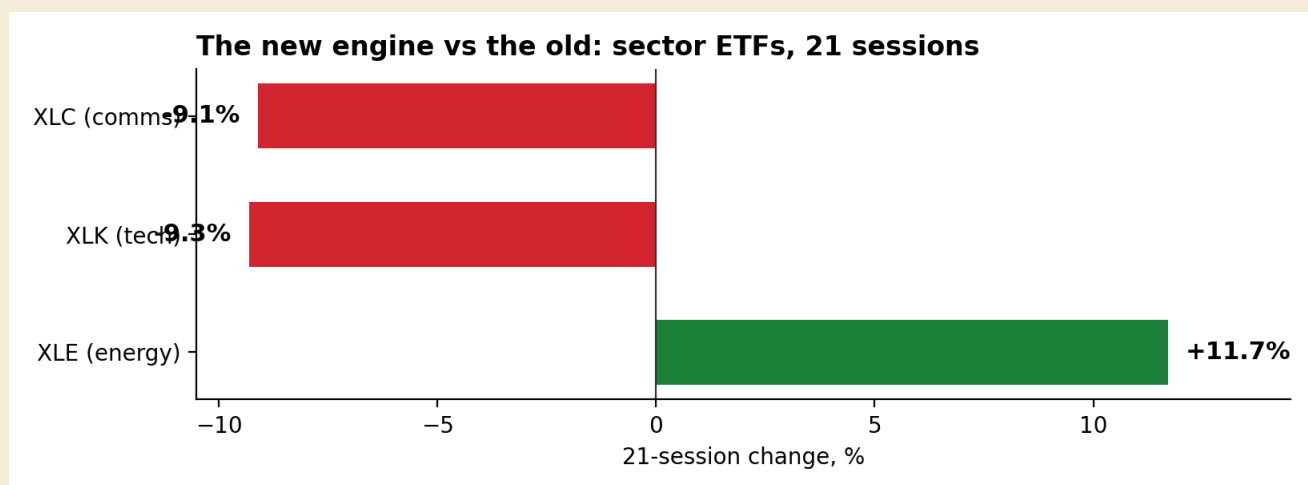
Quality Up, Price Down

Earnings quality is the quiet bull case. Boxes 1–4 hold 12.9% of stocks, at the full record's 90th percentile of 12.6% and near its maximum of 13.8%, and the total share carrying an HGS Box designation, 23.8%, is above the 90th percentile. Box 7 turnaround candidates sit at 2.9%, the 90th percentile of both the full record and the current macro regime. The elite-OScore tier is at 1.0%, matching the regime maximum, and the zero-OScore share of 22.3% sits at the regime's 10th percentile — fundamental deterioration is unusually scarce. Price breadth below its

median while earnings breadth sits near its best readings in more than a decade is a combination that has historically rewarded stock selection over index exposure.

The Narrative and the Data

The prevailing narrative remains that AI infrastructure carries everything through this late-cycle grind. The bottom-up data now directly contradicts it. The dollar-weighted new-high cohort is energy, payments and financials, and health care, with no AI-hardware representation. The ten-session breadth gains accrue to Financials, Utilities, Health Care and Energy. And the distribution scan shows the extended mega-caps being sold into strength.



The repair is real and broadening, but it is being built on a different foundation than the one the popular narrative describes — and if you are still anchored to the semis-led playbook, the tape has moved on.

Three Screening Approaches

- **Aggressive — hunt in the new leadership itself.** RS Rank of 90 or better, an A/D Letter Rank of A or B, price above the 50-day average, with volume confirmation. **382 names** — heaviest in Oil Gas & Coal (55), Biotech & Pharma (54), Software (31), Medical Equipment & Devices (22), Banking (20). The results skew toward Biotech (35), Exploration & Production (27), Application Software (23). ETSY, ANF and HAS all pass this screen on today's export. Requiring volume confirmation in the strict sense (today's volume above its 50-day average volume) narrows the list to 200 names.

- **Moderate — pair earnings quality with trend confirmation.** HGS Boxes 1–4, an ERG of 240 or better, and Bongo Daily = Yes. **49 names.** With the Box 1–4 share at its 90th percentile, this screen is unusually well stocked right now.
- **Conservative — accumulation without extension.** Accumulation-rated names holding above the 200-day average without being extended, avoiding the non-confirmation cohort. **1033 names** on that base. Watch the top of today's non-confirmation list — AMGN, PM, HLT: if that list starts expanding into the new energy and financial leadership, the rotation thesis weakens.

What the Setup Suggests

In plain terms, the repair is broadening: above-50 breadth at 36.3% (-4.5 points on the day), A+B accumulation at 34.0%, D+E distribution at 39.1%, and earnings quality near its best readings in more than a decade. Against that, breadth remains below the 50% above-50 confirmation level, the thrust is still not volume-confirmed (up/down breadth 44.5%), the long tail trails the indices by a historically wide margin, and the distribution scan still finds 77 names near their highs with declining flow. The trajectory carries the argument — and the trajectory is being built away from the old AI-hardware leadership, not by it.

The levels to watch: confirmation would be the share above the 50-day average pushing through 50% with the D-plus-E share dropping below 35%. Invalidation would be the A-plus-B share stalling and rolling below about 30% while the fresh-bearish-Bongo list broadens beyond tech into the new energy and health care leadership — the path that would convert the thrust into a 2018-style break.

About this report

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