The Volatility Watch

A Weekly Commentary On The Volatility Marketplace

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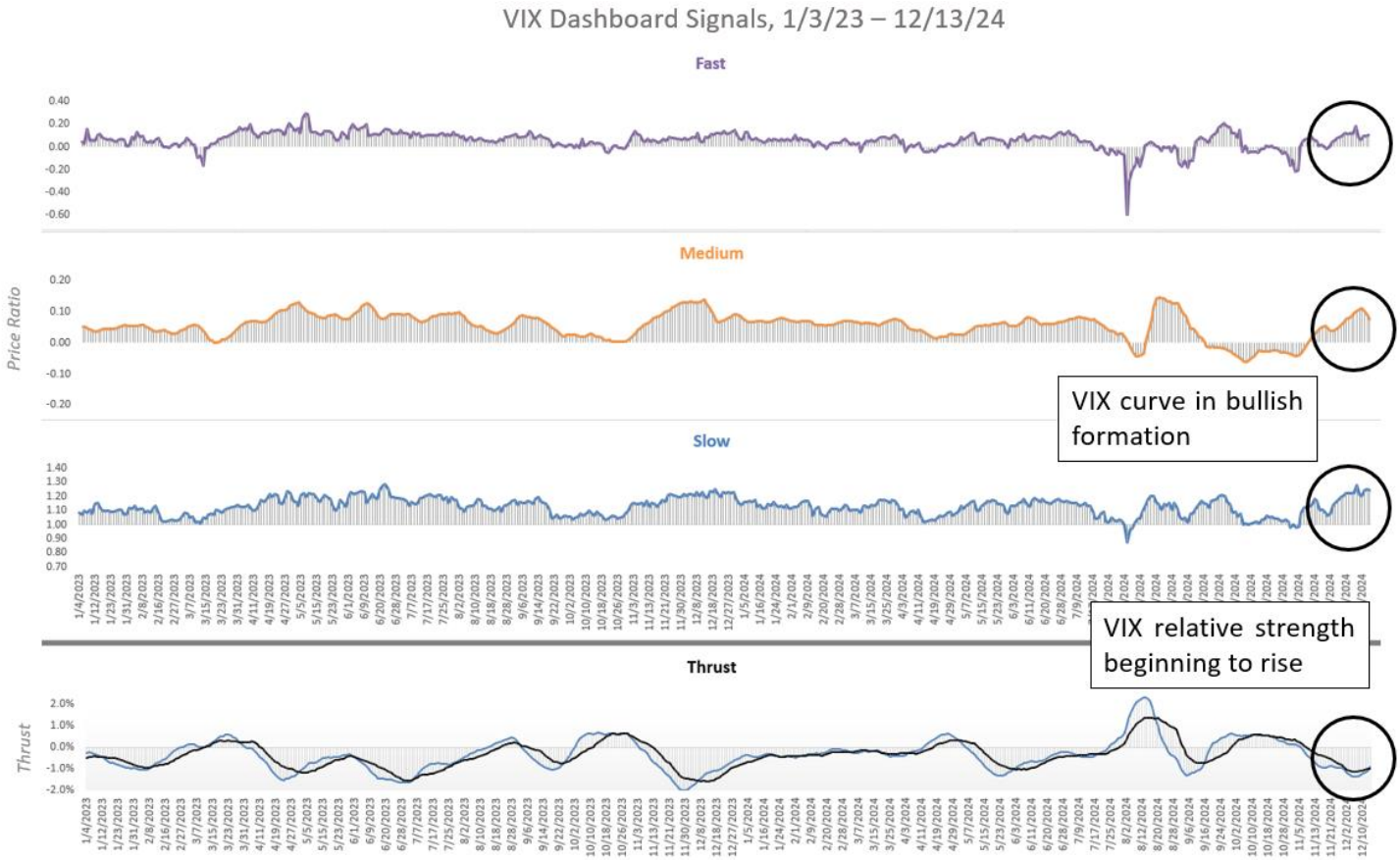
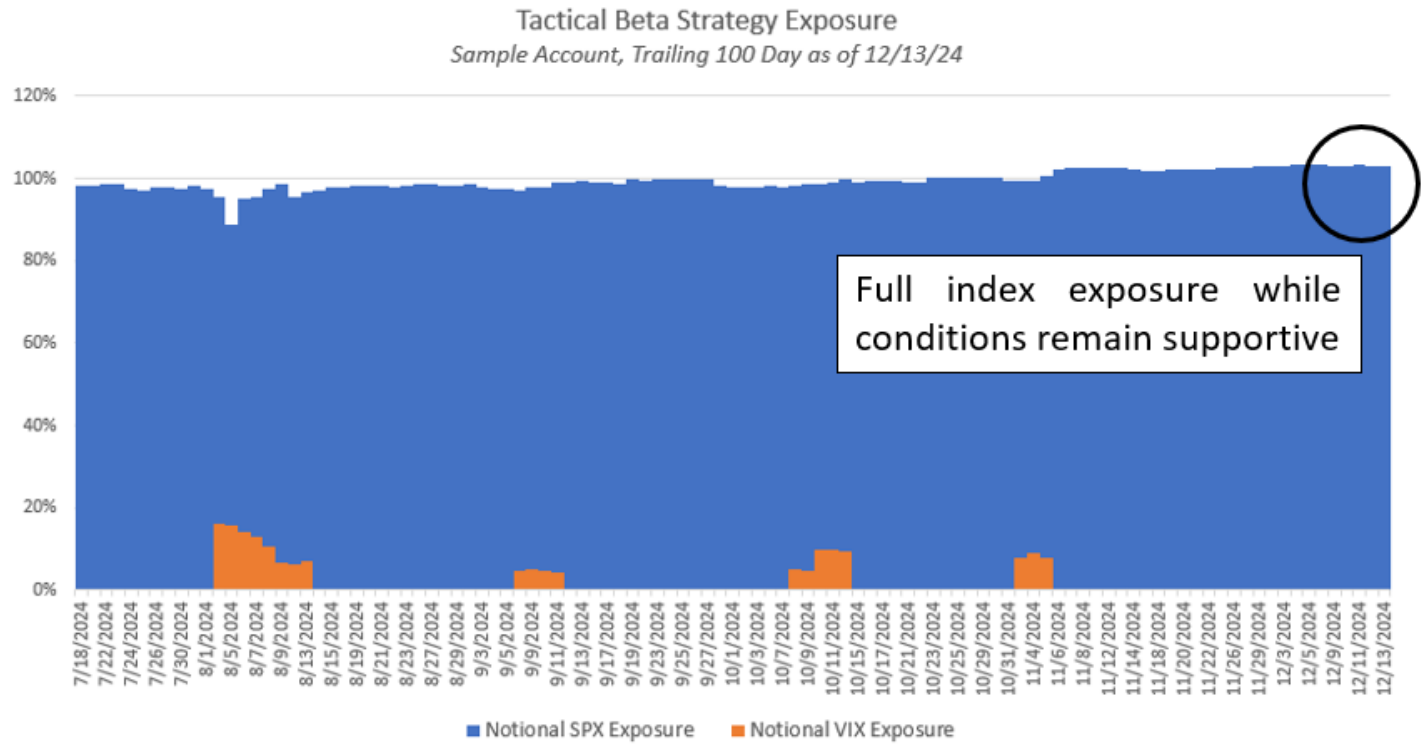
For Week Ending 12/13/2024:

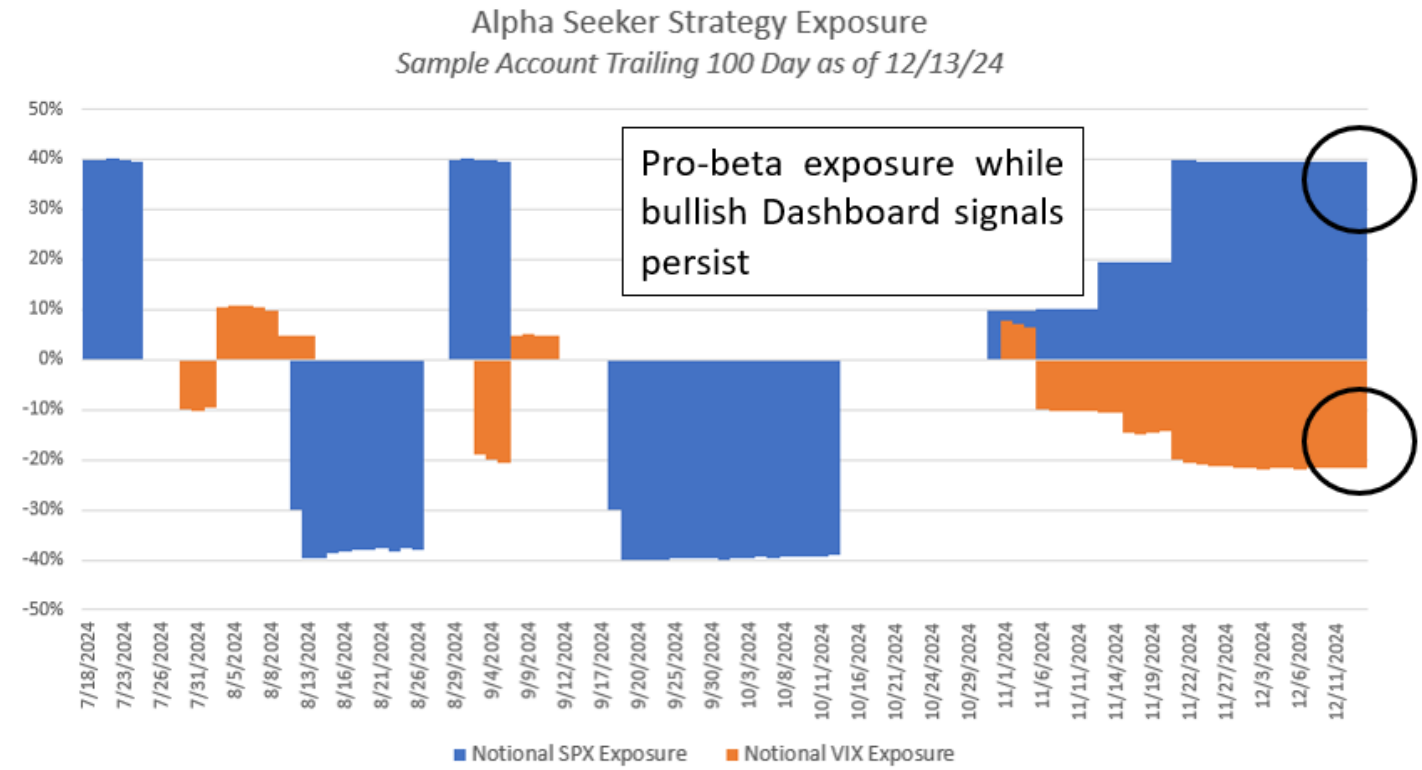
Despite low realized volatility as the S&P 500 consolidated near all-time highs, VIX relative strength (Thrust) continued to grind higher last week, perhaps in anticipation of this week's FOMC meeting. The last major calendar event of the year, Wednesday's rate decision and commentary could set the tone for the closing weeks of 2024.



The Tactical Beta strategy remains slightly over 100% exposed to the S&P 500 while bullish conditions persist. Though early, the inflection in Thrust bears watching, especially after Wednesday's FOMC announcement.*



The Alpha Seeker strategy similarly remains in pro-beta mode while monitoring for any change in conditions.**



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