The Volatility Watch

A Weekly Commentary On The Volatility Marketplace

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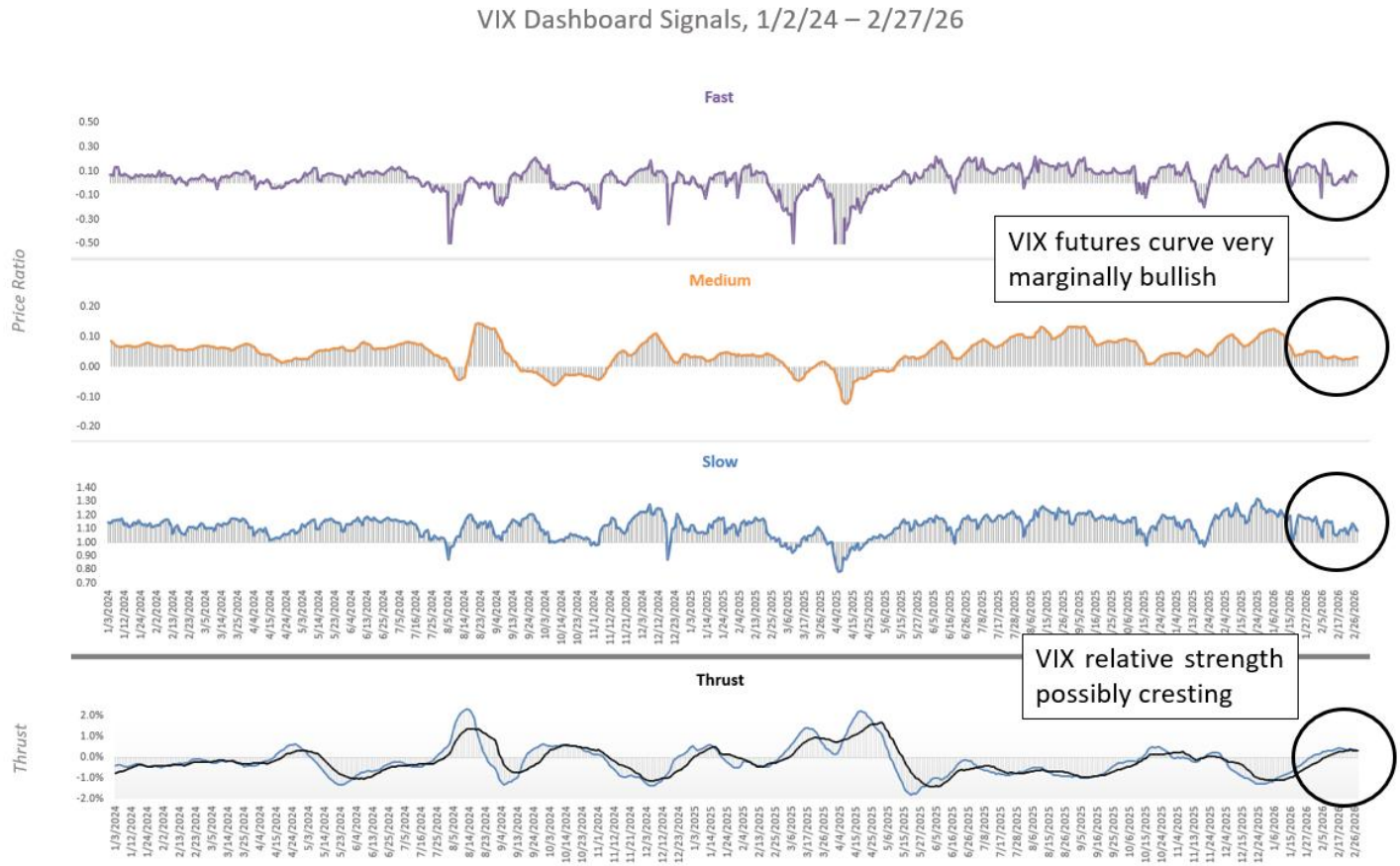
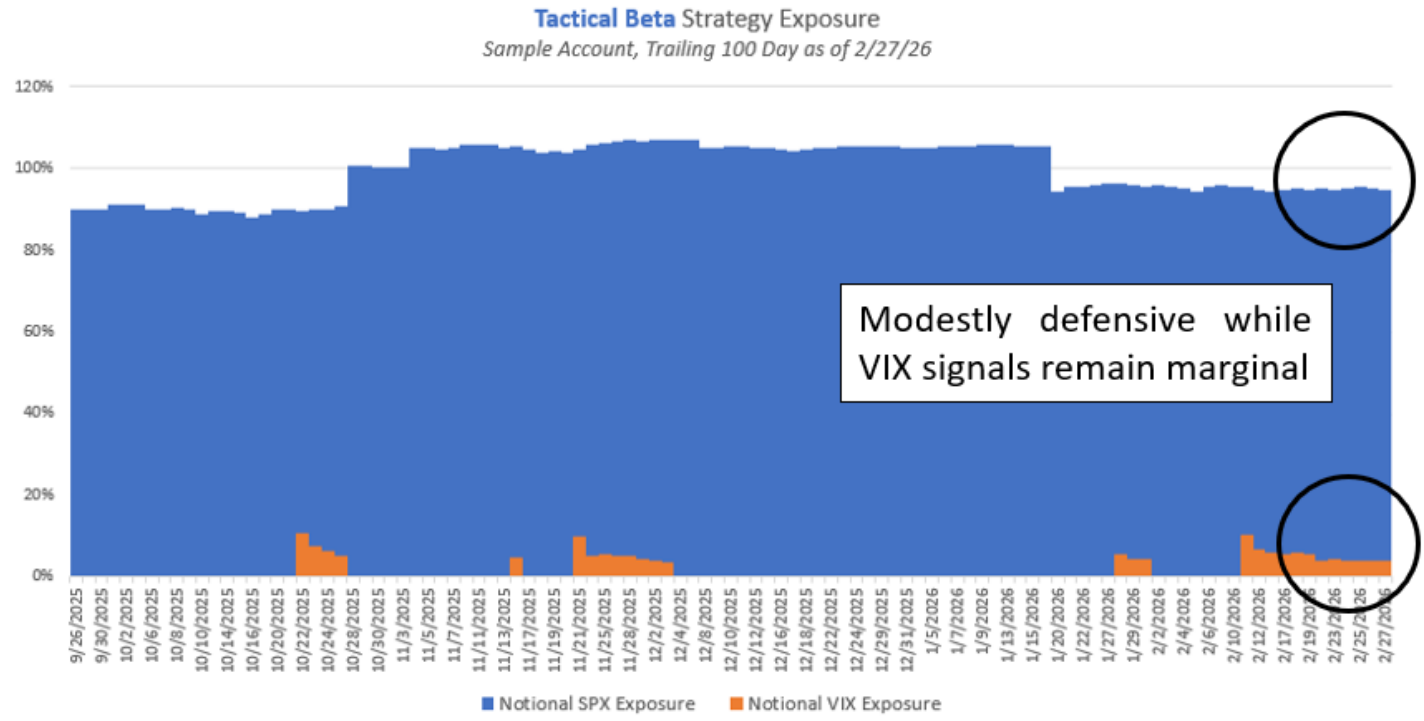
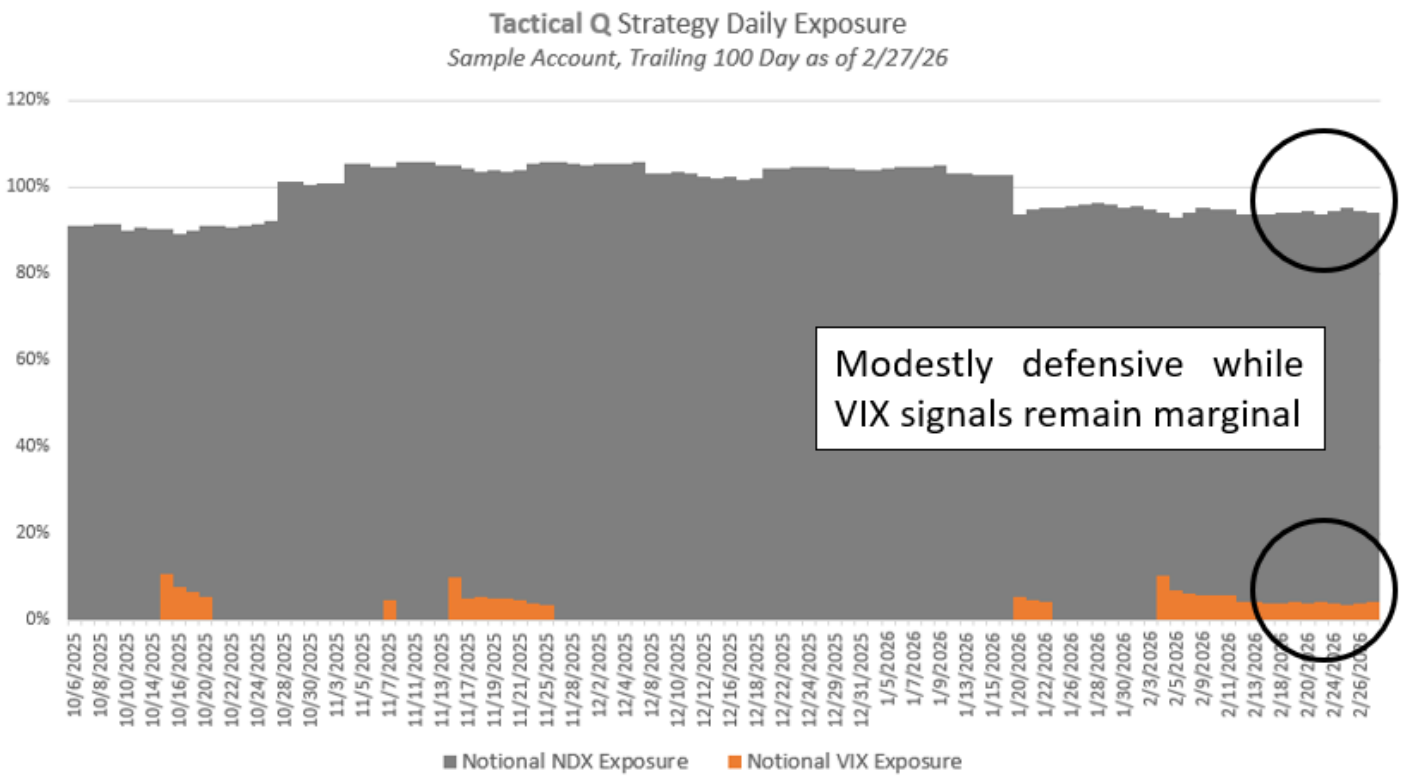
For Week Ending 2/27/2026:

The SPX fell modestly last week while the VIX complex remained nervous as Iran military action rumors rumbled on Friday. As of Monday morning, the equity reaction to the military action in Iran is mostly as expected with stocks are weaker and volatility higher. Notably, the VIX futures term structure has flattened but not yet inverted, indicating elevated concern but no panic so far. While war headlines will likely dominate this week, Friday's Non-Farm Payroll brings an important economic update ahead of the Fed's next meeting later in March.



The Tactical Beta and Tactical Q strategies held long VIX positions last week, remaining modestly defensive with underweight equity index exposure.*/**





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