Quant insight

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   Equities have surged to rich levels vs macro, with SPX now stretched and risk/reward deteriorating.

2. **IGV – Tech's Most Unloved Trade**

   Down ~30% from highs, macro is turning. Price hasn't followed.

3. **CHFNOK – efficient hedge for Iran escalation**

   CHFNOK screens cheap to macro and offers a clean hedge if Iran tensions escalate.

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1. SPY – Risk / Reward Asymmetry Fading

The relief rally in risk has been even more intense than post Liberation Day – SPX +10% in 10 trading days and approaching ATHs.

Yet oil, rate vol, CDX HY spreads and real yields are still above pre-Iran Shock levels.

Rate vol and corporate credit are the top macro drivers for SPY on Qi's valuation model.

Qi's valuation model recognizes this with SPY trading 1 sigma above Qi's model value, at the upper year end of its multi-year range. Indeed, SPY vs. GOVT (Treasury Bond ETF) is at +1.3 sigma – in other words fixed income may well have more cushion that equities if Iran peace talks conclude.

This is more notable as we are entering earnings season. Equities believe the macro path is clean and earnings will deliver. But the asymmetry is clearly poorer than 2 weeks ago.

2. IGV: Tech's Most Unloved Trade

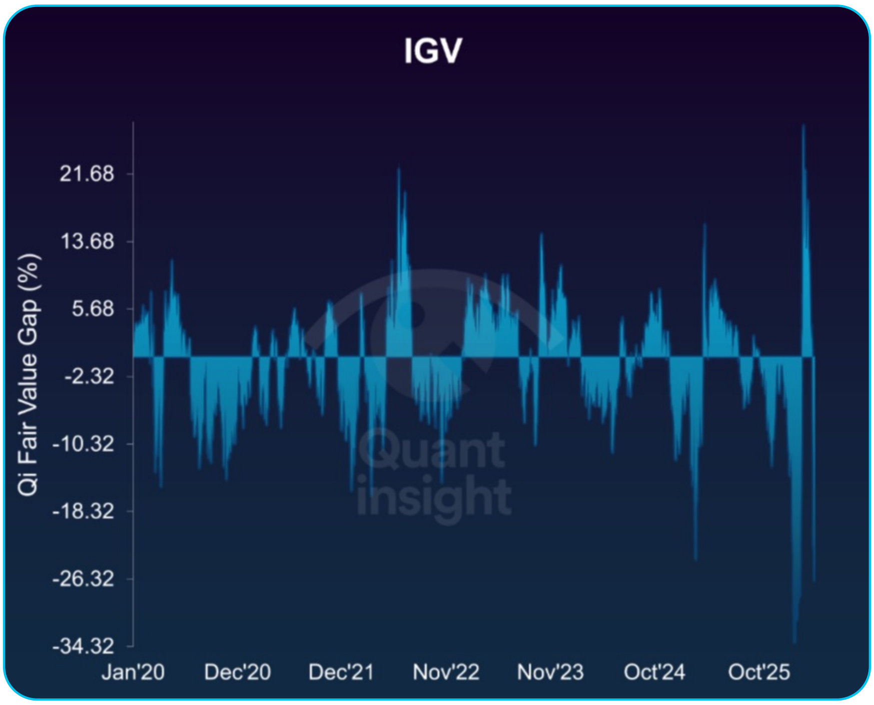
Software has borne the brunt of AI disruption fears in 2026 - margins questioned, pricing power doubted, sentiment firmly negative. IGV hit a multi-year low last week, down roughly 30% from its late-2025 peak.

Qi's model confidence is 68%, a clear macro regime. Against that backdrop, IGV screens as -1.7σ cheap (-26.9%) relative to Qi's model value.

Macro was a headwind from the onset of the conflict through end of March, dragging model value down 42%. That is now reversing across several factors - energy has pulled back, easing inflation expectations, and credit spreads are tightening.

Notably, risk appetite has also flipped: a persistent headwind through March, it is now registering as a tailwind.

Spot hasn't repriced. AI disruption remains a genuine structural risk and stock selection matters. But with macro shifting from headwind to tailwind, and the valuation gap at -1.7σ, the macro discount needs to be considered too.



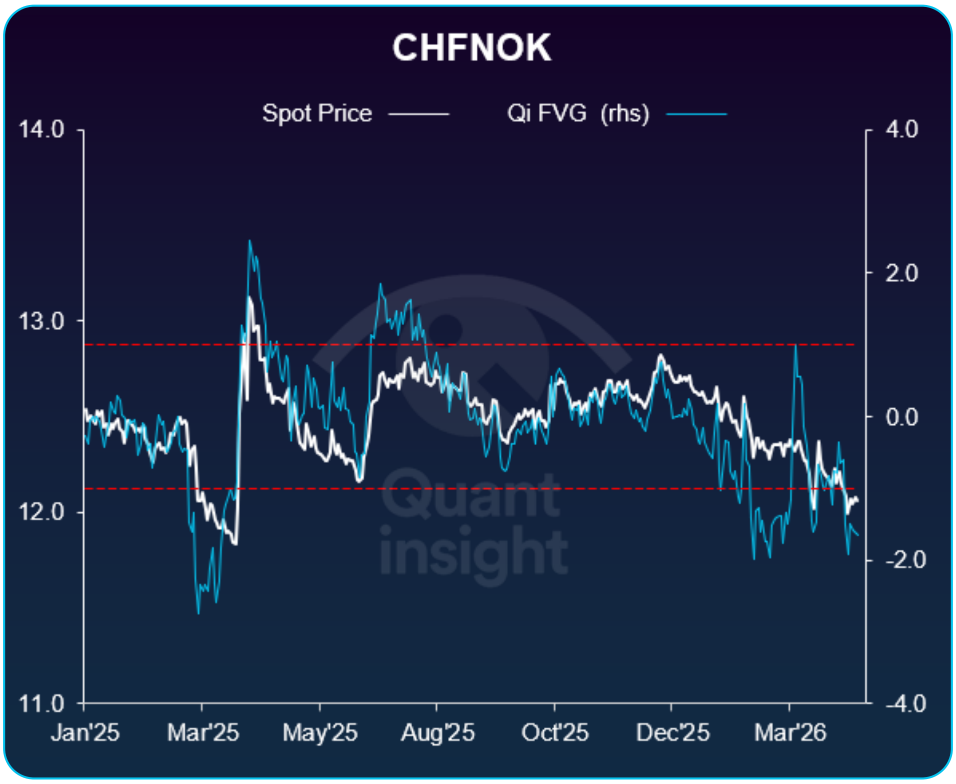
3. CHFNOK – efficient hedge for Iran escalation

CHFNOK sits 1.6 std dev (2.5%) cheap to macro fair value, very much the cheap end of Qi FVG ranges.

The model is in regime (66% R-Squared). The respective SNB-Norges Bank policy stance is the biggest single driver of the model; risk aversion is the second biggest.

But it also shows CHFNOK rallies when crude oil spikes. For this cross at least, the current pattern is less about higher crude helping the oil exporter; rather higher oil prices are a tax on the global economy & financial risk appetite benefitting the haven currency.

Oil back under $100/bbl & VIX sub 20 have kept spot low but these levels are starting to look stretched. Qi's FVG has only been here 5x before; the hit rate on that small sample is 60%; recent correlation suggests the mean reversion has occurred via spot catching up to macro fundamentals.



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