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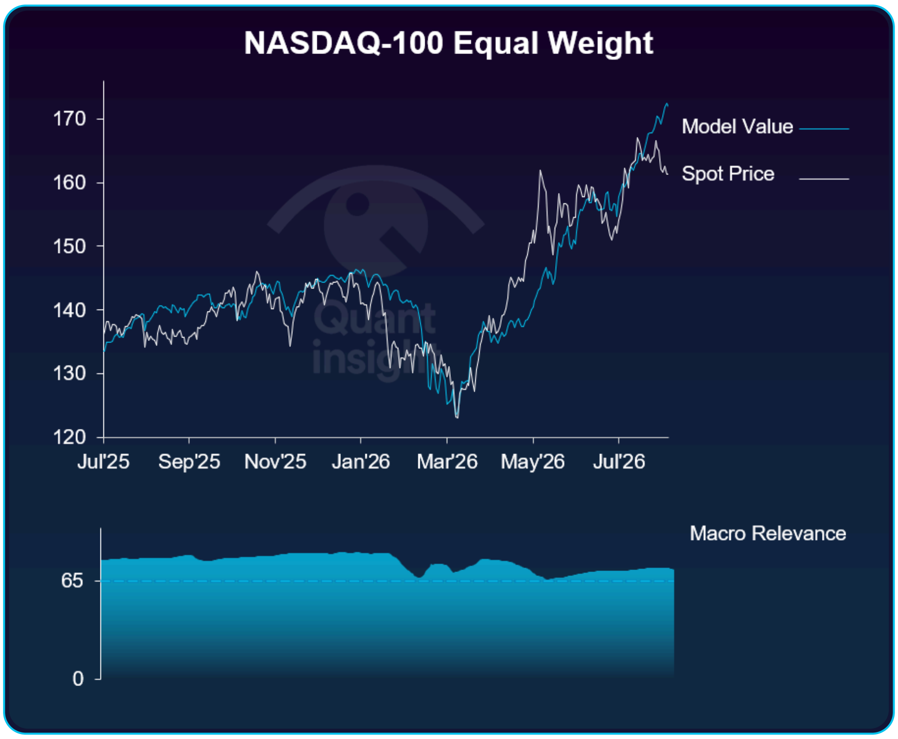
## 1. Bullish Divergence Patterns in US Equities

Both SPX futures & the equal weighted NASDAQ ETF QQEW display classic bullish divergence patterns; the latest pullback in spot stands in sharp contrast to Qi model value which continues to hit fresh highs.




That divergence has opened a 1σ Fair Value Gap in both. For e-mini SPX futures it's worth noting Qi has only had a -1σ FVG when in regime on 14 occasions. Those signals produced a 71% hit rate, a +2.0 win/loss ratio for an average return of +3.4%.

The equivalent numbers for QQEW are 21 signals, 71% hit rate, +2.5 win/loss ratio and +4.0% average return.

In both cases tight credit spreads and benign VIX are helping, but it's rising inflation expectations that's doing the heavy lifting - both indices have a positive relationship with inflation expectations.

Prudence might argue waiting for this week's PPI/CPI where a hot print could prompt an adverse reaction. But, for now, Qi is suggesting equity markets still see this as healthy reflation rather than cost push inflation; or maybe that equities don't believe the Warsh Fed will hikes rates to try and bring oil prices down.

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## 2. XLY: Bad News Is Getting Priced in

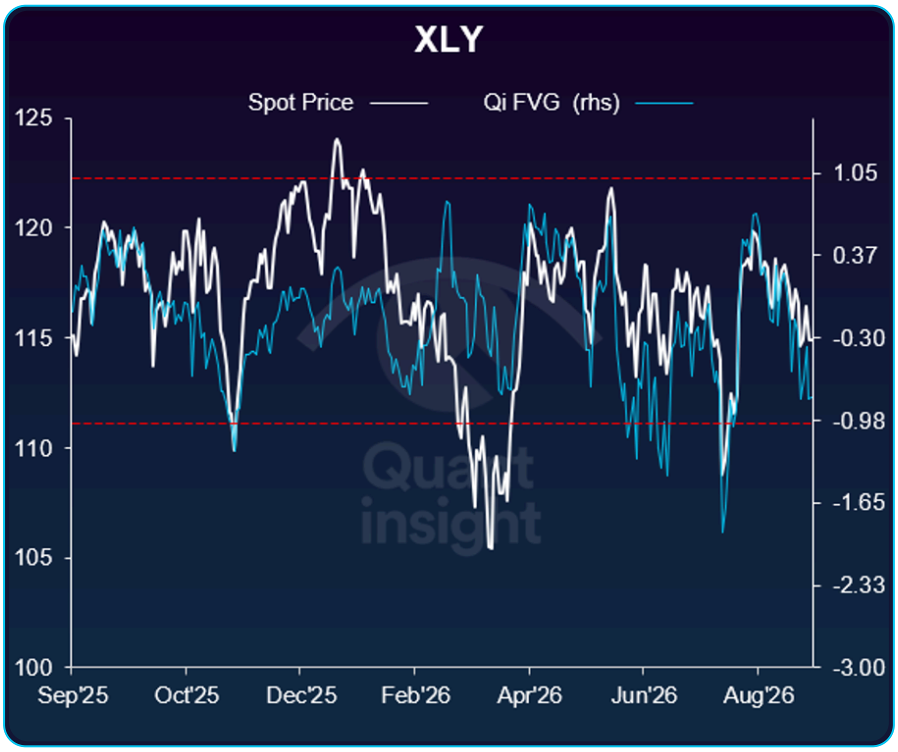
XLY has been the worst-performing US sector year to date and remains among the laggards over the past month.

Tesla is a big part of the problem. The stock is down ~21% YTD and, at around 17% of the ETF, is its second-largest holding. Together with Amazon, the two names account for more than 40% of XLY.

But a divergence has opened up. XLY now sits around -0.8σ (-2.53%) below Qi fair value, towards the bottom of its one-year range: model value has stabilised while spot has kept falling.

Qi points to higher real yields and firmer energy as the key macro headwinds, an unfriendly mix for discretionary spending and long-duration consumer names. September could be the catalyst. If energy prices ease or yields soften, that drag starts to reverse.

The caveat is Tesla. Given its weight, XLY likely needs both macro relief and some stabilisation for the gap to close. That makes it one to watch rather than one to chase, though the asymmetry is starting to look more interesting.



## 3. Looking to Fade the Yen? AUDJPY

A likely rate hike from the BoJ next week. Increasing chatter about GPIF repatriation. The Yen's bounce continues to gather momentum. Given the political crosscurrents surrounding the Yen right now, the bar to trading is arguably high.

That's especially true for EURJPY. That said, Qi would observe that EURJPY now sits almost 4 sigma cheap to macro fair value. Admittedly, model confidence is low & falling. Intervention, flows & asset allocation switches clearly carry more weight right now. But it is worth noting this is the cheapest FVG in Qi's history.


The biggest Fair Value Gap on Qi's models of Aussie G7 crosses is AUDJPY which now sits 1.1 sigma (3.3%) cheap to macro conditions.

Again, plenty of health warnings given the current environment, but Qi would observe:

- model confidence is high (79%) & stable;
- macro momentum continues to grind higher powered by RBA-BoJ rate differentials, inflation dynamics & metal prices.

Such extended FVGs are relatively rare; only 19 occurrences since 2009 - and the hit rate sits at 74%. For those looking to fade this Yen move, AUDJPY offers decent risk-reward.

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