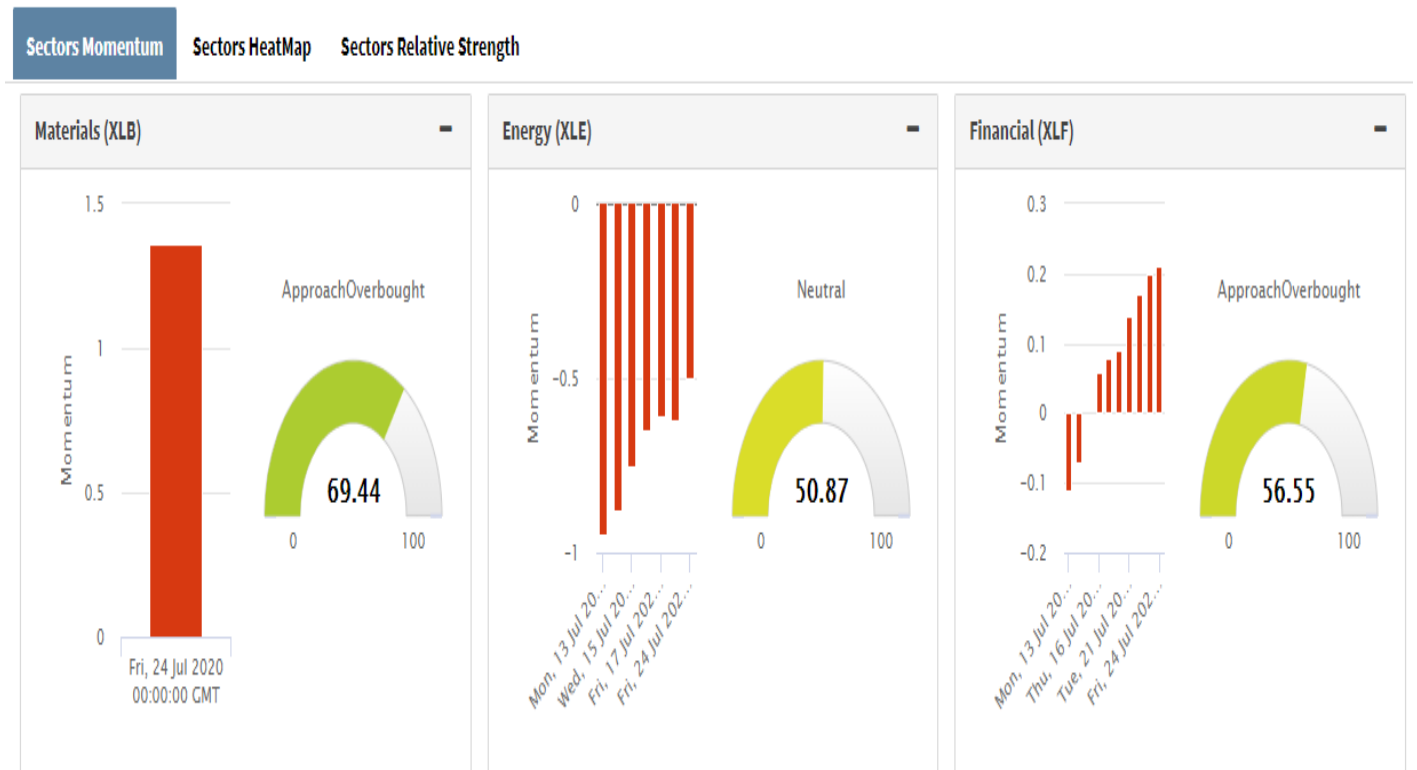


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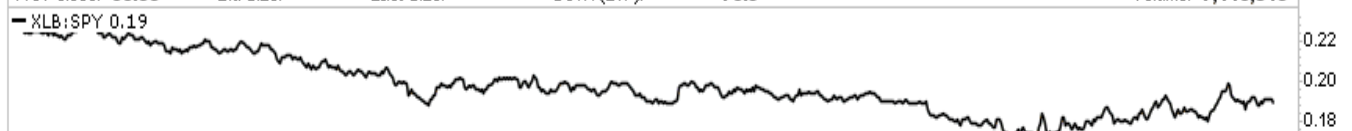
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### Basic Materials

XLB Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund NYSE

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Open: <b>65.17</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>yes</b>	Monday 26-Oct-2020
High: <b>65.18</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>1.21829</b>	▼ <b>-2.50%</b>
Low: <b>63.85</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>4.12B</b>	Yield: <b>1.89%</b>	Chg: <b>-1.65</b>
Prev Close: <b>66.00</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>76.9</b>	Last: <b>64.35</b>
				Volume: <b>7,416,840</b>



- A common theme through today's report is the "death of the 'reflation' trade."
- Areas that were running up on hopes of more stimulus, a Biden victory (more spending), all fell apart on Monday.
- The good news is XLB held support at the 50-dma. There is now a double-top with a more extreme overbought condition.
- We recommended taking profits on trading positions last week, which turned out to be good advice.
- Momentum is good, but it is still underperforming the market as a whole.
- Keep stops on trading positions at the 50-dma.
- Short-Term Positioning: Bullish
  - Last Week: No Positions
  - This Week: Hold Positions
  - Stop-Loss moved up to \$62
- Long-Term Positioning: Bullish

## Communications

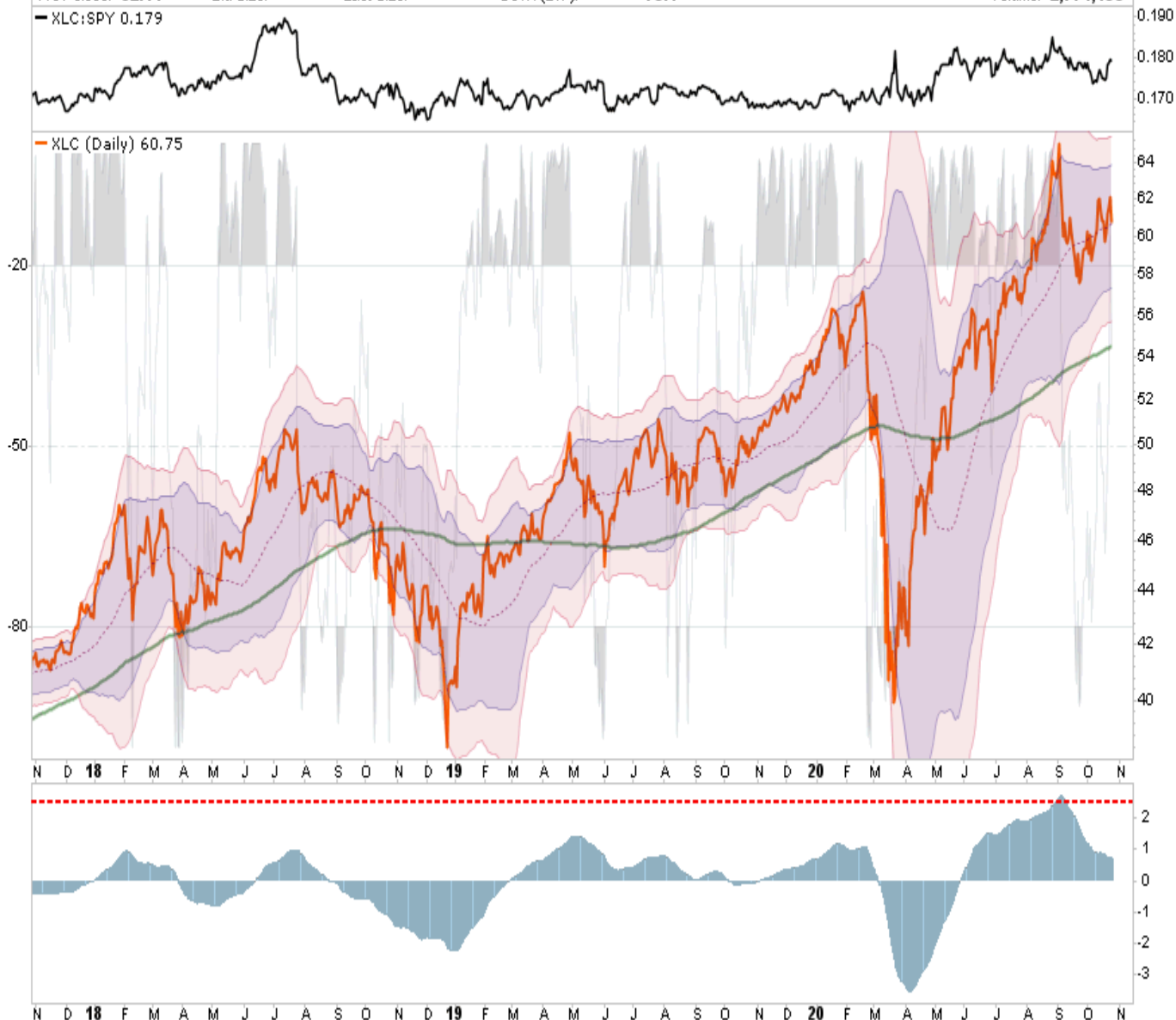
XLC Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund NYSE

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Open: <b>61.57</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>yes</b>
High: <b>61.86</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>0.46559</b>
Low: <b>60.17</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>10.4B</b>	Yield: <b>0.77%</b>
Prev Close: <b>62.11</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>79.1</b>

▼ **-2.19%**  
 Chg: **-1.36**  
 Last: **60.75**  
 Volume: **2,771,490**



- *Communications is continuing to flirt with its 50-dma support level but is holding its uptrend.*
- ***XLC has begun to outperform the broad market while working off its overbought condition.***  
*This will likely provide a good setup for a trade post-election, but keep stops in place for now.*
- *Stops remain at \$58.*
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  - *This Week: Hold positions*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*

## Energy



- *Energy, which got no boost from the reflation trade, also got hammered by the expectation of no more stimulus to support economic growth.*
- *The lows must hold, or XLE is going to retest the March lows.*

- The overall trend is fragile, remain clear for now.
- Short-Term Positioning: Bearish
  - Last week: Hold positions
  - This week: Hold positions.
- Stop-loss violated.
- Long-Term Positioning: Bearish

## Financials

XLF Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund NYSE

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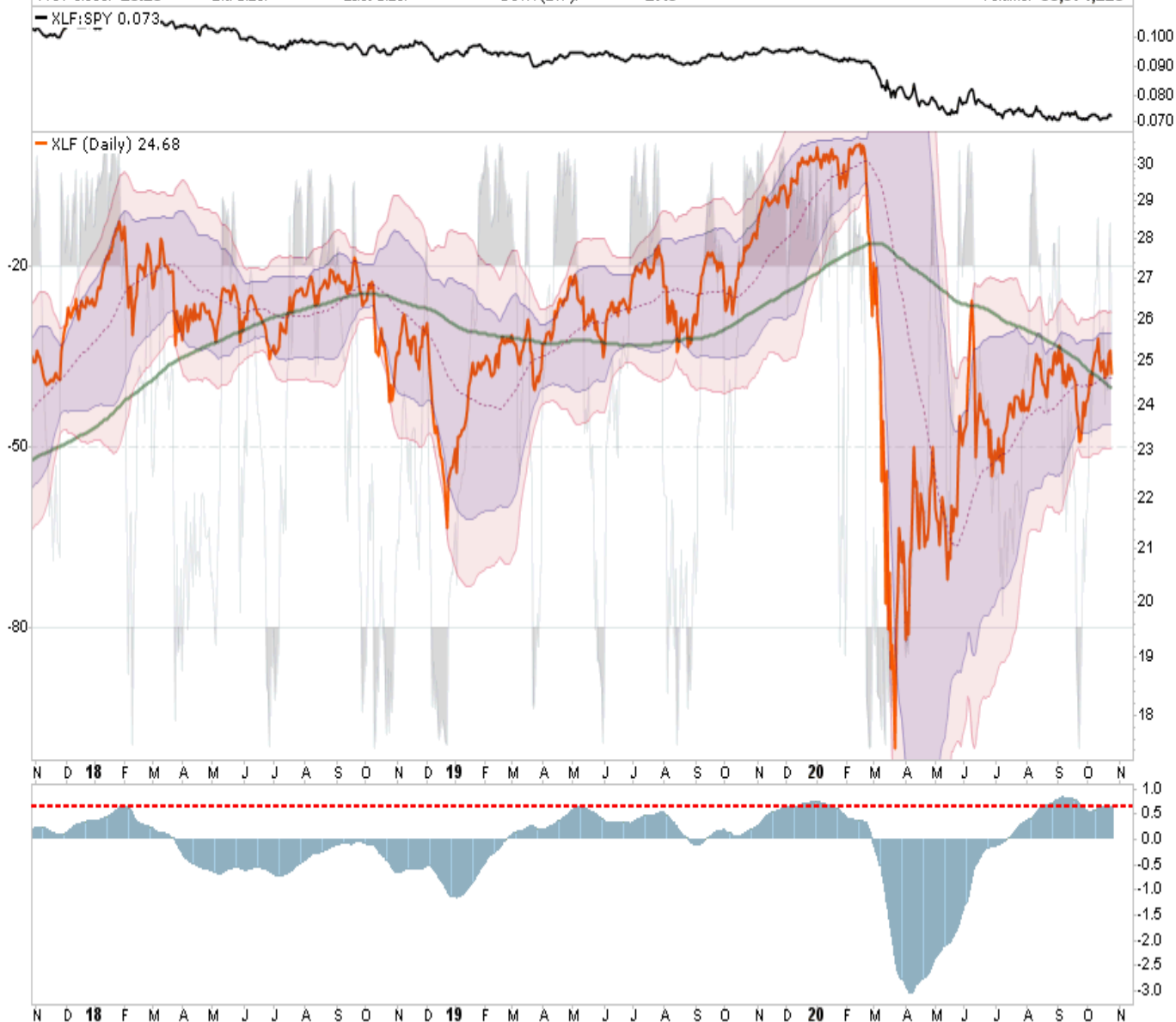
Open: <b>24.89</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>yes</b>
High: <b>24.93</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>0.60246</b>
Low: <b>24.45</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>18.1B</b>	Yield: <b>2.44%</b>
Prev Close: <b>25.25</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>27.3</b>

▼ **-2.26%**

Chg: **-0.57**

Last: **24.68**

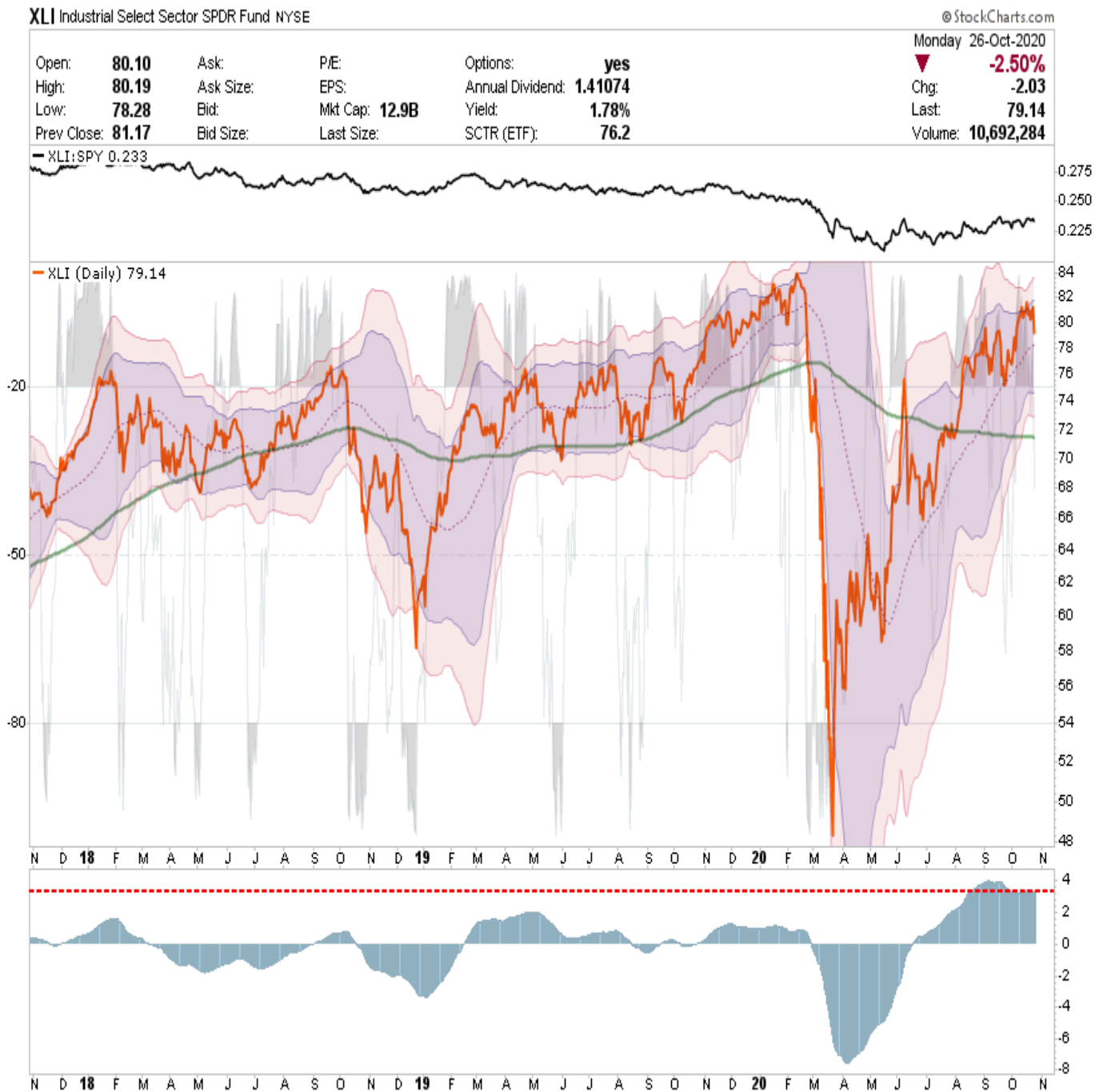
Volume: **53,971,228**



- Financials continue to underperform, and the "earnings bounce" has now reversed.
- XLF is testing it's 50- and 200-dma with a "Golden Cross" now in place. If XLF can hold support and rally, there is a decent upside for the sector. A failure at support will be very disappointing.

- We saw the same bounce last quarter that eventually failed, but there wasn't a positive bias to the moving averages. So, give financials a little breathing room.
- We are still avoiding the sector for now, but we will add holdings to our portfolios if support holds and performance improves.
- Short-Term Positioning: Neutral
  - Last week: No position
  - This week: No position
- Long-Term Positioning: Neutral

## Industrials



- Like XLB, XLI is heading back to the test the 50-dma.
- We are holding our reduced exposure for now, but take profits and rebalance risks as needed.

- *XLI remains extended and overbought short-term.*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Bullish*
  - *Last week: No change.*
  - *This week: No change.*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*

## Technology



- *Technology stocks and the Nasdaq failed at a lower high than previous, which is concerning.*
- *The sector is working off its very overbought and is now testing its 50-dma support.*
- *Technology will likely hold up better post-election, particularly if rates continue to push higher short-term.*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Bullish*
  - *Last week: No changes.*

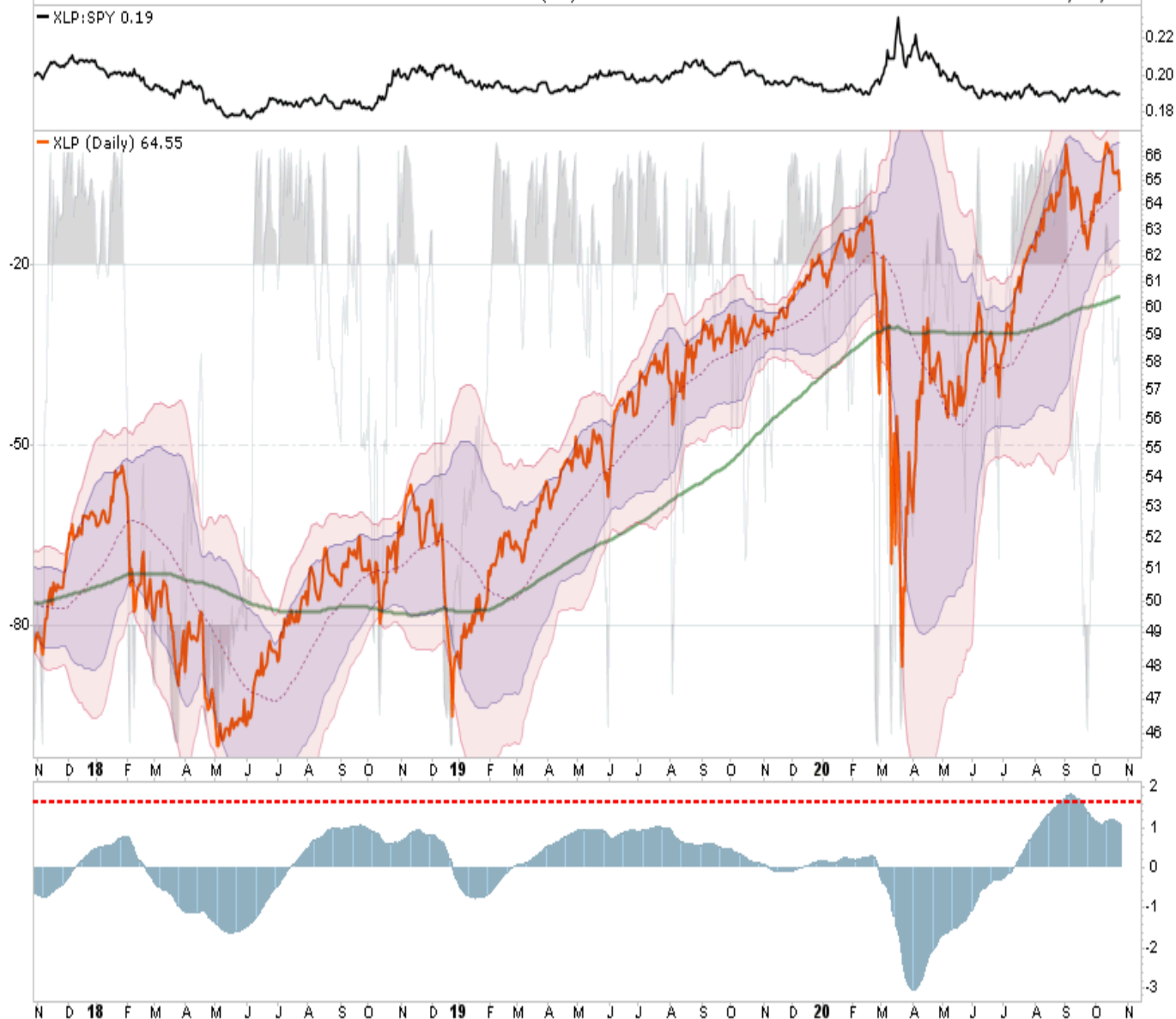
- *This week: Hold positions*
- *Stop-loss moved up to \$110*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*

## Staples

XLP Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund NYSE

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Open: <b>64.89</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>yes</b>	Monday 26-Oct-2020
High: <b>65.02</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>1.63759</b>	▼ <b>-1.28%</b>
Low: <b>63.98</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>13.6B</b>	Yield: <b>2.54%</b>	Chg: <b>-0.84</b>
Prev Close: <b>65.39</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>49.7</b>	Last: <b>64.55</b>
				Volume: <b>9,352,319</b>



- *XLP is also correcting its extreme overbought and is finding rotation out of the "relation trade" areas.*
- *The correction on Monday was not surprising and is testing the 50-dma.*
- *Rebalance holdings and tighten up stop-losses.*
- *We are moving our stop-loss alert to \$62 as our stop-level.*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Bullish*
  - *Last week: Hold positions*
  - *This week: Hold positions.*

- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*

## Real Estate

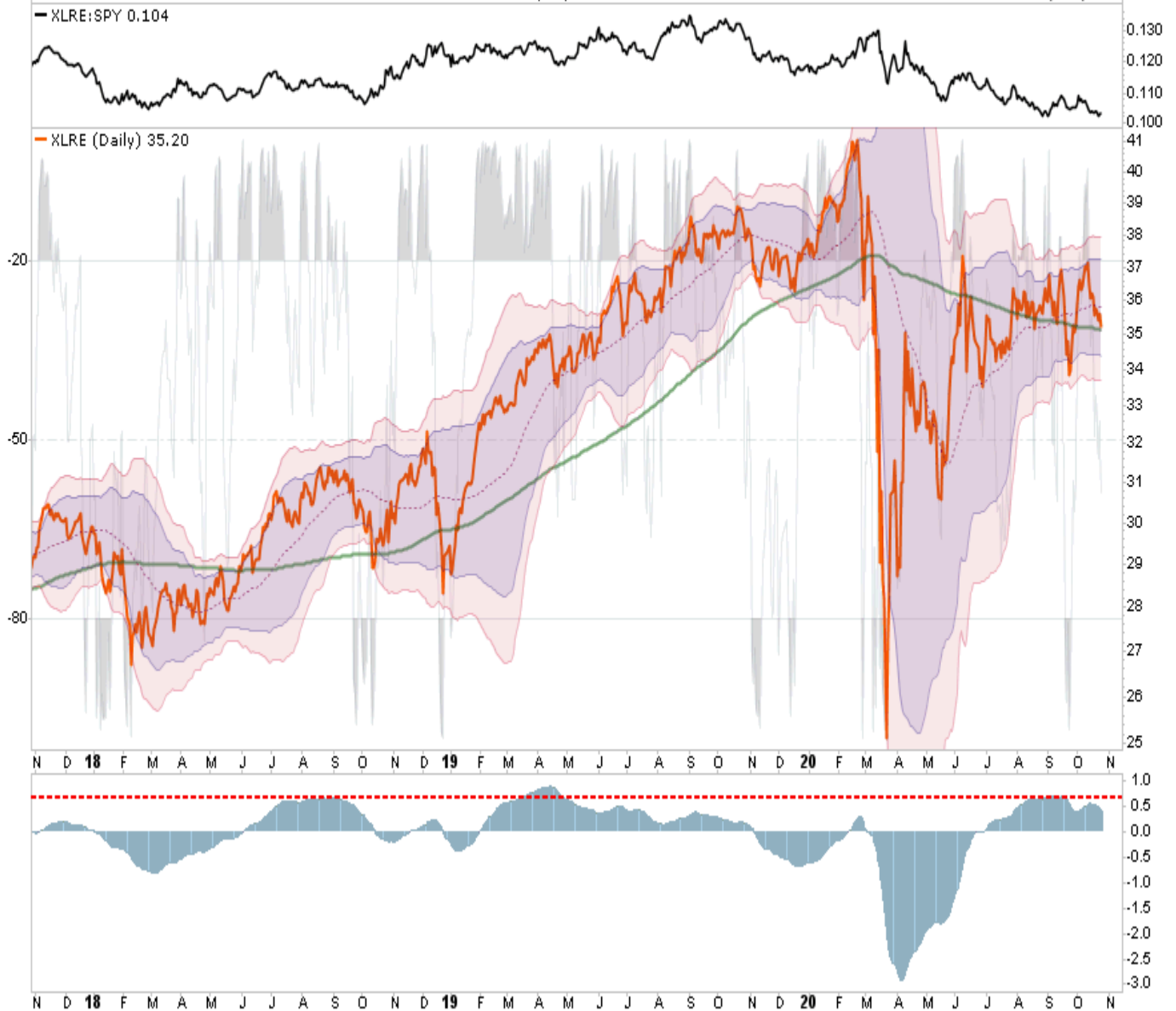
XLRE Real Estate Select Sector SPDR Fund NYSE

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Open: <b>35.36</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>yes</b>
High: <b>35.36</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>1.09849</b>
Low: <b>34.87</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>2.18B</b>	Yield: <b>3.12%</b>
Prev Close: <b>35.63</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>13.2</b>

▼ <b>-1.21%</b>
Chg: <b>-0.43</b>
Last: <b>35.20</b>
Volume: <b>3,320,205</b>



- *On Monday, the sell-off took it back below the 50-dma and is now testing the 200-dma support.*
- *XLRE needs to hold these levels.*
- *The next critical support is the double bottoms at \$34. Below that, and it will get ugly fairly quickly.*
- *Keep stop-losses at the 200-dma.*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Neutral*
  - *Last week: No change.*
  - *This week: Hold positions.*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*



## Utilities

XLU Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund NYSE

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Open: **64.25** Ask: P/E: Options: **yes**  
High: **64.85** Ask Size: EPS: Annual Dividend: **1.94948**  
Low: **63.83** Bid: Mkt Cap: **12.3B** Yield: **3.01%**  
Prev Close: **64.75** Bid Size: Last Size: SCTR (ETF): **80.3**

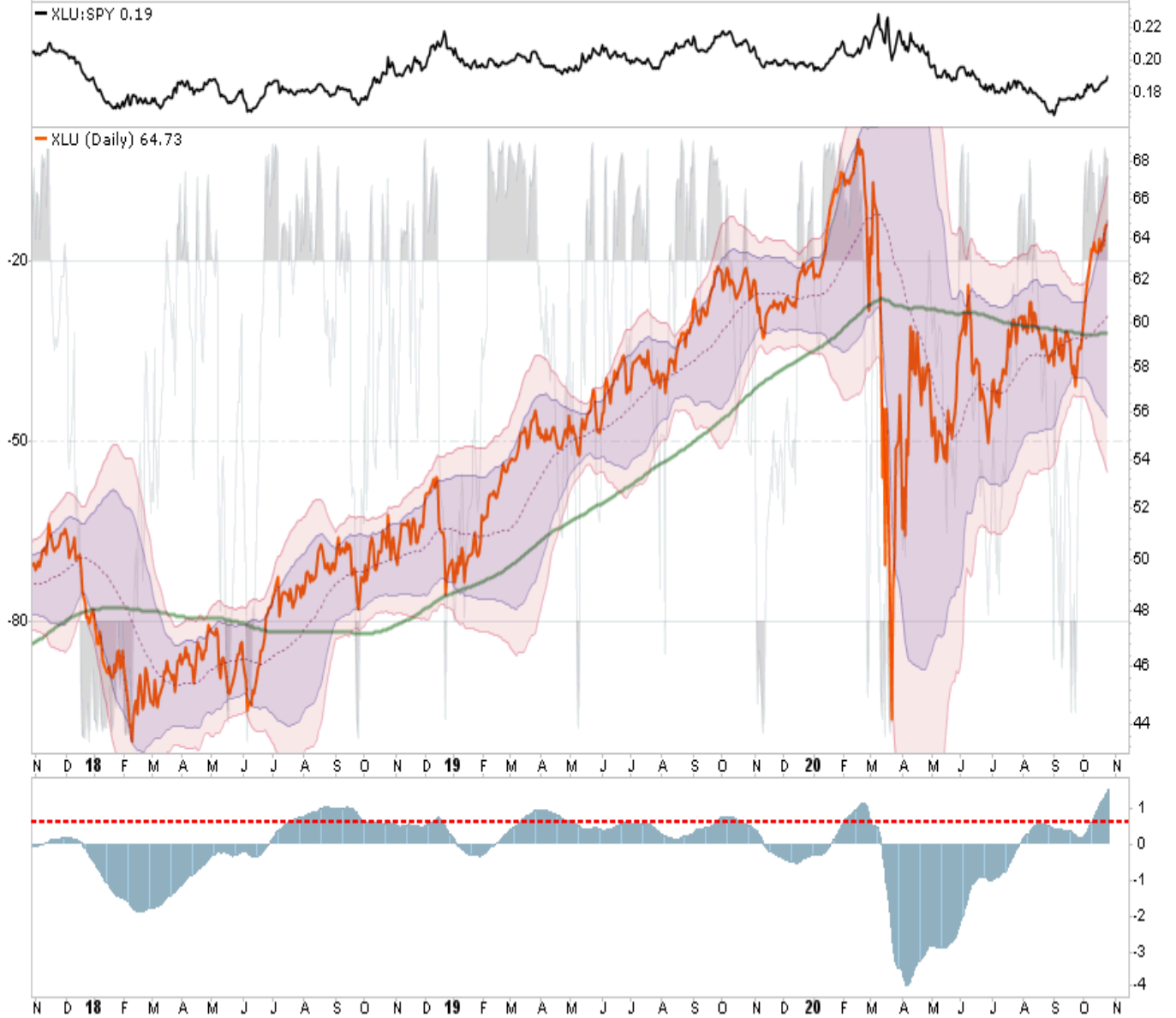
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▼ **-0.03%**

Chg: **-0.02**

Last: **64.73**

Volume: **10,380,353**

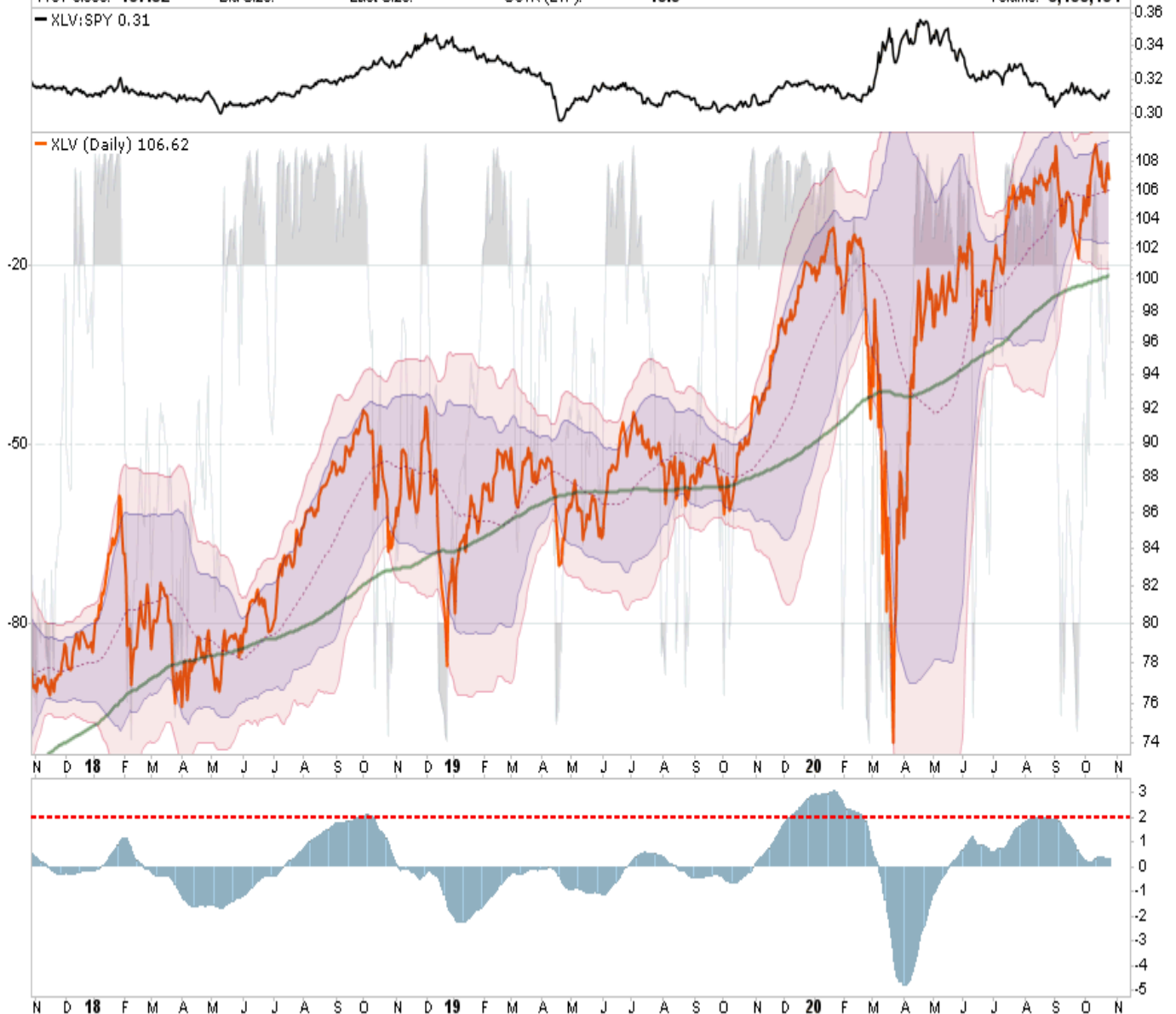


- *XLU continues to push into extremely overbought conditions after breaking above resistance.*
- *XLU is now 4-standard deviations above the moving average. This will not last indefinitely.*
- *Take profits and rebalance risk.*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Neutral*
  - *Last week: Reduced XLRE by 50%.*
  - *This week: Hold positions*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*

## Health Care

Open: **106.95** Ask: P/E: Options: **yes**  
 High: **107.08** Ask Size: EPS: Annual Dividend: **1.64435**  
 Low: **105.60** Bid: Mkt Cap: **23.6B** Yield: **1.54%**  
 Prev Close: **107.82** Bid Size: Last Size: SCTR (ETF): **45.3**

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 ▼ **-1.11%**  
 Chg: **-1.20**  
 Last: **106.62**  
 Volume: **8,135,434**

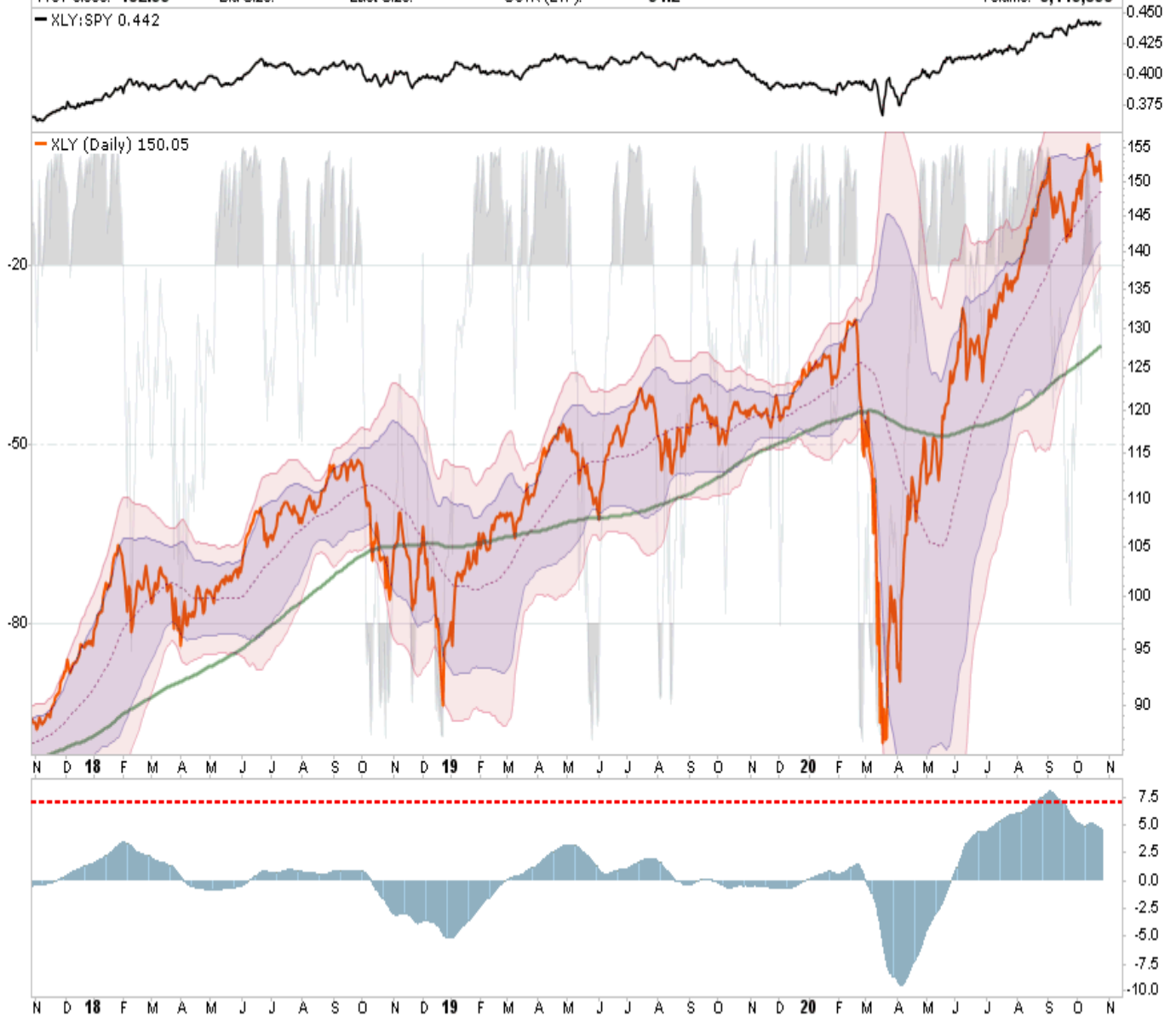


- *XLV is sitting on its 50-dma and needs to hold here.*
- *The previous overbought conditions have been resolved, and the buy signal is still intact. Use weakness to add to holdings.*
- *The 200-dma is now essential price support for XLV.*
- *We are moving our absolute stop to \$100*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Bullish*
  - *Last week: Hold positions.*
  - *This week: Hold positions.*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Bullish*

**Discretionary**

Open: <b>151.43</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>yes</b>
High: <b>152.05</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>1.43512</b>
Low: <b>147.91</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>16.2B</b>	Yield: <b>0.96%</b>
Prev Close: <b>152.99</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>91.2</b>

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 ▼ **-1.92%**  
 Chg: **-2.94**  
 Last: **150.05**  
 Volume: **3,149,895**

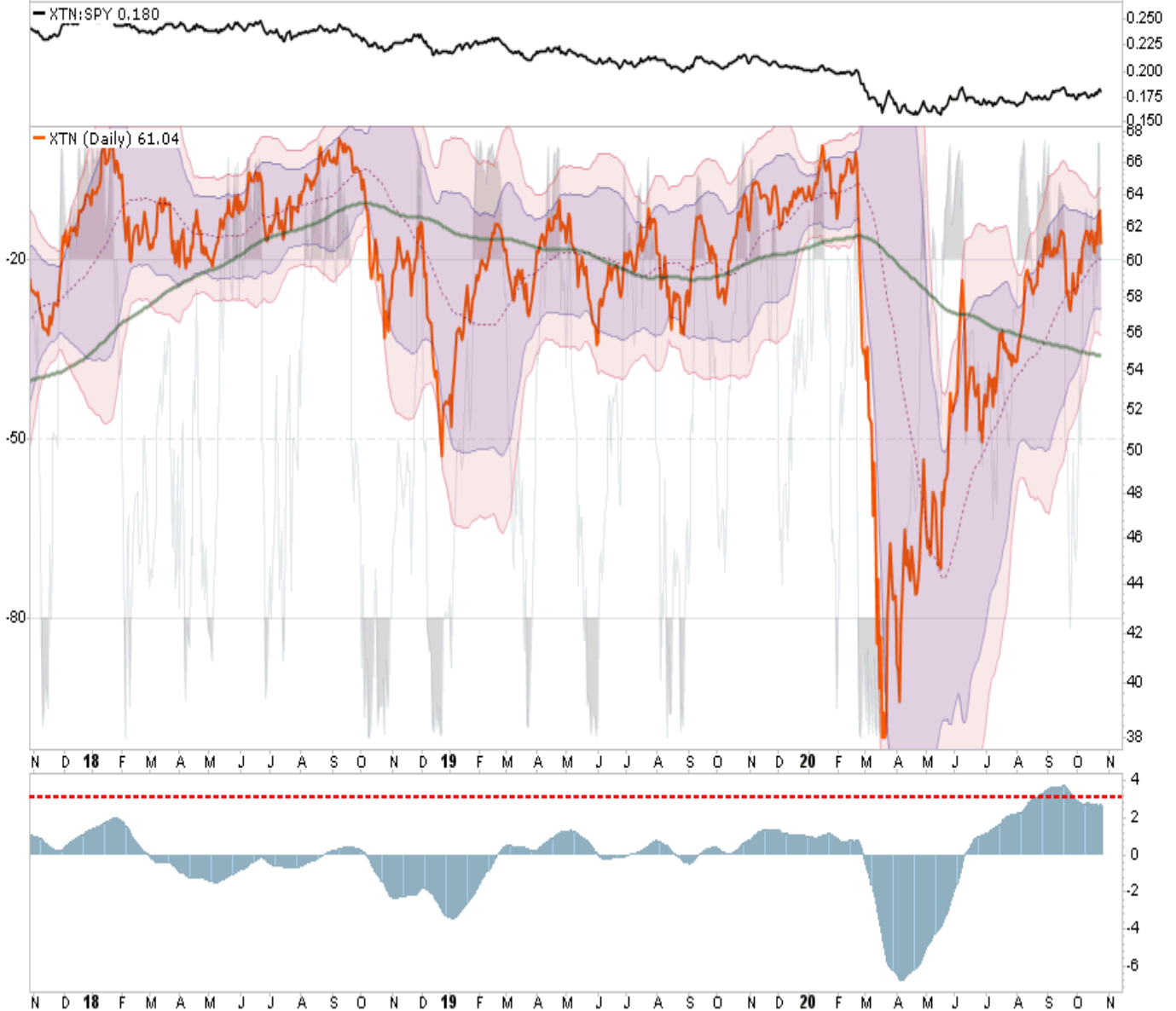


- XLY rallied to new highs previously.
- We recommended last week to take profits and rebalance risk. The 50-dma is an important initial support. On Monday, XLY is starting to correct back to that level.
- We will look for an opportunity to add to our "holiday shopping" stocks on this weakness - after the election is over, of course.
- Stop-loss remains at \$140
- Short-Term Positioning: Bullish
  - Last week: No changes.
  - This week: No changes.
- Long-Term Positioning: Bullish

## Transportation

Open: <b>62.16</b>	Ask:	P/E:	Options: <b>no</b>
High: <b>62.16</b>	Ask Size:	EPS:	Annual Dividend: <b>0.48991</b>
Low: <b>60.56</b>	Bid:	Mkt Cap: <b>244.2M</b>	Yield: <b>0.80%</b>
Prev Close: <b>63.01</b>	Bid Size:	Last Size:	SCTR (ETF): <b>80.5</b>

▼ <b>-3.13%</b>
Chg: <b>-1.97</b>
Last: <b>61.04</b>
Volume: <b>19,162</b>



- *Last week I wrote: "Transportation has been rallying on hopes from infrastructure but failed at its previous highs. The sector is overbought and ran into previous resistance."*
- *The sell-off on Monday was a bit vicious and looked to take XTN back to the 50-dma.*
- *The "buy signal" remains very extended. Much of the sector also maintains relatively weak fundamentals.*
- *We took profits in the sector and are waiting for a better entry point to add to our holdings. That may be coming here soon.*
- *Maintain an absolutely stop-loss at \$56*
- *Short-Term Positioning: Neutral*
  - *Last week: No change*
  - *This week: No change*
- *Long-Term Positioning: Neutral*