## **MAP SPECIAL REPORT**

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## EXTENDED PERIODS OF SELLING, WAITING FOR THE BUY SIGNAL

It is no secret that selling in stocks has been extreme lately. In fact, our ratio which measures unusual buying and selling in stocks has indicated that sellers have been in control of this market since 10/5/2018 (more selling in stocks than buying). We define this by a reading of below 50% in our ratio. Since Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 62 trading days have passed. On page 2, we took a dive into our data to see prior periods of prolonged selling (like now) and how the market performed once buyers took control. As a refresher, below is our buying/selling ratio for the market.

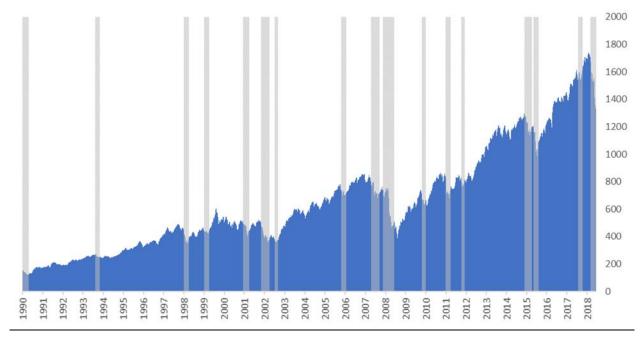
## **RUSSELL 2000** 1800 1700 1600 1500 1400 1300 1200 When the blue line (below) breaks 1100 out of the green area to the upside, 1000 it's usually very bullish for stocks. 900 800 MAP-IT RATIO 1.00 0.90 0.80 0.70 0.60 0.50 0.40 0.30 0.20 0.10 0.00 7/16/2014 9/16/2015 11/16/2015 1/16/2016 3/16/2016 5/16/2016 7/16/2016 9/16/2016 1/16/2016 9/16/2018 11/16/2018 9/16/2014 1/16/2015 7/16/2015 7/16/2017 1/16/2018 3/16/2018 5/16/2018 7/16/2018 11/16/2014 3/16/2015 5/16/2015 3/16/2017 1/16/2017 5/16/201 9/16/201 1/16/2017 OV ERSO LD OVERBOUGHT MAP-IT RATIO 25 D MA

Below is a table of the 16 periods, including now, when the MAP-IT ratio stayed below 50% for 40 or more trading days going back to 1990. The performance table below calculates the forward returns of the Russell 2000 once our ratio breaks above 50% after a prolonged period of selling (the point when buying > selling).

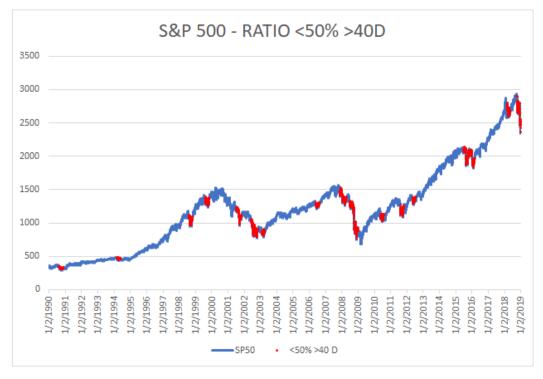
START END DATE	DATE	TRADING DAYS < 50%	1 MO	2 MO	3 MO	4 MO	5 MO	6 MO	7 MO	8 MO	9 MO	10 MO	11 MO	12 MO
		DA13 < 30/8												
8/7/1990 11/13	3/1990	70	5.9%	3.2%	26.1%	34.3%	42.2%	41.0%	41.3%	37.5%	41.1%	42.9%	43.1%	52.1%
3/11/1994 5/25	/1994	44	-3.6%	-2.0%	2.0%	2.2%	0.9%	-2.5%	-1.4%	0.2%	2.9%	4.3%	6.3%	9.6%
8/4/1998 10/22	2/1998	57	7.6%	9.2%	15.3%	8.6%	7.3%	17.0%	22.6%	22.1%	23.2%	18.6%	16.7%	14.3%
8/10/1999 11/1	/1999	55	5.1%	16.9%	16.7%	36.2%	24.8%	20.2%	14.0%	19.8%	15.3%	25.5%	20.7%	14.7%
7/10/2001 10/26	5/2001	74	5.1%	11.7%	9.3%	7.4%	14.4%	14.3%	12.5%	3.3%	-12.9%	-7.0%	-15.5%	-15.0%
6/5/2002 10/29	9/2002	103	10.2%	4.2%	1.7%	-2.2%	0.0%	7.4%	17.4%	21.7%	28.5%	34.9%	33.7%	44.3%
2/3/2003 4/1/	2003	41	8.2%	19.6%	21.8%	27.0%	34.9%	35.7%	43.3%	50.4%	51.1%	57.5%	61.3%	61.5%
5/24/2006 8/17	/2006	60	2.6%	7.6%	10.9%	11.5%	11.0%	15.1%	9.6%	16.6%	14.8%	19.3%	19.6%	10.6%
11/15/2007 4/8/	2008	98	1.1%	4.0%	-4.1%	3.1%	2.9%	-23.2%	-29.0%	-32.4%	-29.5%	-33.9%	-50.7%	-37.9%
6/24/2008 12/30	)/2008	128	-8.1%	-19.4%	-13.8%	1.0%	3.9%	5.3%	15.5%	20.1%	25.2%	16.6%	20.1%	31.2%
5/24/2010 7/30	/2010	48	-7.6%	3.9%	8.1%	11.7%	21.3%	19.1%	26.5%	29.1%	32.9%	28.5%	27.1%	22.5%
8/3/2011 10/21	L/2011	54	-1.5%	3.9%	10.1%	15.6%	16.5%	12.9%	7.3%	7.4%	11.1%	14.4%	20.1%	15.2%
5/7/2012 7/5/	2012	42	-3.5%	0.5%	3.1%	0.3%	0.4%	7.6%	11.1%	13.5%	12.9%	16.8%	18.4%	23.0%
7/1/2015 10/27	7/2015	83	5.0%	0.8%	-12.4%	-9.4%	-5.7%	0.8%	0.5%	-4.9%	6.4%	8.1%	8.8%	3.9%
12/10/2015 2/29	/2016	53	7.3%	9.4%	11.3%	9.5%	18.0%	20.4%	19.7%	14.9%	28.5%	31.8%	32.6%	34.1%
2/27/2018 5/8/	2018	45	5.4%	6.8%	6.3%	8.0%	2.7%	-0.5%	-8.7%	-13.0%	?	?	?	?
10/5/2018 <b>1/3/</b>	<b>2019</b>	61	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
AVERAGE		66	2.5%	5.0%	7.0%	10.3%	12.2%	11.9%	12.6%	12.9%	16.8%	18.6%	17.5%	18.9%
% OF TIMES POS	ITIVE		68.8%	87.5%	81.3%	87.5%	93.8%	81.3%	81.3%	81.3%	81.3%	81.3%	81.3%	81.3%

**BOTTOM LINE:** No matter which way you look at the data, it bodes well for forward returns once our ratio crosses back above 50% after a sustained depressed stretch. All periods from 1-12 months out have a very high likelihood of positive return for the Russell 2000. Significant double-digit returns kick-in from 4 months onward.





Below shows the same 16 periods overlaid via the S&P 500, DJIA, & COMP. The red area denotes prolonged times the ratio is below 50%.







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