

## Quarterly Update

**4Q25 Results, as of December 31, 2025**

*All MSCM strategy returns are presented net of fees.*

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## Win by Not Losing

### Average Annualized Returns (Net of Fees)

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### **Benchmarks**

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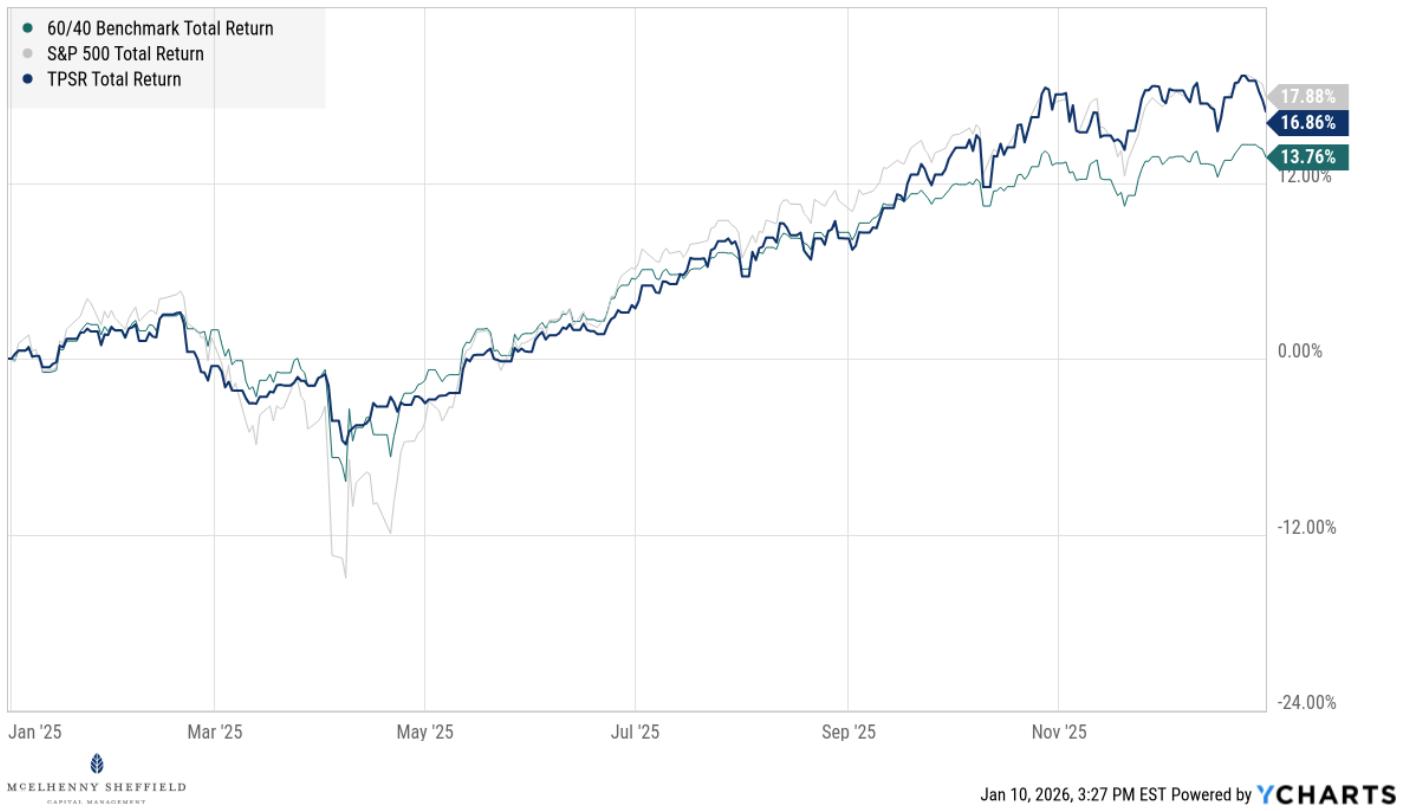
Our tactical strategies delivered strong results in 2025 by avoiding most of the market's pullback in the March and April "tariff tantrum," then capturing most of the upside during the market's recovery and subsequent moves to new highs. This year was a great example of our "win by not losing" approach. We believe avoiding material losses is the key to successful long-term wealth accumulation, and by losing less during the tough market periods, you don't need as much gain in the good periods to still come out ahead. It also ends up being a much more comfortable investment plan for clients.

The S&P 500 Index ended 2025 up 17.9%, the third consecutive year of strong performance following the 2022 bear market. The March/April pullback felt unnerving at the time but was mostly forgotten about by summer. The S&P 500 also notched 38 new all-time highs during the year, which seemed impossible at the depth of the market lows in April. Market events like that "tariff

"tantrum" happen almost every year. There is **always** something going on in the world that gives investors pause or could cause the market to drop; however, the timing of market pullbacks, how significant they'll be, and how long it will take the market to recover is **never** known in advance. This is why we do not make investment decisions based on the news or the so-called "experts" and focus instead on hard data and a quantitative assessment of what the market is actually doing each day, regardless of what we think or feel may happen in the future. Our quantitative rules-based approach helps take the emotion out of our investment decision-making, takes the guesswork out of our investment positioning, and can help us win by not losing when years like 2025 occur.

Chart 1 shows our TPSR strategy achieving less drawdown in March and April during the market's drop and then re-engaging quickly to participate in the majority of the market's recovery and beyond.

### Chart 1: TPSR total returns net of fees compared to market indices in 2025.



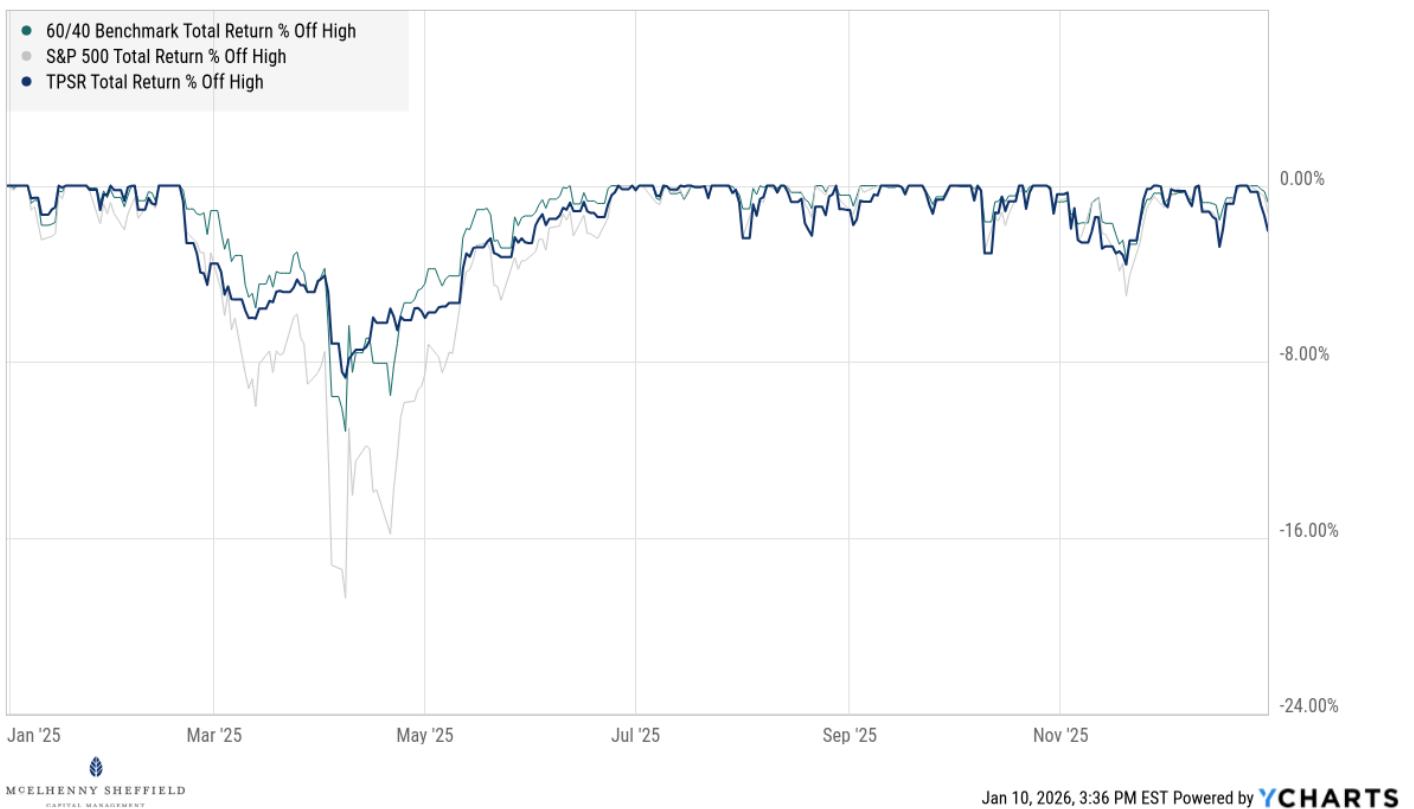
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While past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results, avoiding major drawdowns is a significant aspect of our risk-managed approach. We prefer not suffering through large losses as

we work to compound wealth steadily over time. Chart 2 shows the drawdowns (% off highs) that the benchmarks and our TPSR strategy experienced in 2025. At the lows on April 8th, TPSR was only down 8.7%, while the Benchmark 60/40 was down 11.2% and the S&P 500 was down 18.75%.

Drawdowns greater than 10% are unsettling for most investors and can make one feel trapped: constantly worrying about whether to sell out to avoid further losses or stay in to catch the hoped-for recovery. Our robust, rules-based, and repeatable process helps minimize that terrible feeling and is possibly more important to our approach for clients than just simply achieving desirable long-term returns; by avoiding the emotional toll, our strategies can help clients keep their investment plans on track.

## Chart 2: Drawdown of TPSR compared to market indices during 2025.



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### Trend Plus

The **Trend Plus** strategy was down slightly during the 4th quarter but still beat both the Benchmark 60/40 and the S&P 500 for the year. The strategy successfully avoided the market decline in March and April, generating positive returns in both months due to defensive positioning in US Treasuries and Gold. The strategy re-engaged in equity positions at the end of April to capture market upside during the 2nd and 3rd quarters, leading to the outperformance for the year.

### Sector Rotation

The **Sector Rotation** strategy was up 5.9% in the 4th quarter, beating both the Benchmark 60/40 (up 2.0%) and the S&P 500 (up 2.7%). Sector Rotation positioning during the quarter included Biotech, Small-cap, and Consumer Discretionary, with Biotech achieving a 17% quarterly return. The strategy is designed to capture significant upside during bull markets by attempting to select high-momentum sectors that could outperform the broad market. The current positioning for the 1st quarter of 2026 is Biotech, Pharmaceuticals, and Gold.

### TPSR (50% Trend Plus & 50% Sector Rotation)

The **TPSR** strategy gained 2.4% during 4th quarter and was up 16.9% for the year, ahead of the Benchmark 60/40 and just slightly trailing the S&P 500. TPSR generally takes less risk than the Benchmark 60/40 while outperforming the benchmark across all time periods (1yr, 3yr, 5yr, Inception). TPSR blends together our two distinct tactical models, allowing investors to potentially benefit at times when either trend or momentum leads the market higher, or market selling leads us

to take defensive positioning. With different risk management rules built into each strategy, the blended TPSR is designed to navigate periods of market turmoil without suffering devastating losses.

## Trend X

The **Trend X** strategy gained 39.5% during 2025, far exceeding the performance of the Nasdaq Composite and S&P 500 indices. The strategy has benefited over multiple years from getting defensive quickly during market selloffs and maintaining leveraged long positions during strong up trending markets. Performance of Trend X over the last 3 years (net of all fees) has almost doubled that of the S&P 500. Trend X is an aggressive trend following strategy that is only available to Qualified Clients, per SEC rules.

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## Summary

Our tactical strategies are driven by our philosophy that losing less during negative market environments is the key to compounding wealth over time. We understand that you do not have to capture all of the upside in strong positive markets if you are successful at reducing the downside. We believe the "math of compounded returns" will allow us to outperform if we maintain focus on risk management and avoiding large losses. While past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results, we believe that using tactical strategies has the potential to deliver a better form of diversification to most traditional allocations (i.e., strategic asset allocations or "buy & hold").

We feel strongly that all investors should have an allocation to tactical strategies to seek to improve their overall portfolio performance and make it through the tough market environments more successfully. Please contact us if you have any questions about our strategies or how MSCM can play an important part in your investment management plan.

Our strategy sheets, with historical performance results, are accessible through the buttons below, and on our website [mscm.net](http://mscm.net).

TPSR

TREND PLUS

## SECTOR ROTATION

### TREND X



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