# Backtesting Jan 21, 2025

# TLDR;

The Industrials industry and the Retail - Specialty industry suffered from the talks on tariffs. The Marine Shipping industry is strong.

# Correct: 15

# Incorrect: 2

# Allowable: 7

Sector/Industry	Rating	MoM Return	Assessment
S&P 500 (SPY)	Buy	(-1.07)	Allowable
Russell 2000			
Dow Jones (DIA)	Sell 🕁	(-1.62)	Correct
Becky			
Airlines & Airports (JETS)	Sell	-7.13 (-6.91)	Correct
Auto manufacturers (TSLA, GM, F, RIVN)	Reduce	-13.1 (-18.62, -12.26, -7.48, 2.21)	Correct
Biotechnology (XBI)	Hold	2.08 (2.34)	Correct
Bitcoin			
China			
Clean Energy			
Communication Services (XLC)	Hold	1.69 (4.77)	Correct
Consumer Discretionary (XLY)	Hold	-3.29 (-4.79)	Allowable
Consumer Staples (XLP)			
Credit Services (V, MA, AXP, PYPL)	Sell	1.92 (7.72, 5.75, -8.33, -16.58)	Allowable/Mixed
Cybersecurity			
Defense (ITA)	Reduce	0.37 (-4.12)	Correct
Energy (XLE)	Reduce	-1.87 (-2.45)	Correct
Entertainment (PEJ*, NFLX, DIS, ROKU, CNK)	Hold	4.5 (3.06, 15.93, 0.56, 10.82, -3.79)	Correct
Financials (XLF)	Hold	0.44 (0.46)	Correct

Sector/Industry	Rating	MoM Return	Assessment
Gold			
Health Care (XLV)	Hold	2.78 (3.38)	Correct
Industrials (XLI)	Buy	-5.25 (-3.46)	#Incorrect
Information Technology (XLK, QQQ)	Reduce	-3.16 (0.13, 0.65)	Allowable
Marine Shipping (BOAT, SEA)	Buy★	1.19 (4.01, 2.66)	Correct
Materials (XLB)	Sell	1.02 (-1.05)	Allowable
Packaged Foods (FTXG*, KHC, GIS, K, POST)	Hold	2.16 (3.23, 5.06, 0.25, 6.22)	Correct
Real Estate (XLRE)	Hold	2.37 (1.59)	Correct
Regional Banking (KRE)	Hold	-0.85 (-4.11)	Allowable
Restaurants (EATZ)	Sell☆	5.58 (2.43)	Allowable
Retail - Apparel			
Retail - Specialty (ORLY, ULTA, BBWI, FIVE)	Buy☆	-2.1 (4.48, -14.48, 3.85, -8.22)	#Incorrect
Semiconductors (SMH, SOXX)	Sell	-8.41 (-4.04, -3.29)	Correct
Steel			
Telecom Services			
Travel & Hotels			
Utilities (XLU)	Hold	0.61 (0.41)	Correct

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# Verdict

The Marine Shipping industry had a proper Buy  $\bigstar$  rating making strong gains over the previous month.

#### **#Prompt**

what macro news events over the last month could have caused the marine shipping industry to rally?

### Response

Several macro news events over the past month could have contributed to a rally in the marine shipping industry:

- I. **US-Sponsored 30-Nation Naval Exercise**: The conclusion of a large-scale naval exercise in Bahrain, involving 30 nations, could have boosted confidence in maritime security and cooperation.
- 2. **New Maritime Technologies**: The announcement of the first commercial installation of Michelin's inflatable wind sail and the development of a high-speed, hydrogen-ready multi-fuel ferry by Austal and Gotlandsbolaget.
- 3. **Increased Port Security**: Russia's recommendation to increase port security due to perceived threats from NATO.
- 4. **Seatrade Maritime Events**: Ongoing maritime events and conferences, such as those organized by Seatrade Maritime, provide platforms for industry professionals to discuss innovative products, solutions, and market intelligence.

These events likely contributed to positive sentiment and increased activity in the marine shipping industry. If you have any specific aspects you'd like to explore further, let me know!

The incorrect assessment on the **Industrials** and **Retail - Specialty** industry is possibly due by the increase of tariffs the president ins proposing.

Also, the price estimates (EST) for the Industrials industry and the Retail - Specialty industry dropped significantly which could have been an early indicator of a sentiment shift.

	EST Jan 21	EST Jan 28
Industrials	0.43	0.12
<b>Retail - Specialty</b>	0.30	0.14

### **#Prompt**

Between the industrial, financial, materials, restaurant and specialty retail industry, which one would be most negatively affected by higher tariffs on imported goods from Mexico and China?

# Response

Higher tariffs on imported goods from Mexico and China would likely have the most significant negative impact on the **industrial and materials industries**. Here's why:

 Industrial Industry: This sector relies heavily on imported components and raw materials from Mexico and China. Higher tariffs would increase the cost of these imports, leading to higher production costs and reduced competitiveness2.

- 2. **Materials Industry**: Similar to the industrial sector, the materials industry depends on imported raw materials. Tariffs would raise the prices of these materials, affecting the overall cost structure and profitability.
- 3. **Restaurant Industry**: While the restaurant industry would also be affected, the impact might be less severe compared to the industrial and materials sectors. Higher tariffs could lead to increased prices for imported food products, but restaurants can often adjust their menus and sourcing strategies to mitigate these effects.
- 4. **Financial Industry**: The financial industry would be indirectly affected through its exposure to the other sectors. Higher tariffs could lead to economic uncertainty and market volatility, impacting financial institutions and investments.

The **specialty retail** industry would also be significantly affected by higher tariffs on imported goods from Mexico and China. Here are some key points to consider:

- 5. **Increased Costs**: Specialty retailers often rely on imported goods, including unique or niche products that may not be available domestically. Higher tariffs would increase the cost of these imports, leading to higher prices for consumers.
- 6. **Profit Margins**: The increased costs from tariffs could squeeze profit margins for specialty retailers. They may have to absorb some of the additional costs or pass them on to consumers, which could affect sales and profitability.
- 7. **Supply Chain Disruptions**: Tariffs could disrupt supply chains, making it more challenging for specialty retailers to source products. This could lead to inventory shortages and affect the availability of certain items.
- 8. **Consumer Behavior**: Higher prices due to tariffs might lead consumers to seek alternatives or reduce their spending on specialty items. This could impact the overall demand for specialty retail products.

In summary, the industrial and materials industries would bear the brunt of higher tariffs on imports from Mexico and China due to their reliance on imported components and raw materials. The restaurant and financial industries would also be affected, but to a lesser extent. Also, the specialty retail industry would face increased costs, potential profit margin pressures, supply chain disruptions, and changes in consumer behavior due to higher tariffs on imported goods from Mexico and China.

#### **#Prompt**

What macro news event could be causing the industrial and the specialty retail industry to selloff over the last month?

### Response

There are a few macroeconomic factors that could be contributing to the selloff in the industrial and specialty retail sectors over the past month:

- 9. **Retail Sales Decline**: January's retail sales fell by 0.9% month-over-month, which was worse than expected. This decline was led by a significant drop in sporting goods and auto parts sales. A decrease in consumer spending can negatively impact specialty retail stocks.
- 10. **Industrial Production Fluctuations**: While industrial production rose by 0.5% month-overmonth in January, the manufacturing sector, which makes up a significant portion of industrial production, saw a decline in motor vehicles and parts production. This volatility can create uncertainty in the industrial sector.
- II. **Political Uncertainty and Tariffs**: The recent U.S. election results have led to concerns about potential new tariffs under the second Trump administration. These tariffs could impact both the industrial and specialty retail sectors by increasing costs and creating supply chain disruptions.
- 12. Weather-Related Distortions: January 2025 was the coldest January since 1988, which affected both retail sales and industrial production. The frigid weather dampened shopping activity while simultaneously boosting demand for heating, leading to a mixed impact on economic data.

These factors combined could be contributing to the recent selloff in these sectors. If you have any specific stocks or industries in mind, I can provide more detailed information.

Assessment criteria

☆★ Hold:

Hold: [-5,Inf] Buy☆: [-3,Inf] Buy☆: [-1,Inf] Buy★: [0,Inf] Reduce: [-Inf,5] Sell: [Inf, 3] Sell☆: [Inf, 1] Sell★: [Inf, 0]