# USA FINANCIAL TREND TRACKER

#### December 2021

#### Monthly Market Data from the Formulaic Trending Money Manager

The USA Financial Trend Tracker is a monthly publication designed to provide an overview and summary to investors about the data USA Financial Formulas tracks and the trends taking place within the stock market. While some of the information shared is designed to give a general sense for the overall strength of various stock market indices, much of the data shared is used to aid in the formulaic investment management process employed at Formulas every month to manage investor accounts.

RAM<sup>®</sup> Score is a patented trending tool that takes into account several dynamic U.S. market and economic indicators. It features a core baseline that allows for correlation between these indicators so they may be combined together for an overall RAM Score. We believe that a positive RAM Score, as a trending tool, signals a more favorable environment for individual equity investing, while a negative RAM Score suggests a less favorable environment for individual equity investing.

The Mapper Scores<sup>™</sup> represent the number of stocks within a given index that have met the formulaic criteria for ownership consideration within the Technical Focus Series.

### Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500<sup>®</sup>)

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	58.65	81.37	70.27
Mapper Score	122	119	153

RAM Score applied to the S&P 500 Index decreased for the current month in comparison to last month.

Of the 500 stocks included in the S&P 500 Index, 122 met the initial formulaic criteria to be considered for ownership in the Freedom SP500 investment strategy. This represents an increase from last month.

# NASDAQ<sup>®</sup> Composite

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	*N/A	*N/A	49.91
Mapper Score	118	104	112

\*Due to investment strategy changes, USA Financial Formulas is no longer tracking the RAM Score for the NASDAQ Composite Index.

Of the 3,000+ stocks included in the NASDAQ Composite Index, 118 met the initial formulaic criteria to be considered for ownership in the Freedom NSDQ investment strategy. This represents an increase from last month.

## Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA<sup>®</sup>)

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	*N/A	*N/A	58.42
Mapper Score	*N/A	*N/A	7

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### Russell 2000<sup>®</sup>

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	*N/A	*N/A	81.62
Mapper Score	136	120	135

\*Due to investment strategy changes, USA Financial Formulas is no longer tracking the RAM Score for the Russell 2000 Index.

Of the 2,000 stocks included in the Russell 2000 Index, 136 met the initial formulaic criteria to be considered for ownership in the Freedom R2000 investment strategy. This represents an increase from last month.

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## Russell 3000<sup>®</sup>

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	*N/A	*N/A	71.46
Mapper Score	327	296	356

\*Due to investment strategy changes, USA Financial Formulas is no longer tracking the RAM Score for the Russell 3000 Index.

Of the 3,000 stocks included in the Russell 3000 Index, 327 met the initial formulaic criteria to be considered for ownership in the Freedom R3000 investment strategy. This represents an increase from last month.

### Standard & Poor's 100 (S&P 100<sup>®</sup>)

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	*N/A	*N/A	67.23
Mapper Score	*N/A	*N/A	41

\*Due to investment strategy changes, USA Financial Formulas is no longer tracking the RAM Score or Mapper Score for the S&P 100 Index.

## Russell 1000<sup>®</sup>

	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	55.05	79.93	68.51
Mapper Score	190	178	222

RAM Score applied to the Russell 1000 Index decreased for the current month in comparison to last month.

Of the 1,000 stocks included in the Russell 1000 Index, 190 met the initial formulaic criteria to be considered for ownership in the Freedom R1000 investment strategy. This represents an increase from last month.

### NASDAQ-100®

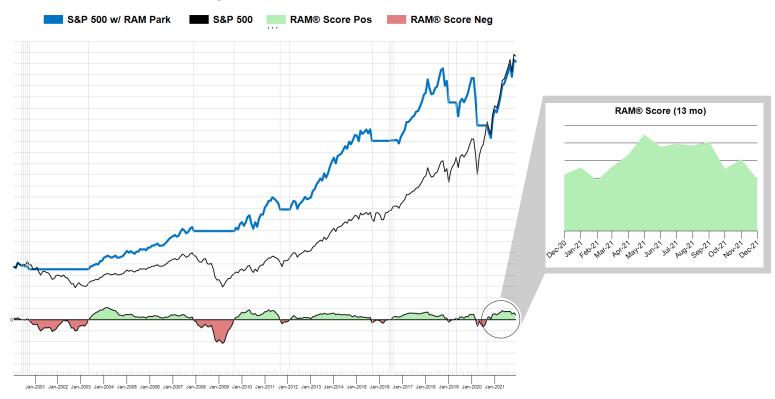
	December 2021	November 2021	October 2021
RAM Score	48.20	59.32	50.56
Mapper Score	18	19	20

RAM Score applied to the NASDAQ-100 Index decreased for the current month in comparison to last month.

Of the 100 stocks included in the NASDAQ-100 Index, 18 met the initial formulaic criteria to be considered for ownership in the Freedom N100 investment strategy. This represents a decrease from last month.

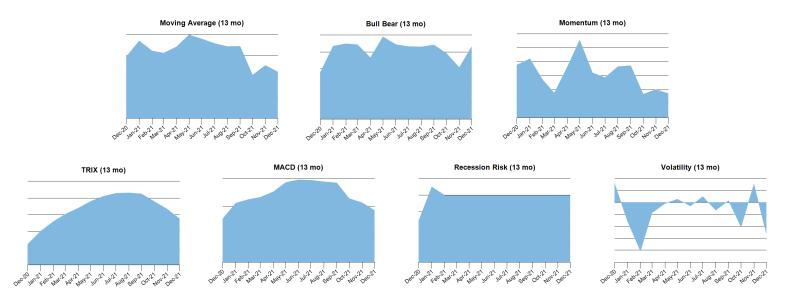
## RAM<sup>®</sup> SCORE APPLIED TO S&P 500

The charts below are designed to provide a historical look at the RAM Score when applied to the S&P 500, as well as a 13-month snapshot to help investors better understand recent changes to the score.



#### Subcomponent Tracking

The charts below represent a 13-month snapshot of the various technical stock market and economic indicators that are used to calculate the RAM Score of each index. The charts reflect the patented calculation method for each of the subcomponents of RAM Score, including the exponential moving average (EMA), the Elder-Ray Index (bull and bear power), the triple exponential moving average (TRIX), moving average convergence/divergence (MACD), momentum indicator, the Moody's US Risk of Recession indicator, and the Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index (CBOE VIX).



About the S&P 500 Index: This Index is based on the common stock prices of 500 top publicly traded American companies, as determined by Standard & Poor's. In general, it includes both growth stocks and the generally less volatile value stocks. The S&P 500 is not a publicly available investment vehicle and cannot be purchased directly.

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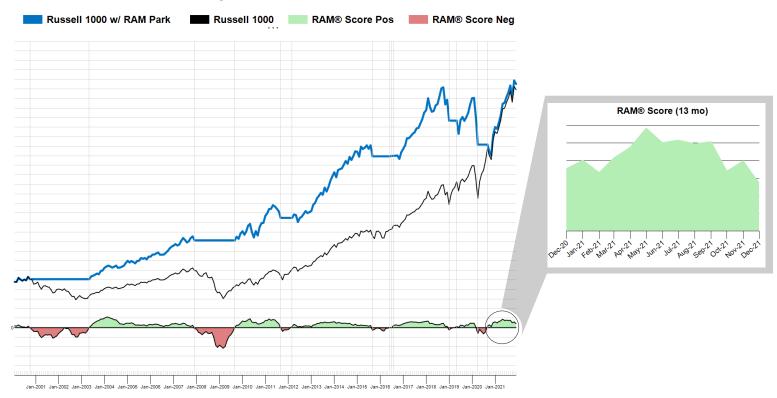
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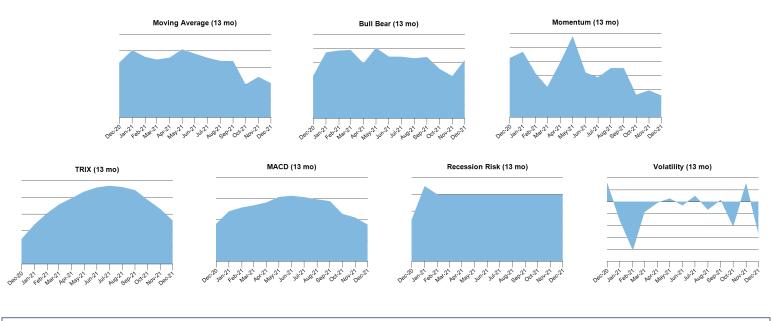
## **RAM® SCORE APPLIED TO RUSSELL 1000**

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About the Russell 1000 Index: The Russell 1000 Index is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index and is composed of the largest securities based upon a combination of market capitalization and current index membership. The index is considered to represent approximately 90% of the United States market capitalization. The smallest company included in the Russell 1000 Index has a market capitalization over \$1.75 billion. The Russell 1000 is not a publicly available investment vehicle and cannot be purchased directly.

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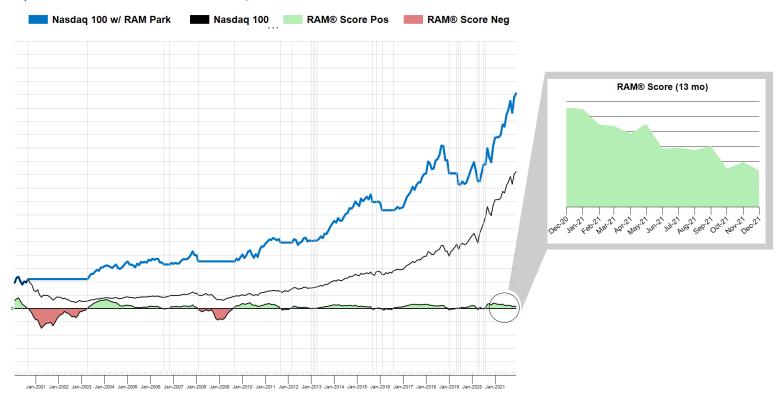


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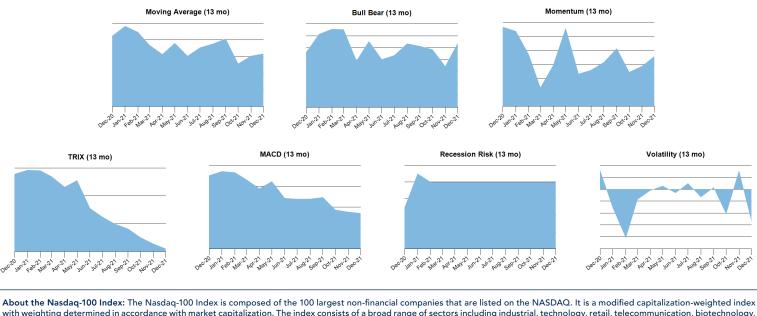
## RAM<sup>®</sup> SCORE APPLIED TO NASDAQ-100

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About the Nasdaq-100 Index: The Nasdaq-100 Index is composed of the 100 largest non-financial companies that are listed on the NASDAQ. It is a modified capitalization-weighted index with weighting determined in accordance with market capitalization. The index consists of a broad range of sectors including industrial, technology, retail, telecommunication, biotechnology, health care, transportation, media and service companies. The index has a regularly scheduled re-ranking of its constituents annually in December. The NASDAQ-100 is not a publicly available investment vehicle and cannot be purchased directly.

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## **MAPPER SCORE<sup>™</sup> OVERVIEW**

This data is used within the Technical Focus Series investment strategies.

Mapper Score™ for Dow 30

Stocks Mapped = 0 Mapper Score = 0.00%

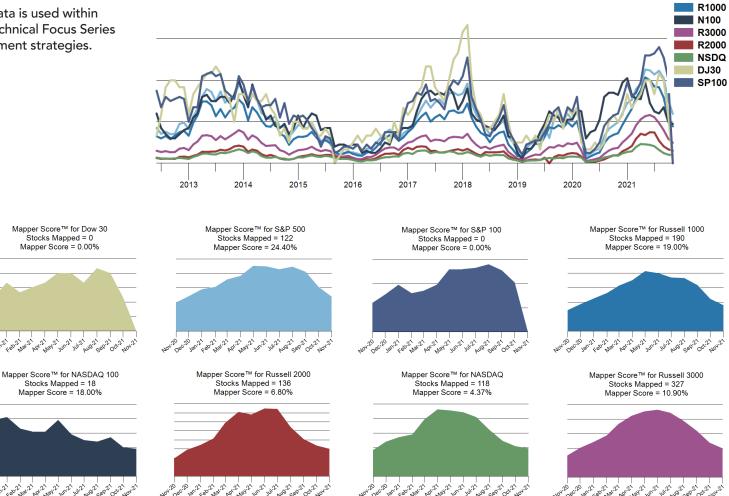
Stocks Mapped = 18 Mapper Score = 18.00%

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About the Mapper Score: Mapper Score is a proprietary trending tool that takes into account several dynamic components of the underlying stocks represented within an index. The technical a given index are meeting minimum requirements to be considered for portfolio inclusion. We believe that the higher the percentage of qualifying stocks, the greater the strength of the overall index at that point in time.

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RAM Score utilizing the S&P 500 was not developed until January 2010. Prior to January 2010, clients were utilizing RAM Score's predecessor, RAM. Clients utilizing RAM may have had different results than those reflected above. RAM Score movement prior to 2010 is hypothetical and based on retroactive application of RAM Score's indicators to market and economic conditions existing at the time. RAM Score utilizing various other indices as a benchmark were not developed until 2016. Illustrations utilizing the application of these formulas is hypothetical based upon how we believe this feature would have responded to previous market conditions. Formulas was not managing assets prior to 2007.

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RAM Score is a management tool that utilizes Formulas' patented scoring system. Services discussed herein may be covered by United States Patent No. 8,630,940. Additional patents pending.

These illustrations utilize various well-known indices in an effort to provide a recognizable frame of reference, and correspond with the various pools of assets that Formulas strategies analyze. Indices such as those illustrated are not publicly available investment vehicles and cannot be purchased.

#### About the Fundamental Focus Series

The Fundamental Focus Series investment strategies use RAM Score plus qualitative and quantitative qualification criteria to select targeted holdings across multiple indexes. Its primary selection criteria focus is on the fundamental data of each company that fits the initial universe of stocks being considered for portfolio inclusion.

#### About the Technical Focus Series

The Technical Focus Series investment strategies provide for the optional addition of RAM Score applied to the specific stock market index being evaluated. These investment strategies evaluate technical data as it relates to the price movement of the particular stocks within the index being evaluated for portfolio inclusion.

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