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A consistent message

- Yesterday's bounce in equities saw tech outperform. That was sufficient to generate a number of inflection signals on RETINA™ with a common theme – on Qi models, at both the index & risk premia level, tech / growth offers relative value.
- Qi's [QQQ vs. SPY](#) model shows the NASDAQ as 1.1 sigma or 2.9% cheap to the macro environment (chart below). The inflection signal points to QQQ outperformance to catch up with macro conditions.
- In risk premia space the message is consistent across [VTV vs. VUG](#) & [IWD vs. IWF](#) – growth is cheap to value. Both show macro fair value flat-lined over Feb / early March, while the spot price moved higher as Value outperformed. But, over the last 3 days, spot & model have turned lower together. The result is a bearish inflection signal – Growth can outperform once again.



- Aside from valuation, the other striking feature is that, as per ["Worried about stagflation?"](#), the macro regime shows tech / growth looks a decent stagflation play.
- Lower economic growth, commodity prices, real rates; combined with rising inflation expectations, tighter USD liquidity & a stronger Dollar are all consistent with QQQ / Growth outperformance.
- If you fear a stagflation scenario, tech currently displays some nice defensive properties. And, at current levels, one with a valuation edge.**

