

# US Market Intelligence Brief

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This brief synthesizes US market breadth, sector rotation, conviction-ranked stocks, SEC/13F event data, a single-stock deep dive on Fortinet (FTNT), and parametric/natural-language screens into one actionable view. All figures sourced live from Finmagine Market Intelligence tools; no data is estimated or backfilled.

## Executive Snapshot

| Item                       | Reading                                                                         |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Market Regime              | SELECTIVE — breadth ~coin-flip, leadership narrow & sector-specific             |
| Breadth (SMA-50 / SMA-200) | 53.2% / 53.3% of 4,986 stocks                                                   |
| Strongest Breadth Sectors  | Financials (75.2%/70.3%), Real Estate (73.0%/67.9%)                             |
| Highest Avg-RS Sector      | Energy (62.3) — but weak short-term breadth (bifurcated)                        |
| SP500 stocks RS ≥ 70       | 152 of 499 sampled (30.5%) — concentrated in Info Tech, Industrials, Financials |
| Deep-Dive Target           | FTNT (Fortinet) — RS 95, above SMA-200, COMPELLING AI research stance           |
| Verdict on FTNT            | BUY — accelerating billings + raised guidance vs. average valuation             |

Report sections: 1) Market Setup 2) Conviction & Index Context 3) Event Intelligence 4) Single-Stock Deep Dive: FTNT 5) Screens & Shortlist 6) Synthesis

# 1 Market Setup

## 1.1 Regime Check (us\_get\_breakout\_conditions)

The SPY-specific breakout-conditions endpoint returned **no technical data available** for SPY at query time (tool error, not a directional reading). We therefore triangulate the regime from broad-market breadth and sector rotation data below rather than the single SPY signal.

## 1.2 Market Breadth (us\_get\_market\_breadth) — as of 2026-07-17

Across **4,986 tracked US stocks**, **53.2%** trade above their 50-day SMA and **53.3%** above their 200-day SMA. This is barely above the 50% breakeven line — not the reading of a broad, confirmed bull market, but not deteriorating either. It points to a market carried by a subset of leadership groups rather than across-the-board participation.

| Sector                 | % > SMA-50 | % > SMA-200 | Avg RS | # Stocks |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Financials             | 75.2%      | 70.3%       | 54.4   | 745      |
| Real Estate            | 73.0%      | 67.9%       | 53.6   | 237      |
| Utilities              | 60.4%      | 61.3%       | 51.8   | 106      |
| Healthcare             | 54.6%      | 46.6%       | 52.7   | 977      |
| Consumer Discretionary | 55.3%      | 48.7%       | 46.4   | 515      |
| Consumer Staples       | 51.6%      | 39.7%       | 41.0   | 219      |
| Communication Services | 44.4%      | 43.6%       | 43.4   | 257      |
| Industrials            | 45.0%      | 52.4%       | 51.3   | 635      |
| Energy                 | 41.2%      | 70.6%       | 62.3   | 221      |
| Technology             | 38.4%      | 44.1%       | 49.4   | 726      |
| Materials              | 25.8%      | 38.0%       | 53.3   | 221      |

**Reading:** Financials and Real Estate show the broadest, most internally-confirmed strength — a majority of names in both sectors are above both moving averages, which is the hallmark of genuine sector leadership rather than a few large caps skewing the average. Energy is the striking outlier: it has the **highest average RS rating (62.3)** of any sector and 70.6% of names above their 200-day SMA (a long-term uptrend), but only 41.2% are above their 50-day SMA — a sector that ran hard, is now consolidating/pulling back short-term, but remains structurally intact. Materials and Technology sit at the other end: Materials has the weakest breadth of any sector (25.8%/38.0%) despite a respectable average RS, implying its RS strength is concentrated in a handful of names (precious-metals miners, confirmed in Section 2) rather than broad participation. Technology — the largest sector by stock count — has the second-weakest breadth (38.4%/44.1%) and the lowest avg RS among cyclical/growth sectors, despite housing several of the market's single highest-conviction names.

## 1.3 Top 20 Monthly Gainers (us\_get\_top\_movers, period=1m) — RS > 80 flagged

| Symbol | Name                  | Sector                 | RS | 1M Return | RS>80? |
|--------|-----------------------|------------------------|----|-----------|--------|
| GNPX   | Genprex               | Healthcare             | 99 | +1659.2%  | YES    |
| XAIR   | Beyond Air            | Healthcare             | 99 | +1404.0%  | YES    |
| EDBL   | Edible Garden AG      | Consumer Staples       | 98 | +1368.2%  | YES    |
| LMFA   | LM Funding America    | Financials             | 99 | +1302.1%  | YES    |
| CRNG   | CorEnergy Infra Trust | —                      | 23 | +700.0%   | no     |
| BIYA   | (micro-cap)           | Technology             | 99 | +579.8%   | YES    |
| VEEE   | Twin Vee Powercats    | Consumer Discretionary | 99 | +553.7%   | YES    |
| PSQH   | PSQ Holdings          | Technology             | 99 | +513.0%   | YES    |

| Symbol | Name                | Sector                 | RS | 1M Return | RS>80? |
|--------|---------------------|------------------------|----|-----------|--------|
| JTAI   | Jet.AI              | Technology             | 97 | +265.7%   | YES    |
| SKYQ   | Sky Quarry          | Energy                 | 54 | +219.3%   | no     |
| NXTC   | NextCure            | Healthcare             | 60 | +205.6%   | no     |
| SDOT   | Sadot Group         | Consumer Staples       | 4  | +191.8%   | no     |
| FBRX   | Forte Biosciences   | Healthcare             | 98 | +184.9%   | YES    |
| CCHH   | CCH Holdings        | Consumer Discretionary | 98 | +178.4%   | YES    |
| CPOP   | Pop Culture Group   | Communication Svcs     | 20 | +145.1%   | no     |
| HLP    | Hongli Group        | Materials              | 92 | +143.2%   | YES    |
| CRNX   | Crinetics Pharma    | Healthcare             | 97 | +139.6%   | YES    |
| YHC    | (micro-cap)         | Consumer Staples       | 94 | +134.4%   | YES    |
| TGHL   | Growhub Ltd         | Technology             | 96 | +125.6%   | YES    |
| TOP    | TOP Financial Group | Financials             | 99 | +123.0%   | YES    |

**Reading:** 14 of the top 20 monthly gainers carry RS > 80, but nearly all are nano/micro-cap names (market caps mostly under \$50M) with extreme, often triple/quadruple-digit monthly moves — the signature of retail-driven, low-float speculative momentum rather than institutional accumulation. This list should be read as a sentiment gauge (risk appetite is elevated in the speculative tail) rather than a source of investable ideas.

## 1.4 Sector RS Ranking (us\_get\_market\_sectors) — all 11 GICS sectors

| Rank | Sector                 | Avg RS | %>SMA50 | %>SMA200 | Avg P/E | Avg ROE    |
|------|------------------------|--------|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| 1    | Energy                 | 62.3   | 41.2%   | 70.6%    | 37.5x   | 24.9%      |
| 2    | Financials             | 54.4   | 75.2%   | 70.3%    | 22.5x   | 3.1%       |
| 3    | Real Estate            | 53.6   | 73.0%   | 67.9%    | 82.9x   | -14.6%     |
| 4    | Materials              | 53.3   | 25.8%   | 38.0%    | 45.2x   | -6.9%      |
| 5    | Healthcare             | 52.7   | 54.6%   | 46.6%    | 91.7x   | -255.4%    |
| 6    | Utilities              | 51.8   | 60.4%   | 61.3%    | 26.3x   | -3.7%      |
| 7    | Industrials            | 51.3   | 45.0%   | 52.4%    | 64.7x   | 16.5%      |
| 8    | Technology             | 49.4   | 38.4%   | 44.1%    | 302.1x  | -41.1%     |
| 9    | Consumer Discretionary | 46.4   | 55.3%   | 48.7%    | 78.8x   | -15.9%     |
| 10   | Communication Services | 43.4   | 44.4%   | 43.6%    | 53.0x   | -27107.5%* |
| 11   | Consumer Staples       | 41.0   | 51.6%   | 39.7%    | 43.6x   | 1.4%       |

\*Communication Services avg ROE is distorted by one or more loss-making outliers (e.g., companies with negative equity); treat directionally, not literally.

**Alignment with breadth (Step 1 cross-check):** Financials leads on both dimensions — #2 by RS and #1 by breadth — the cleanest leadership signal in the market. Real Estate is similarly aligned (#3 RS, #2 breadth). Energy tops the RS ranking but, as noted above, its breadth is bifurcated (weak 50-day, strong 200-day) — a sector in a longer-term uptrend digesting recent gains rather than freshly breaking out. Materials ranks #4 on RS despite the *worst* breadth in the market (25.8%/38.0%) — a red flag that its RS score is being pulled up by a narrow cluster of outperformers (gold/precious metals miners — confirmed in Section 2's conviction ranking) rather than sector-wide strength. Technology ranks #8, near the bottom, on both RS and breadth, despite containing several of the single highest-RS mega-caps in the market (NVDA conviction, AMD, MU, FTNT) — again pointing to **narrow, quality-driven leadership within a laggard sector**, not broad participation.

## 2 Conviction & Index Context

### 2.1 S&P 500 Constituents — RS $\geq$ 70 Count & Sector Clustering

Of 499 S&P 500 constituents with valid RS data (full index count 503; 4 names lack current RS/fundamental data), **152 stocks (30.5%) carry an RS rating of 70 or higher**. This is a meaningful share of the index showing strong relative strength, but — consistent with the breadth data above — it is unevenly distributed:

| Sector                 | # SP500 names RS $\geq$ 70 | Share of the 152 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Information Technology | 37                         | 24.3%            |
| Industrials            | 25                         | 16.4%            |
| Financials             | 24                         | 15.8%            |
| Health Care            | 22                         | 14.5%            |
| Energy                 | 8                          | 5.3%             |
| Consumer Staples       | 8                          | 5.3%             |
| Consumer Discretionary | 8                          | 5.3%             |
| Real Estate            | 7                          | 4.6%             |
| Materials              | 6                          | 3.9%             |
| Communication Services | 5                          | 3.3%             |
| Utilities              | 2                          | 1.3%             |

**Reading:** Information Technology contributes the single largest bloc of high-RS S&P 500 names (37, or 24.3% of the total) — even though the sector's *average* RS and breadth (Section 1) are weak. This confirms a bifurcated tech tape: a large minority of individual winners (semis — MU 98, AMD 97, INTC 96, STX 97, WDC 98; security/infra software — FTNT 95, PANW 96, CRWD 95, DDOG 96) sit well above the sector's own mediocre average, dragged down by mega-caps like MSFT (RS 23), ORCL (RS 13) and ACN (RS 13). Industrials and Financials follow closely and are more internally consistent with their sector-level breadth readings.

### 2.2 Conviction Ranking (us\_get\_conviction\_ranking, top 25, min\_scans=2)

| Symbol | Name                 | Sector              | Scans | RS | Mkt Cap    |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|----|------------|
| TSM    | Taiwan Semiconductor | Technology          | 29    | 82 | \$1,855B   |
| INCY   | Incyte               | Healthcare          | 28    | 86 | \$21.7B    |
| B      | Barrick Mining       | Materials           | 28    | 81 | \$67.3B    |
| AU     | AngloGold Ashanti    | Materials           | 28    | 75 | \$43.6B    |
| KGC    | Kinross Gold         | Materials           | 28    | 68 | \$30.5B    |
| GFI    | Gold Fields          | Materials           | 28    | 62 | \$31.7B    |
| NVDA   | NVIDIA               | Technology          | 28    | 57 | \$4,965.6B |
| META   | Meta Platforms       | Comm. Services      | 28    | 29 | \$1,439.2B |
| ANET   | Arista Networks      | Technology          | 26    | 77 | \$205.6B   |
| ATAT   | Atour Lifestyle      | Cons. Discretionary | 26    | 26 | \$4.6B     |
| FUTU   | Futu Holdings        | Financials          | 26    | 13 | \$13.7B    |
| NXT    | Nextpower            | Technology          | 25    | 80 | \$18.3B    |
| OGC    | OceanaGold           | Materials           | 25    | 77 | \$5.8B     |
| HMY    | Harmony Gold         | Materials           | 25    | 37 | \$9.6B     |

| Symbol | Name                | Sector           | Scans | RS | Mkt Cap  |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|-------|----|----------|
| UI     | Ubiquiti            | Technology       | 24    | 68 | \$35.6B  |
| CDNS   | Cadence Design      | Technology       | 24    | 51 | \$106.2B |
| FTNT   | Fortinet ← TARGET   | Technology       | 23    | 95 | \$107.2B |
| ASML   | ASML Holding        | Technology       | 23    | 91 | \$692.3B |
| KSPI   | Kaspi.kz            | Technology       | 23    | 54 | \$15.0B  |
| CALM   | Cal-Maine Foods     | Consumer Staples | 23    | 46 | \$3.7B   |
| FIX    | Comfort Systems USA | Industrials      | 22    | 93 | \$66.1B  |
| IESC   | IES Holdings        | Industrials      | 22    | 86 | \$14.9B  |
| DRD    | DRDGOLD             | Materials        | 22    | 78 | \$2.0B   |
| IAG    | IAMGOLD             | Materials        | 21    | 87 | \$9.6B   |

**Reading:** Precious-metals miners dominate by count — **8 of the top 24 names (33%)** are gold/precious-metals producers (B, AU, KGC, GFI, OGC, HMY, DRD, IAG), each passing 21-28 quality+momentum screens simultaneously. This is the single clearest thematic cluster in the entire dataset and explains the Materials sector's high avg-RS-but-weak-breadth paradox from Section 1: the RS strength is real but narrowly held in gold/precious-metals names, not the broader chemicals/industrial-materials complex. Technology is the second cluster (TSM, NVDA, META, ANET, NXT, UI, CDNS, FTNT, ASML, KSPI — 10 of 24), again confirming narrow-but-high-quality tech leadership. **Do the conviction leaders align with the strongest breadth sectors from Section 1?** Only partially — Financials and Real Estate (the broadest-breadth sectors) are essentially *absent* from this top-24 list, while Materials and Technology (weak-breadth sectors) dominate it. This tells us the conviction ranking is a **stock-level quality/momentum signal**, not a sector-breadth signal — the two views are complementary, not redundant, and a name showing up in both would be the strongest possible confirmation (FTNT satisfies this: high RS, above SMA-200, and inside a sector with mixed but individually strong names).

## 3 Event Intelligence

### 3.1 SEC 8-K Feed (us\_get\_sec\_feed, last 14 days, 50 filings)

The most recent 14-day, 50-filing 8-K feed is dominated by small/micro-cap administrative filings (officer changes, debt agreements, shelf registrations) with little bearing on the high-RS universe. Cross-referencing filer symbols against the SP500 RS $\geq$ 70 list (Section 2.1) surfaces exactly two relevant hits:

| Symbol | Name              | RS | Filed      | Items            | Nature                                              |
|--------|-------------------|----|------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| RF     | Regions Financial | 71 | 2026-07-17 | 2.02, 7.01, 9.01 | Results of operations / earnings-related disclosure |
| TRGP   | Targa Resources   | 86 | 2026-07-17 | 5.02, 9.01       | Officer/director departure or appointment           |

**Reading:** This is a quiet 8-K cycle for the high-momentum cohort — no M&A, no guidance cuts, no restatements among RS $\geq$ 70 names. Regions Financial's earnings-related 8-K (item 2.02) is the more actionable of the two: it sits in Financials, the market's broadest-breadth sector, and an 8-K earnings release from an already-high-RS name is a standard trigger to check for Post-Earnings-Announcement-Drift (PEAD) continuation.

### 3.2 ECS/Momentum Screen vs. Conviction Ranking Overlap (us\_screen\_stocks, min\_rs=75, above\_sma200=1)

Screening purely on RS $\geq$ 75 + price above SMA-200 (no fundamental quality filter) returns 50 names — but the list is almost entirely nano/micro-cap speculative biotech and technology names with deeply negative ROE and operating margins (e.g., ABVX, AGL, ALMS, ANL, ASBP — all RS 99 but with ROE between -19% and -414%). **Cross-referencing this screen against the Section 2.2 conviction ranking (top 24) finds zero overlap.** Not one of TSM, INCY, B, NVDA, META, ANET, FTNT, ASML, FIX, IESC or the other conviction leaders appears in a pure RS+SMA200 screen, because those names' RS ratings (mostly 50s-90s) rank below the RS $\geq$ 99 speculative names flooding the pure-momentum screen.

**Priority-candidate conclusion:** the two screening philosophies diverge completely. Pure momentum (RS+trend only) surfaces low-quality, high-beta speculation; multi-factor conviction (quality *and* momentum together) surfaces established, fundamentally sound names like FTNT, AMAT, ASML and the gold-mining cluster. For capital allocation purposes, names confirmed by the **conviction ranking** — not the raw RS screen — are the higher-priority candidates.

## 4 Single-Stock Deep Dive: FTNT (Fortinet)

**Selection logic:** from the Section 2.2 conviction ranking, FTNT carries the highest RS rating (95) of any name confirmed to be trading above its 200-day SMA (verified directly via `us_get_momentum`: `sma_200` = \$97.06 vs. price \$161.61, +66.5% above the 200-day average).

### 4.1 Company Profile & Technicals

| Metric                       | Value                                                                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Price / Mkt Cap              | \$161.61 / \$107.19B                                                                |
| 52-Week Range                | \$74.39 – \$166.83 (–3.1% off high)                                                 |
| RS Rating                    | 95   Above EMA-20, SMA-50, SMA-200: Yes/Yes/Yes                                     |
| RSI-14 / Vol Ratio           | 59.9 / 0.70                                                                         |
| P/E / EV-EBITDA / P/B        | 32.8x / 21.7x / 47.7x (P/B = "Poor" percentile, 1.5th)                              |
| ROE / Op Margin / Net Margin | 136.5% / 30.7% / 27.4%                                                              |
| Debt/Equity                  | 0.40 (Excellent, 34th percentile leverage)                                          |
| Index Membership             | S&P 500, Nasdaq-100                                                                 |
| Scorecard (0-10)             | Overall 7.3 — Fin. Health 8.1, Growth 7.6, Competitive 7.4, Mgmt 7.1, Valuation 5.3 |

### 4.2 Financials — 8 Quarters (`us_get_financials`, quarterly)

| Quarter | Revenue  | Rev YoY | Net Income | EPS (dil.) | Op Margin |
|---------|----------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Q1 2026 | \$1,850M | +20.1%  | \$534M     | \$0.72     | 31.4%     |
| Q4 2025 | \$1,905M | +14.8%  | \$506M     | \$0.68     | 32.8%     |
| Q3 2025 | \$1,725M | +14.4%  | \$474M     | \$0.62     | 31.7%     |
| Q2 2025 | \$1,630M | +13.6%  | \$440M     | \$0.57     | 28.1%     |
| Q1 2025 | \$1,540M | +13.8%  | \$433M     | \$0.56     | 29.5%     |
| Q4 2024 | \$1,660M | +17.3%  | \$526M     | \$0.68     | 34.6%     |
| Q3 2024 | \$1,508M | +13.0%  | \$540M     | \$0.70     | 31.2%     |
| Q2 2024 | \$1,434M | +11.0%  | \$380M     | \$0.49     | 30.5%     |

Revenue growth has re-accelerated for three straight quarters (13.6% → 14.4% → 20.1% YoY), and free cash flow hit a record \$1.01B in Q1 2026 (58% FCF margin) with operating cash flow of \$1.08B. Balance sheet: total debt \$497M vs. equity \$990M (D/E 0.40), assets \$9.88B. Growth CAGRs (3-yr): revenue +15.5%, net income +29.3%, FCF +31.7% YoY — profit growth is materially outpacing revenue, evidence of genuine operating leverage rather than one-off cost cuts.

### 4.3 Ratios, Momentum & Earnings Quality

**Ratios (`us_get_ratios`):** Gross margin 80.5% (88th percentile), operating margin 30.7% (94th percentile), ROE 136.5% (96th percentile) — all classified "Excellent" and improving. Valuation is the one weak spot: P/E 32.8x is only "Average" (45th percentile) and P/B 47.7x is "Poor" (1.5th percentile, reflecting a capital-light, low book-value business rather than distress).

**ECS score (`us_get_ecs_score`):** 59/100 for Q4 2025, with a PEAD signal flagged true — revenue beat by 7.2% but net income YoY was actually *negative* (-3.8%) that specific quarter even as Q1 2026 (reported since) swung back to strong growth — a reminder that the trend, not any single print, is what matters here.

### 4.4 Management Tone & Concall Decoder

Across the last four quarters, management tone is consistently rated **"confident\_specific"** with beat-and-raise outcomes each time: Q1 2026 billings +31% YoY (vs. guided low-20s), product revenue +41%, record \$1.01B FCF, and raised FY2026

guidance (revenue to \$7.71-7.87B, billings to \$8.8-9.1B). The concall decoder flags one recurring soft spot analysts keep probing without a clean answer: whether current demand includes COVID-style "pull-forward" ordering ahead of component/memory price increases — management acknowledges the question each quarter but has not quantified it. Deferred revenue is up 15% YoY, a leading indicator that supports the durable-demand narrative.

## 4.5 AI Company Profile — Moat & Growth Drivers

**Moat:** proprietary FortiOS single operating system + custom FortiASIC silicon (3-5x throughput advantage at lower power draw), 500+ AI-related patents, and a direct/owned supply chain that let Fortinet keep shipping through recent component shortages while raising prices 5-20% without visible demand destruction. Management states no major SASE competitor currently offers a comparable sovereign/on-prem SASE deployment option. **Growth drivers:** Secure Networking billings +32%, OT security billings +70%+, Unified SASE billings +31%, AI-driven SecOps billings +23%; large (>\$1M) enterprise deals up 60%+ in count and value.

## 4.6 Ownership & Insider Activity

| Holder                                | Shares     | Value    | % of Portfolio |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| Point72 (Steve Cohen)                 | 130,900 sh | \$10.70M | 0.014%         |
| Point72 (Steve Cohen)                 | 106,000 sh | \$8.66M  | 0.011%         |
| Renaissance Technologies (Jim Simons) | 61,394 sh  | \$5.02M  | 0.008%         |

**13F read:** only quant/multi-strategy funds (Point72, Renaissance) show up in the tracked 14-superinvestor panel, each at a trivial (<0.02%) portfolio weight — there is no dedicated long-only "superinvestor conviction" position in FTNT among the tracked names (e.g., no Buffett, Ackman, Scion, Duquesne, Appaloosa stake). **Insider trades:** zero Form 4 transactions in the trailing 90 days — neither buying nor selling signal from insiders. **Order wins feed:** no contract-win 8-Ks in the trailing 180 days — Fortinet's growth story is not being driven by discrete large-contract PR, consistent with its subscription/channel-driven model.

## 4.7 Full AI Research Report — Stance: COMPELLING

**Competitive moat:** switching costs & brand — rated "Strong." FortiOS creates deep integration across firewall, SD-WAN, SASE and OT security; once deployed, migrating consoles and security policy is costly, and Fortinet holds top-3 global market share in network firewalls.

**Bull case (3 assumptions that must hold):**

- SASE adoption accelerates — Q1 2026 billings +31% YoY in a \$15B+ market growing 25%+ CAGR.
- Operating margins expand further — OPM improved from 22.0% (2022) to 31.1% (TTM); scale + subscription mix could push toward 35%+.
- OT security becomes a material growth driver — currently early-stage but growing 70%+; at 10%+ of revenue could add \$700M+ in sales.

**Bear case (3 risks that could break the thesis):**

- Competitive displacement by cloud-native players (Palo Alto Networks, Zscaler, CrowdStrike) investing heavily in AI-driven security — Probability: Medium.
- Macro slowdown in enterprise IT spend could delay SASE/OT deployments — Probability: Low (cybersecurity is historically recession-resistant).
- Founder/key-man risk around CEO Ken Xie, central to product vision — Probability: Low.

**Forensic checks:** 5 of 6 flags clean (earnings quality, balance sheet, revenue recognition, governance all "Clean"; SBC dilution and insider activity flagged "Moderate" only due to incomplete disclosure data, not evidence of a problem). **Relative valuation:** FTNT's 32.8x P/E sits at a discount to a mega-cap peer set (NVDA 38.3x, MSFT 36.5x, AAPL 34.2x) despite the highest gross margin (80.5%) and among the strongest ROE (136.5%) in the peer group — the report's stated read is that the market is not yet fully pricing in Fortinet's growth reacceleration relative to mega-cap comparables.

## 5 Screens & Shortlist

### 5.1 Parametric Screen (min\_roe=15, min\_rs=70, above\_sma200=1, max\_pe=50, sort=rs\_rating) — top 15 of 50

| Symbol | Name                 | Sector              | RS | P/E   | ROE      |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------|----|-------|----------|
| QTTB   | Q32 Bio              | Healthcare          | 99 | 1.4x  | 125.1%   |
| MGRT   | Mega Fortune Co.     | Technology          | 99 | 27.5x | 21.1%    |
| RTB    | RTB Digital          | Technology          | 98 | 1.5x  | 3896.6%* |
| MU     | Micron Technology    | Technology          | 98 | 16.1x | 17.2%    |
| PACS   | PACS Group           | Healthcare          | 98 | 31.5x | 23.0%    |
| WDC    | Western Digital      | Technology          | 98 | 14.2x | 19.8%    |
| VICR   | Vicor Corp           | Technology          | 97 | 42.0x | 18.5%    |
| SIMO   | Silicon Motion       | Technology          | 97 | 25.5x | 15.3%    |
| VSXY   | Victoria's Secret    | Cons. Discretionary | 97 | 28.2x | 24.0%    |
| AVAH   | Aveanna Healthcare   | Healthcare          | 96 | 7.7x  | 615.7%*  |
| SEZL   | Sezzle               | Financials          | 96 | 17.1x | 103.3%   |
| CORT   | Corcept Therapeutics | Healthcare          | 95 | 42.4x | 15.0%    |
| ELMD   | Electromed           | Healthcare          | 95 | 25.9x | 17.2%    |
| FTNT   | Fortinet ← TARGET    | Technology          | 95 | 32.8x | 136.5%   |
| KFRC   | Kforce               | Industrials         | 95 | 15.8x | 24.9%    |

\*ROE figures above 100% typically reflect low equity bases (e.g. heavy buybacks or high leverage), not necessarily distress — verify capital structure before relying on the raw number.

### 5.2 Natural-Language Screen — “profitable large-cap technology stocks with strong RS momentum, low debt, and expanding margins” (dominant theme: Technology, the sector housing the most SP500 RS≥70 names)

| Symbol | Name               | RS | P/E    | ROE    | Op Margin |
|--------|--------------------|----|--------|--------|-----------|
| PANW   | Palo Alto Networks | 96 | 108.5x | 17.5%  | 13.5%     |
| FTNT   | Fortinet ← TARGET  | 95 | 32.8x  | 136.5% | 30.7%     |
| AMAT   | Applied Materials  | 94 | 26.4x  | 35.5%  | 29.2%     |
| ASML   | ASML Holding       | 91 | 34.7x  | 43.3%  | 36.9%     |
| FFIV   | F5, Inc.           | 83 | 27.4x  | 20.6%  | 24.8%     |

**Overlap between the two screens: FTNT and AMAT appear in both** the fundamental parametric screen (ROE≥15, RS≥70, above SMA-200, P/E≤50) and the independent natural-language sector-momentum screen. Two independently constructed screens converging on the same names is the strongest possible quantitative confirmation available in this brief — these are the highest-conviction parametric candidates.

### 5.3 Technology, Market Cap ≥ \$10B (us\_search\_companies, sector=Technology)

All 50 returned names carry market caps well above the \$10B floor (range: \$75.7B – \$4,965.6B), confirming FTNT (\$107.2B) sits comfortably inside the large-cap technology universe alongside NVDA, AAPL, MSFT, AVGO, TSM, AMD, ASML, PANW, CRWD, ANET, CDNS and other mega/large-caps — not a small-cap outlier benefiting from a thin peer set.

6 Synthesis

6.1 Market Regime Verdict: SELECTIVE

Breadth of 53.2%/53.3% above SMA-50/SMA-200 is only marginally above breakeven — not the signature of a broad, confirmed risk-on market (the SPY-specific breakout tool itself returned no data, reinforcing that this is not a clean top-down BULL\_CONFIRMED tape). Leadership is real but narrow and sector-specific: Financials and Real Estate show genuine broad-based strength; Energy and Materials show high average RS concentrated in a handful of names (oil majors/refiners and gold miners respectively) rather than sector-wide participation; Technology, the largest sector, lags on breadth while still containing several of the market's single strongest individual names (FTNT, AMAT, ASML, MU). The conviction ranking and parametric/NL screens both surfaced tight, overlapping shortlists rather than broad participation across hundreds of names. **This is a stock-picker's environment: reward is concentrated in quality-momentum names within specific pockets (financials broadly, gold miners, select large-cap tech/security), not in buying the index or chasing broad breadth.**

6.2 Three Actionable Ideas

| Source                                    | Idea                                             | One-Sentence Thesis                                                | Key Risk                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Parametric screener (dual-screen overlap) | AMAT — Applied Materials (RS 94, above SMA-200)  | Semicap equipment maker at the center of the AI-driven capex cycle | Seismic capex cycle shifts; systemic risk; geopolitical exposure to China |
| Conviction ranking                        | B — Barrick Mining (RS 81, 28/29 possible scans) | Barrick passes nearly every quality-and-momentum screen            | Highly leveraged; commodity price; environmental/safety                   |
| SEC 8-K feed                              | RF — Regions Financial (RS 71, fresh 8-K)        | A newly filed earnings 8-K from an already RS≥70 name              | Regional bank; earnings; market-specific; broader interest rate           |

6.3 TARGET Verdict: FTNT (Fortinet) — BUY

**Single deciding factor:** billings growth re-accelerated to **+31% YoY in Q1 2026** (from +18% in Q4 2025 and +15% in Q2 2025), management raised full-year 2026 revenue/billings/EPS guidance in the same call, and free cash flow hit a record \$1.01B — a genuine beat-and-raise inflection, not a one-quarter blip, corroborated by four straight quarters of "confident\_specific" management tone with no walked-back guidance.

**Why BUY and not STRONG BUY:** valuation is only "Average" (P/E 32.8x, 45th percentile vs. peers; P/B 47.7x sits in the 1.5th percentile, "Poor"), the Q4 2025 ECS print showed net income actually declining YoY (-3.8%) even as revenue beat, and there is no dedicated long-only superinvestor 13F position in the tracked panel — only trivial quant-fund stakes (Point72, Renaissance) and zero insider buying in 90 days to add conviction from an ownership-signal standpoint. The technical and fundamental momentum case is strong; the valuation and ownership-signal case is merely adequate.

6.4 Five-Stock Watchlist — RS improving, above SMA-200, with a conviction/ownership catalyst

| Symbol | Name              | RS | Above SMA-200 | Catalyst / Note                                                                      |
|--------|-------------------|----|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FTNT   | Fortinet          | 95 | Yes           | Deep-dive TARGET; accelerating billings, quant-fund (Point72/Renaissance) interest   |
| AMAT   | Applied Materials | 94 | Yes           | Confirmed by 2 independent screens (parametric + NL); AI capex cycle beneficiary     |
| ASML   | ASML Holding      | 91 | Presumed*     | Conviction-ranking name (23 scans); appears in NL sector-momentum screen alongs      |
| B      | Barrick Mining    | 81 | Presumed*     | Top conviction-ranking score (28 of 29 possible scans) — broadest multi-factor confi |
| MU     | Micron Technology | 98 | Yes           | Highest RS in the dual parametric screen; AI/memory-cycle beneficiary, D/E 0.28      |

\*ASML and Barrick's SMA-200 status was not individually verified via us\_get\_momentum in this session (only FTNT was confirmed directly) — confirm before sizing a position. Likewise, only FTNT's 13F/insider data was pulled directly; treat the "superinvestor holding" framing for AMAT, ASML, B and MU as thematic (conviction-ranking/screen-based) rather than 13F-confirmed, and check ownership data before allocating capital to those four.

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Data sources: Finmagine Market Intelligence (us\_get\_breakout\_conditions, us\_get\_market\_breadth, us\_get\_top\_movers, us\_get\_market\_sectors, us\_get\_index\_constituents, us\_get\_conviction\_ranking, us\_get\_sec\_feed, us\_screen\_stocks, us\_get\_company\_profile, us\_get\_financials, us\_get\_ratios, us\_get\_momentum, us\_get\_company\_scorecard, us\_get\_ecs\_score, us\_get\_management\_tone, us\_get\_ai\_quarterly\_summary, us\_get\_concall\_decoder, us\_get\_ai\_company\_profile, us\_get\_13f\_holdings, us\_get\_insider\_trades, us\_get\_order\_wins, us\_get\_full\_report, us\_screen\_natural\_language, us\_search\_companies). This report is informational only and is not investment advice — verify all figures and perform independent due diligence before trading.