

Bull carnage

Hartnett poetry: "... 2nd biggest drop in global growth expectations ever, biggest drop in US equity allocation ever, biggest jump in cash allocation since Mar'20; stagflation, trade war, end of US exceptionalism drive "bull crash" in FMS sentiment".



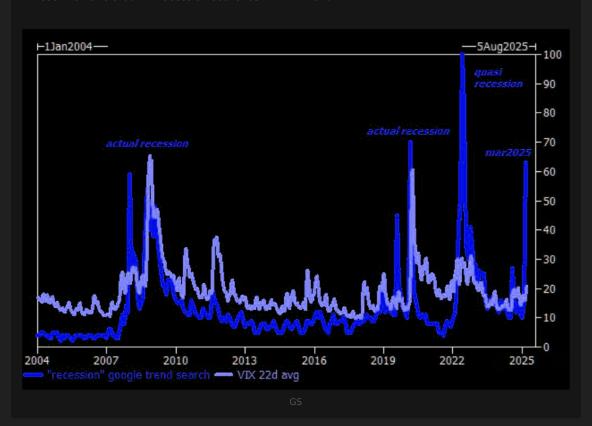
A bull doubting that we have seen the bottom

"The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq might have bottomed on Thursday, but we doubt it......the factors that

cause extreme bearish sentiment also tend to cause the Fed to ease monetary policy. In other words, the Fed Put has often made stock market bottoms. It is very unlikely that the Fed will provide it on Wednesday. If Trump's Tariff Turmoil 2.0 causes the unemployment rate to jump, the Fed might come to the rescue unless the tariffs also boost inflation......we doubt that Thursday marked the bottom in the stock market correction. On April 2, the Trump administration will reveal its reciprocal tariffs on all of America's major trading partners. That event might cause further turmoil before the Fed Put is activated and makes the bottom." (Yardeni)

Bull in recession

At least we have a bull in recession searches. Will VIX follow?



Remember 2022?

The year SPX grinded lower and lower...and skew was resetting despite the sell off in equities. Muted skew during the most recent correction bears many similarities to what we saw back in 2022. People just did not hedge, they just sold outright longs.



SPX and bond volatility

There is obviously much more to SPX than bond volatility, but the latest spread between SPX and the MOVE (inv) is becoming very short term wide....and SPX tends to like falling bond volatility.





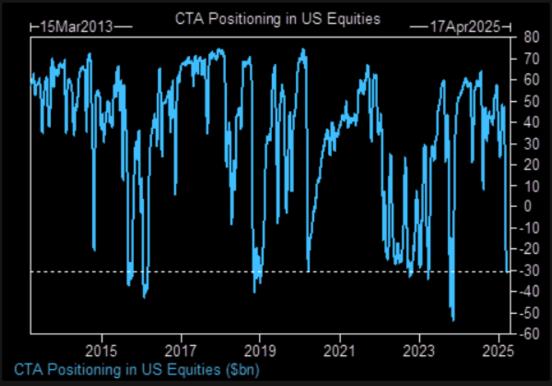
Just average

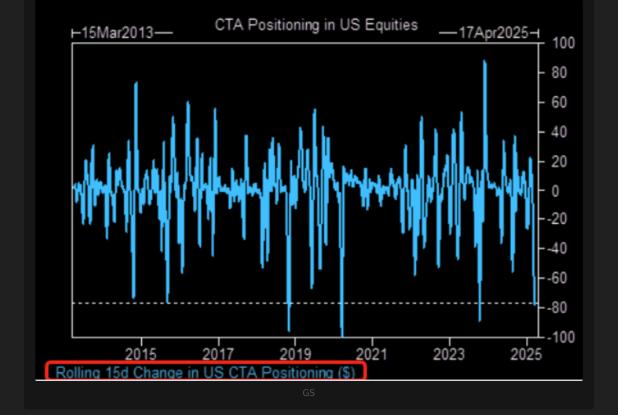
Systematic Equity exposure per QDS has been cut by approximately \$230bn from the peak, but this only takes exposure down from 90%ile to 50%ile in line with the 5y average.



The SPX shorty

CTAs have sold size in US...quickly and aggressively (chart 2).





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