

# THE TRADER REVIEW

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# Dear Readers,

When I talk about bonds you might be bored. But 100% gains in TLT (bond ETF) calls aren't boring. We made that in 2020 as stocks crashed.

Every successful trader watches the bond market every day.

We've also made 100% on TLT (long bond) calls options many times over the year including in the 2020 crash (the easiest trade I ever made next to the Nov 05, 2024 election SPY calls).

Bonds don't just move inversely to rates, but can also be used as a risk indicator in the market. But only when they are behaving normally like they are now again, finally, since 2020 and the increase in rates.

Here below is the TLT chart, and we're already up 25% on the calls in only 2 days.

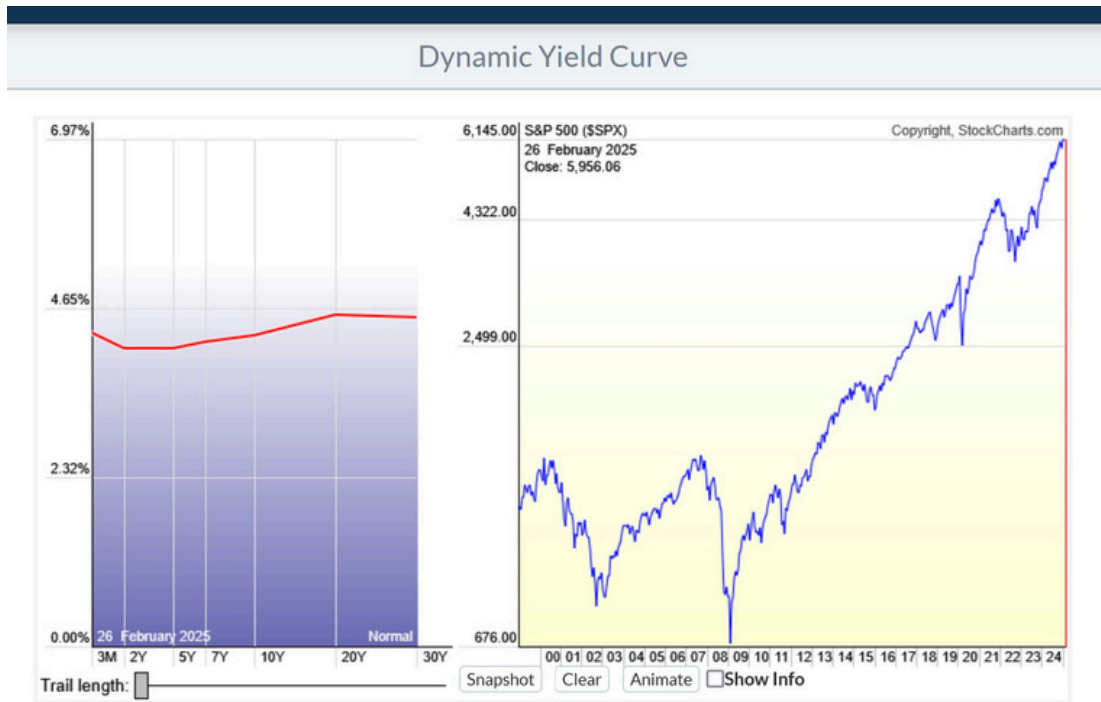


## THE CLOUD

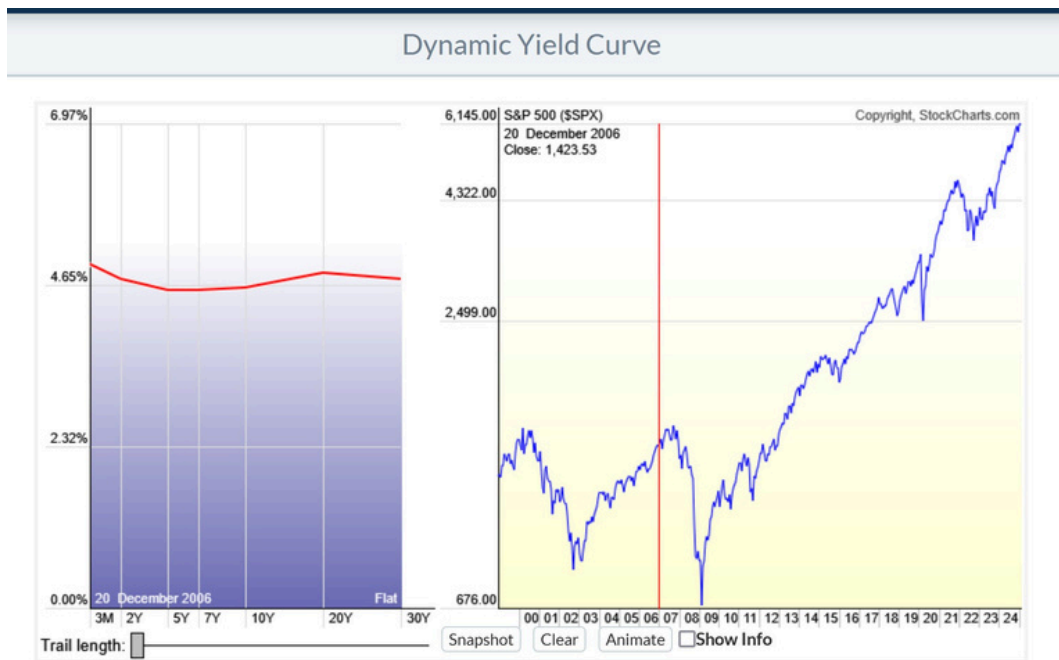
What you are seeing is the Ichimoku Cloud overlay which can be used for support and resistance as an “area” not just a thin line that often gets broken.

## THE YIELD CURVE

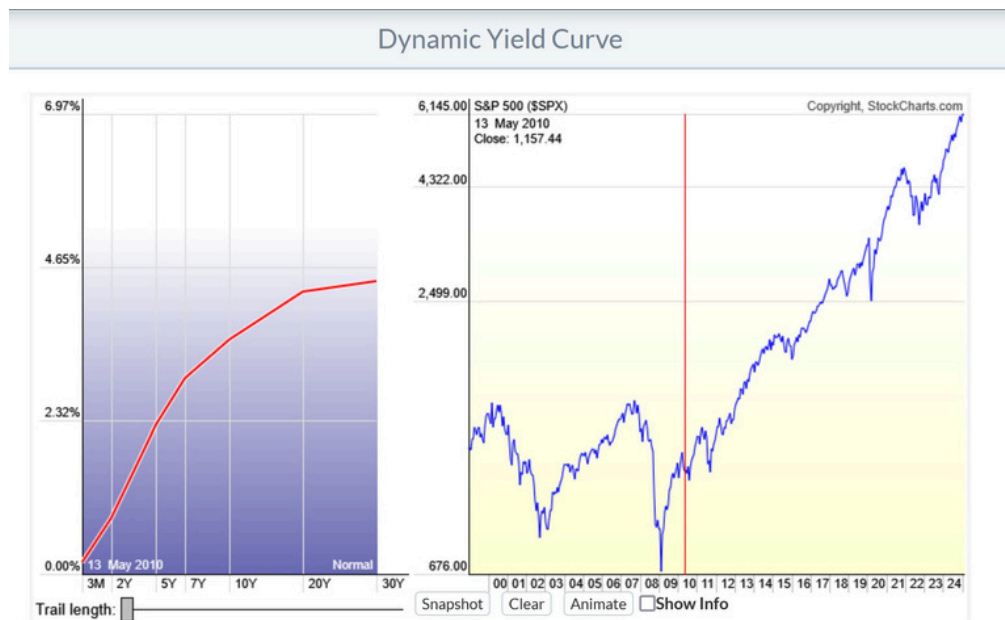
Type in “dynamic yield curve” and you’ll get this chart:



Notice how the chart on the left is higher on the right than the left. That’s normal as bonds with longer maturities have higher yields. But it’s still fairly flat.



However look here if I go to 2007 how it is inverted, and then soon, the market drops -50%.



But here in 2010 it's extremely from the bottom left to the upper right and we had a 10 year bull market. That's what I like to see.

CNBC

## The Federal Reserve's favorite recession indicator is flashing a danger sign again

The 10-year yield fell below that of the 3-month note, marking an "inverted yield curve" that has a sterling recession prediction record.

14 hours ago



Notice the headline from yesterday Feb 26, 2025.

This is definitely a "shot across the bow" in the markets and all the trading floors in the world and funds know it.

Maybe it's a short term blip, but I have been looking very deeply in the market especially bullish percents, and the percent of stocks in positive trends and I am seeing some deterioration.



Look here at the percent of stocks above the 50 day moving average. It's below 50, and not trending. Right now I am barely bullish, and ready to flip to inverse ETF's, or bonds (we're already in and we trade, don't hold them) and the US dollar which rallies when stocks tank and you can buy calls on UUP.

# Meet The Expert



## Neil Batho

### Long-Time Trader & Investor

Neil writes commentary on the market, economy, finance, and trends in the marketplace in order to get you in the picks and sectors that can move right now.

Neil issues model portfolios for individual traders to trade in Stocks/ETFs, Options, and Crypto.

Neil has a Bachelor in Finance, Minor in Economics, and was an NCAA Div. 1 ski racer and on the University Dean's List and a former Series 7, 63, 65 fully licensed Financial Advisor.

Neil uses his knowledge and experience to see "through" what the Fed is saying while using historical trend analysis to get you into trades like technology since 2022 since he knew rising interest rates favor tech stocks since tech companies have billions in cash.

Long term readers were also warned of the crashes in 2009 and 2020, profiting in a big way on the downside while buying at the bottom. Or, at least staying out.

Recent successes were 55% in 2022 when the S&P500 was down -18% due in large part to being in the right sectors. Oil, Natural Gas, and Potash. In fact, energy was the only sector up the entire year proving that sector allocation is the most important thing in trading as we were heavily weighted in energy since the first trading day of the year. A \$100,000 account in the S&P500 would have been only \$82,000 at the end of 2022, while an account trading our picks would have been at \$155,000, an 89% difference. We are still well ahead of the market since 2020.





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