

Capital Markets & Investments

Session 17: Beyond CAPM (2) – Factor Investing (Part 2)

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Investing with Foresight

A broker for Pete Hegseth, the US defence secretary, attempted to make a big investment in major defence companies in the weeks leading up to the US-Israeli attack on Iran, according to three people familiar with the matter.

Hegseth's broker at Morgan Stanley contacted BlackRock in February about making a multimillion-dollar investment in the asset manager's Defense Industrials Active ETF, the people said, shortly before the US launched military action against Tehran.

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Market Summary > iShares Defense Industrials Active ETF

31.41 USD

-5.39 (-14.65%) ↓ past month

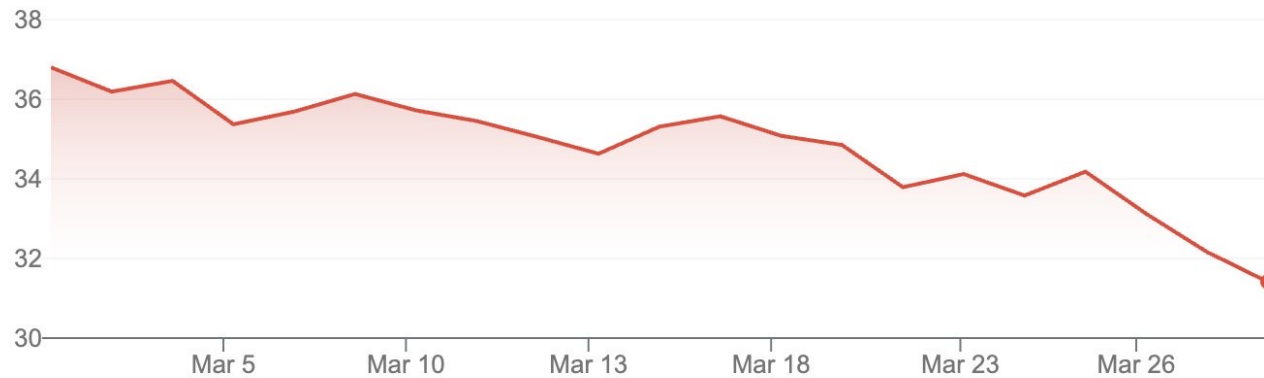
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After hours 31.20 -0.21 (0.67%)

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1D | 5D | 1M | 6M | YTD | 1Y | 5Y | Max



Ground Rules

- **Three Options: LONG, SHORT, or SKIP**
- **Position Sizes: 0.5x, 1x, 2x** of current wealth
- No Transaction Costs; No overnight financing costs or rebates
- We will make a total of three trades and compare our results with other participants in the game.
- For each trade, discuss the front page of WSJ for 5 minutes with your neighbor and agree on a trade for (1) S&P500 and (2) Treasury.
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