Active Risk Allocation December 2021



Independent | Transparent | Disciplined

Tug of war

Bonds lead into volatility cluster

correlations improve

stocks set for a technical rebound



Focus on Fed not omicron, yet

Stocks – neutral

- Regional overweight US over GEM/Europe(Germany underweighted in EU)
- Sector removal of cyclicals last month was timely. Preference to low vol factor

Bonds – neutral (upweighted)

 Regional overweight Europe vs US. Duration underweight. Poor credit overweight

Macroeconomics

- · Central bank tapering & Inflation. Higher than expected inflation
- Supply disruptions (food, energy, shelter, semi-fabricata)
- Biden stimulus package(s)

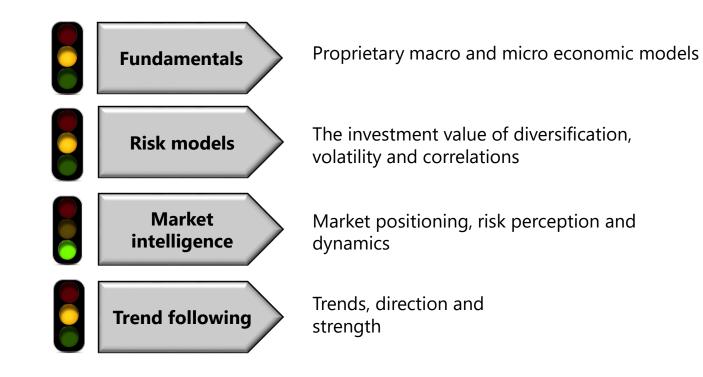
Indicators

• OPRA: Neutral / Stable

OMRI: Neutral / Fading

(risk gauge for balance risk/risk free) (model volatility gauge)

Highly sophisticated models analysing about 150 indicators



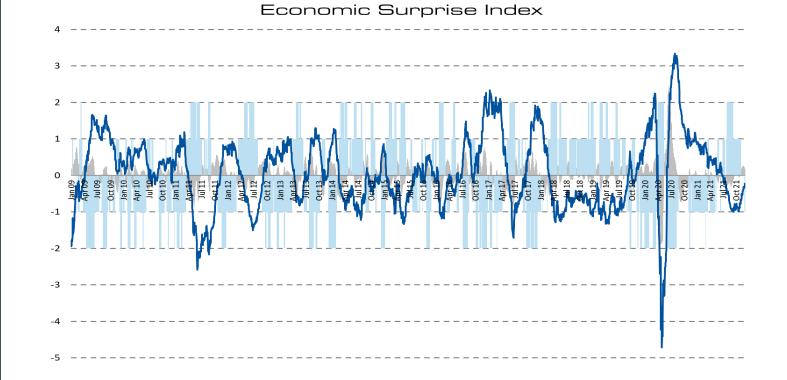
Investment process

Indicators

Fundamentals

Macroeconomic models

- Volatility and risk budgeting
- □ Market intelligence
- Technicals and trend following



Real activity level continue to moderate and so do forward expectations.

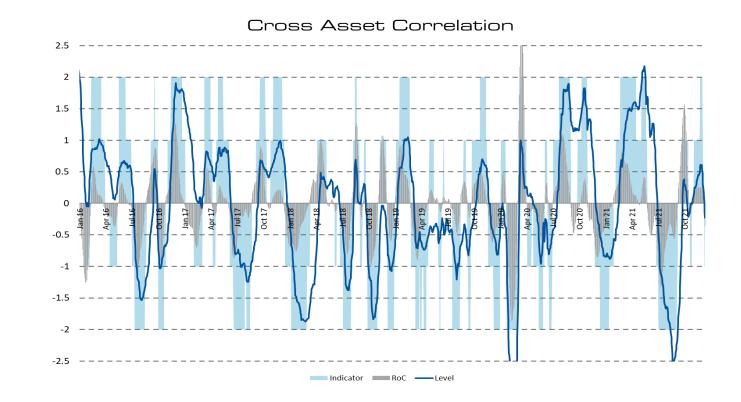
The ESI (above centre) is a powerful indicator of coming stress. Economic analyst' has fully discounted economic recovery in developed countries by year-end 2021.

Volatility and Risk budgeting

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As volatility increases, diversification benefits start to improve.

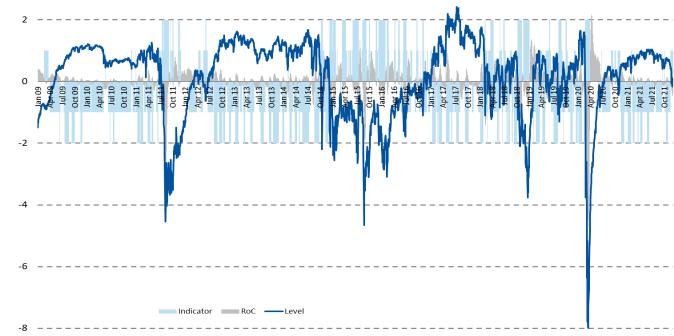
When the diversification risk is increasing, there is not much to be gained from diversifying. Cash should then be meaningfully increased.

Market intelligence



- Volatility and risk budgeting
- Market intelligence

Technicals and trend following



Financial Conditions

Investor euphoria has finally calmed down.

A measure of global cross market measure of risk, hedging demand(volume, skew) and investor flows in the financial system.

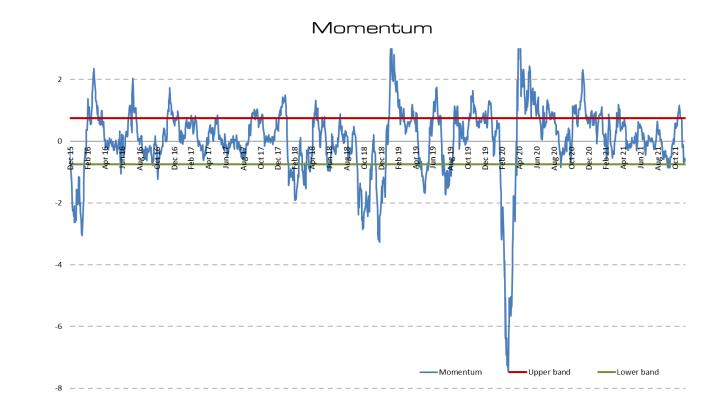


Technicals

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Technicals and trend following



The medium-term trend continue to fade. Short-term 'oversold' momentum is a set-up for a Christmas stock rally.

Trend strength in the various market is an expression of the tenacity of the currently existing trend.

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Macroeconomics

Global economic growth continue to moderate.

Prices, continue to surprise to the upside.

Central banks will continue to tighten extreme monetary conditions stealth and accelerate QE taper.



Market Risk and market intelligence

Risk appetite has improved from euphoric levels.

Stock investor dynamic still reflects belief that central banks to remain extremely accommodative for eternity.

Current status



Technicals

Medium-term trend strength in risk assets has gone neutral. Short-term momentum is stretched and stocks due for a rebound.



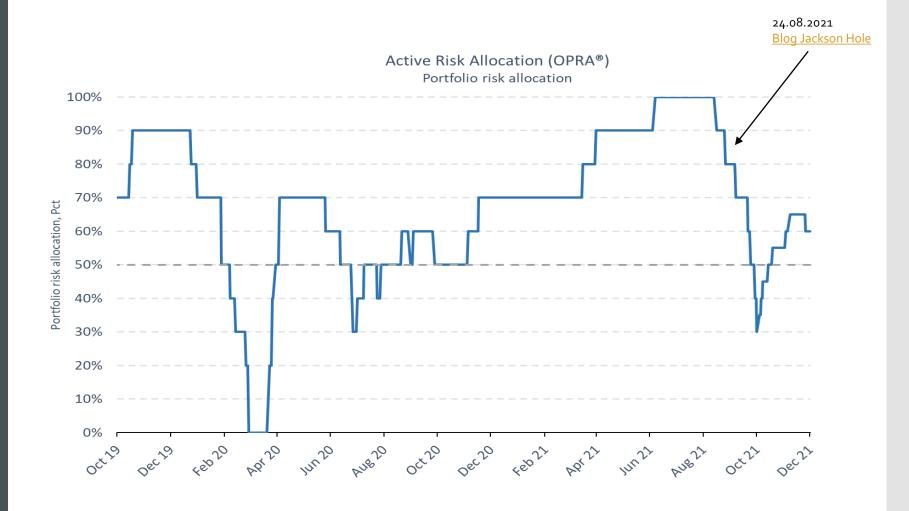
Volatility and risk budgeting

Portfolio risk is neutral and stable. Correlations are neutral reflecting no diversification benefits.

This means that a traditional portfolio of 60 stocks/40 bonds, should fi. stocks drop so may bonds and not protect capital

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Timeline, 2019 -

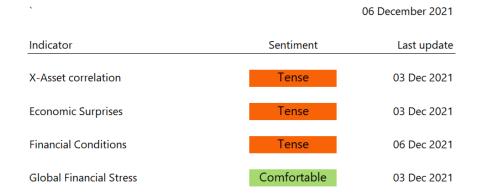


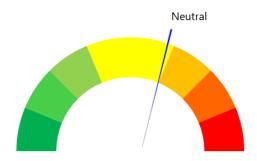
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OMRI[®] Origo Market Risk Indicator

The balance of risk assets

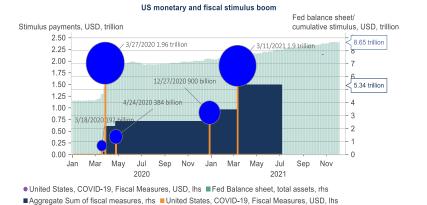
Market Risk Indicator





Gap to Bank deposits USD, trillion linear trend 22.5 -Stimulus 17.9 trillion 20.0 checks 21.8 17.5 -- 16 15.0 -- 15 12.5 -10.0 -- 14 7.5 -- 13 5.0 -- 12 2.5 -11 0.0 -2.5 10 2018 2019 2021 2015 2016 2017 2020 - Trend, rhs - Deposits, Total, SA, rhs Gap to linear trend, Ihs MACROBOND

US total bank deposits with gap to linear trend



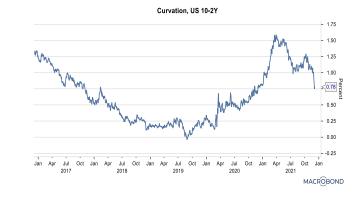
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Central banks & Inflation watch

Central bank rhetoric has changed .. now expects inflation to stay higher for longer



Inflation Surprise, Citi - Last observation MACROBOND



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