

## Active Risk Allocation

December 2021



## Tug of war

Bonds lead into bYk 'volatility cluster

stocks set for a technical rebound





Focus on Fed — not omicron, yet

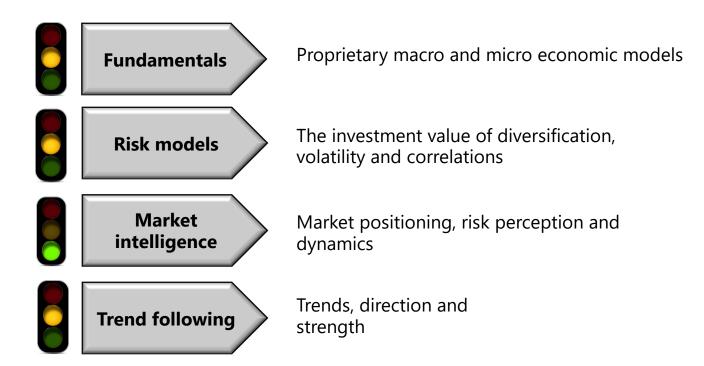
- Stocks neutral
  - Regional overweight US over GEM/Europe(Germany underweighted in EU)
  - Sector removal of cyclicals last month was timely. Preference to low vol factor
- □ Bonds bYi lfU
  - Regional overweight Europe vs US. Duration underweight. Poor credit overweight
- Macroeconomics
  - Central bank tapering & Inflation. Higher than expected inflation
  - Supply disruptions (food, energy, shelter, semi-fabricata)
  - Biden stimulus package(s)
- Indicators
  - OPRA: Neutral / Stable (risk gauge for balance risk/risk free)
  - OMRI: Neutral / Fading (model volatility gauge)



## Investment process

Indicators

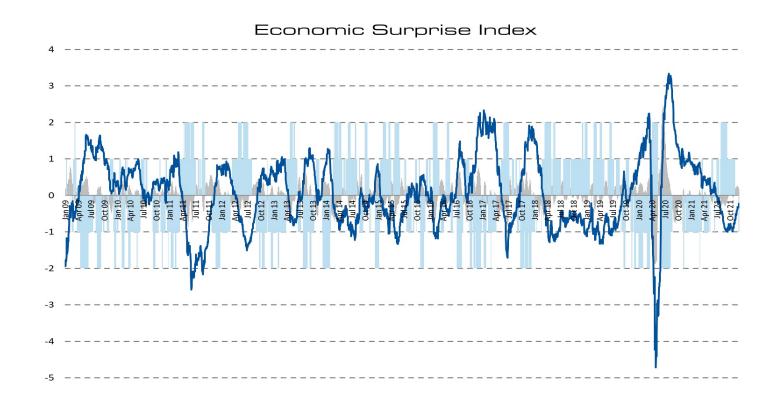
## Highly sophisticated models analysing about 150 indicators





### Fundamentals

- Macroeconomic models
- Volatility and risk budgeting
- Market intelligence
- Technicals and trend following



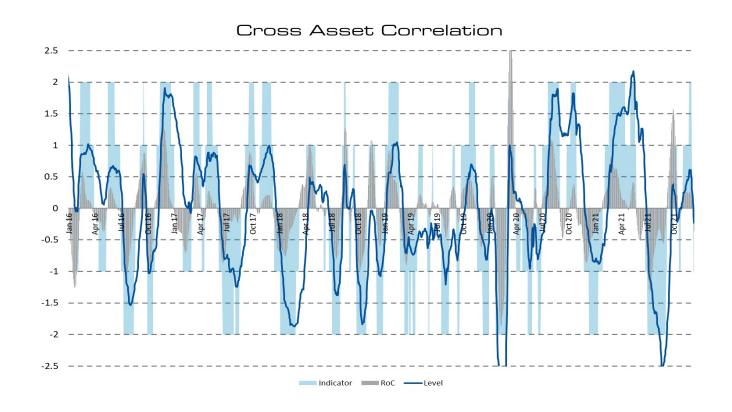
Real activity level continue to moderate and so do forward expectations.

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.

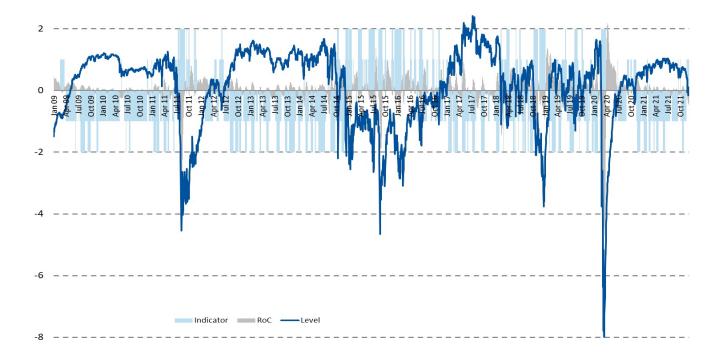
When the diversification risk is increasing, there is not much to be gained from diversifying. Cash should then be meaningfully increased.



# Market intelligence

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#### Financial Conditions



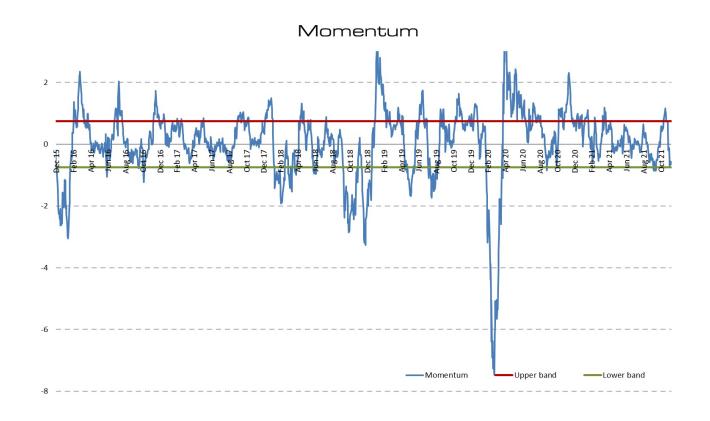
Investor euphoria has finally calmed down.

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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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.



### Current status



#### **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.



#### **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**

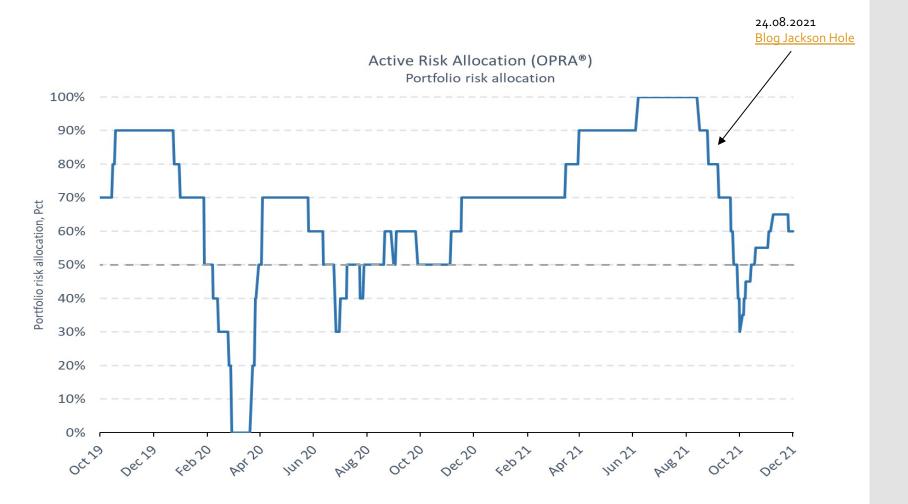
Portfolio risk is neutral and stable. Correlations are neutral reflecting no diversification benefits.

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 -



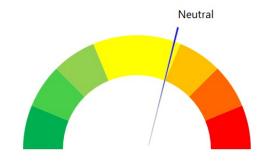


## OMRI<sup>®</sup> Origo Market Risk Indicator

The balance of risk assets

#### Market Risk Indicator

	06 December 2021	
Indicator	Sentiment	Last update
X-Asset correlation	Tense	03 Dec 2021
Economic Surprises	Tense	03 Dec 2021
Financial Conditions	Tense	06 Dec 2021
Global Financial Stress	Comfortable	03 Dec 2021





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## Central banks & Inflation watch

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

#### US monetary and fiscal stimulus boom

Stimulus payments, USD, trillion

2.50

2.25

2.00

1.75

1.50 -

1.25

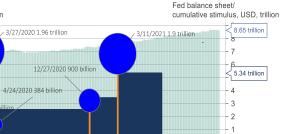
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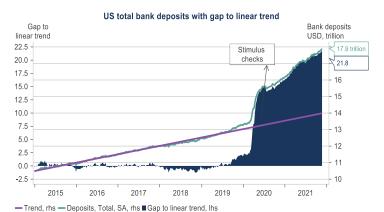


2021

Sep Nov Jan Mar May Jul Sep Nov

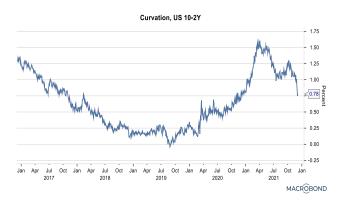
- United States, COVID-19, Fiscal Measures, USD, lhs Fed Balance sheet, total assets, rhs
- Aggregate Sum of fiscal measures, rhs United States, COVID-19, Fiscal Measures, USD, Ihs

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