Active Risk Allocation

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Status

Asset revaluation, ongoing Global recession risk, rising

- Inflation remain sticky
- activity slowdown, labour market resilient
- margin pressure accelerate, as do bankruptcies

Risk overview; Short-term **Neutral** Medium-term **Negative**

Stocks – underweight

Overweight momentum factor and defensive sectors

Bonds – underweight

Overweight corporate credit

Alternatives – overweight

· Non-interest rate sensitive, non-directional, uncorrelated assets and strategies

Macroeconomics

- Monetary super-tightening, policy rates & Quantitative Tightening(QT)
- · China, ideology vs reality
- · Global supply disruptions (post-covid imbalance, war, trade war)

Indicators

- OPRA: Negative / Improving
- (risk gauge for balance risk/risk free)
- OMRI: Neutral / Improving
- (model volatility gauge)

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The state of indicators

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Timeline, 2019 -



OMRI[®] Origo Market Risk Indicator

Short-term risk gauge

Improvement in the Market intelligence factors

Geographically, US lead while Europe financial conditions continue to deteriorate

Indicator Sentiment Last update X-Asset correlation 31 Oct 2022 Neutral Economic Surprises 31 Oct 2022 Neutral **Financial Conditions** 31 Oct 2022 Neutral Global Financial Stress Neutral 24 Oct 2022 Gepolitical Risk 30 Sep 2022 Feels good





30 September 2022



Fundamentals

Macroeconomic models

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

Economic data show greater resilience than economist' forecasted. Yet, for risk-on assets as stocks, "good" news remain bad new.

The ESI (above centre) is a powerful indicator of coming stress.

Volatility and Risk budgeting 1)

Macroeconomic models

Volatility and risk budgeting

Market intelligence

Technicals and trend following

Diversification benefit - 1.00 - 0.75 - 0.50 - 0.25 0.00 - -0.25 - -0.50 - **-**0.75 - -1.00 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Still no "Markowitz benefits" in a so called diversified portfolio.

The 60/40 passive fixed combination is based on the assumption of constant negative correlations, despite this being more an exception than a rule over the past 10 years. When the diversification benefit is low, there is not much to be gained from diversifying. Cash and alternatives should then be meaningfully increased.

Volatility and Risk budgeting 2)

Macroeconomic models

Volatility and risk budgeting

- Market intelligence
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United States equities and bonds performance

Equity index drawdown, and relative bond market performance



The 60/40 portfolio investment strategy remain on pause, structurally supporting active investors over passive peers.

Market intelligence

Macroeconomic models

Volatility and risk budgeting

Market intelligence

Technicals and trend following



Risk aversion has eased, but level remain persistently high since turn of year 2022.

Europe remain epicenter of deterioration in financial conditions.

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

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Short-term, rebound in risk-on assets is not completed. Medium-term trend remain negative.

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

Technicals

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





Macroeconomics

CBs remain focused on sticky inflation fighting. US to continue rate hikes and QT. China housing bubble deflate under zero-CoVID policy. Europe recession 2022 now a consensus, yet monetary tightening to continue.



Market Risk and market intelligence Slight improvement, but remain fragile. Powell again adjust market

Powell again adjust market expectations towards rates higher for longer.



Medium-term trend in all interest rate sensitive assets remain negative reflecting ongoing repricing. Short-term technicals keep

switching between buy/sell, indicating a trading channel in a bear-market



Volatility and risk budgeting

Portfolio risk high as assets move in synch.

Continued high level of asset volatility supports our theory for having entered a new regime around Sep 2021.



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Macro risk — Inflation

CBs still catching up Upcoming 2Q23 base effect

- + Inflation soaring heading into 2022 ..
- + Russia-Ukraine war
- + China "zero-CoVID"
- + DeGlobalisation



Inflation expectations (US)

Market expectations Fed funds rate change over the next 12 months, lhs

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Macro risk centralbanks

No policy pivot in tide of monetary tightening

- A historic tightening cycle is unfolding.
- Potentially reversing money policy since The Financial Crisis
- Record number of CBs accellerate tightening



Central banks hiking rates by 50 bps+ Bank for International Settlement(BIS)



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Macro risk -US

US recession risk rising Labour market still strong

US activity has lattitude => Fed tightening will continue







Recession indicator - Non-farm payroll declines



Sahm rule

Macro risk -China

The elephant in the room. Housing deflation lead the economic slowdown

- PBoC May 2022 stimulus
- Zero-CoVID policy
- Tech crackdown
- Changing demographics
- De-globalisation
- Real estate recession
- Major draught

The US vs Chinese economy in USD



= China nominal GDP in USD = US nominal GDP US - China nominal GDP gap in USD



Real estate market (China)





CNY/USD, China



Macro risk-Europe

EA recession and financial stress a regional issue

- ECB emergency antifragmentation(TPI)
 "Transmission Protection Tool"
- The Putin-put
- The age put





Monthly value change with standard deviation bands





Eurozone stress, absolute



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Capital markets

The big asset deflation is on track

Monetary combo of rate hikes + QT reduction of €60-100bn/mt, excess of \$1 tn/yr

- every year, the next 5-10 years



Correlations suggest a high risk of capital mis-allocation since GFC;

- high growth/no profit cpy's •
- crypto's, meme stocks •

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... and above all, real estate •

S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index



EUR per USD + United States, Balance Sheet & Flo

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