Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

What Could Go Wrong

What are the potential market risks that are apparent to all at the start of the new year? A post last week from the A Wealth of Common Sense blog commented on what they called such “white swan risks,” including:

- **Inflation.** The post’s analysis of returns by inflation regimes identified 0% to 3% (see table bottom right) as the sweet spot. Higher nominal returns when inflation exceeds 6% don’t help, the post noted.
- **The Fed.** Recalling two double-digit corrections in 2018, the post said, “It’s not out of the question for the stock market to get a little antsy if the Fed goes on a rate hike spree.”
- **Too much too soon.** Sometimes stocks fall after they’ve climbed too much in a short period of time and investors look for an excuse to lock in gains. The stock market’s 90% gain from April 2020 through the end of last year has been matched only in the 1950s, which was followed by three corrections.

Economic Releases vs. Consensus (week of 1/3)

ISM Manufacturing PMI (Dec): 58.7 vs. 60.0
ADP Employment (Dec): 807K vs. 400K
Non-Farm Payrolls (Dec): 199K vs. 400K

Economic Releases this Week

CPI/Core CPI (1/12)
PPI/Core PPI (1/13)
Retail Sales (1/14)

MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS ($MIL)[1]

As of 1/5/22	Last Week	2 Wks Ago	3 Wks Ago	4 Wks Ago	Weekly Streak	YTD Flows
Real Estate	1,224	575	450	(84)	3	1,390
Options Trading	535	300	467	259	65	2,314
Derivative Income	514	447	543	249	72	2,428
Nontraditional Bond	497	693	(541)	17	2	938
Multistrategy	343	151	286	196	4	1,000
Commodities Broad	236	612	(236)	(579)	2	(259)
Relative Value Arbitrage	167	147	195	189	99	919
Event Driven	140	(28)	(34)	19	1	144
Long-Short Equity	105	132	33	(267)	3	54
Systematic Trend	104	63	(180)	65	2	(61)
Infrastructure	67	235	(256)	91	2	100
Equity Market Neutral	38	25	34	25	11	152
Energy LP	25	(87)	19	(28)	1	(292)
Macro Trading	0	17	50	32	5	118
Convertibles	(72)	(52)	298	(26)	-2	(372)

BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE[1]

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	-1.83	-1.83	-1.83	-1.83
Russell 3000	-2.21	-2.21	-2.21	-2.21
Russell 2000	-2.91	-2.91	-2.91	-2.91
Russell 1000	-2.16	-2.16	-2.16	-2.16
Russell Mid Cap	-2.79	-2.79	-2.79	-2.79
MSCI EM	-0.47	-0.47	-0.47	-0.47
MSCI ACWI	-1.51	-1.51	-1.51	-1.51
MSCI World	-1.64	-1.64	-1.64	-1.64
MSCI EAFE	-0.29	-0.29	-0.29	-0.29
ICE BofA Global 300 Convt	-2.15	-2.15	-2.15	-2.15
ICE BofA All US Convertible	-3.19	-3.19	-3.19	-3.19
ICE BofA US High Yield	-0.93	-0.93	-0.93	-0.93
Bloomberg US Corp Bond	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit	-1.71	-1.71	-1.71	-1.71
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	-1.53	-1.53	-1.53	-1.53

MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES[1]

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Energy Limited Partnership	5.22	5.22	5.22	5.22
Commodities Broad Basket	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.02
Systematic Trend	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09
Equity Market Neutral	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09
Relative Value Arbitrage	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15
Event Driven	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21
Multistrategy	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25
Macro Trading	-0.26	-0.26	-0.26	-0.26
Nontraditional Bond	-0.33	-0.33	-0.33	-0.33
Derivative Income	-0.34	-0.34	-0.34	-0.34
Long-Short Equity	-0.52	-0.52	-0.52	-0.52
Options Trading	-0.81	-0.81	-0.81	-0.81
Infrastructure	-1.66	-1.66	-1.66	-1.66
Convertibles	-2.77	-2.77	-2.77	-2.77
Real Estate	-3.58	-3.58	-3.58	-3.58

COMMODITIES[2]

	1.7.22	12.31.21	12.31.20	1.7.21
Gold	1792	1820	1891	1911
Oil	76.0	75.5	47.5	50.6
Gasoline	3.28	3.28	2.24	2.25
Bitcoin	41,656	46,245	29,027	39,573

BOND RATES[2]

	1.7.22	12.31.21	12.31.20	1.7.21
Effective Fed Funds Rate	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09
2-Year Treasury	0.88	0.75	0.12	0.14
10-Year Treasury	1.73	1.55	0.93	1.08
ICE BofA US Corp. AAA	2.22	2.03	1.56	1.70

MARKET PULSE[1]

MONTH-TO-DATE			As of	YEAR-TO-DATE		
VALUE	CORE	GROWTH	1/7/2022	VALUE	CORE	GROWTH
0.82	-2.16	-4.81	LARGE	0.82	-2.16	-4.81
-0.13	-2.79	-7.55	MID	-0.13	-2.79	-7.55
0.04	-2.91	-5.84	SMALL	0.04	-2.91	-5.84

S&P 500 VS. INFLATION: 1928-2021

Inflation Level	% of All Years	Average Nominal Returns	Average Real Returns
Below 0%	10.6%	12.1%	15.4%
0% to 3%	45.7%	16.5%	14.7%
3% to 6%	27.7%	5.5%	1.4%
Above 6%	16.0%	9.1%	-0.1%

Source: AWealthofCommonSense.com, 1/7/2022, using NYU data

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