

Trade Rationale

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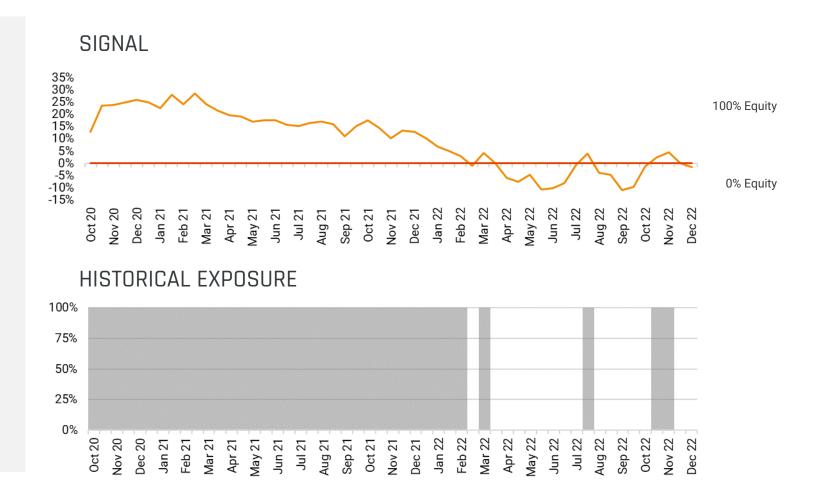
Trend Level Element



TRADE RATIONALE

No changes to the Trend Element. The Trend Element has had its share of ups and downs over the last few calculation cycles as hopes of a more dovish Fed came and went. Most concerning was Chairman Powell's comments that the expected terminal interest rate would be higher than most market participants anticipated. With this backdrop of a bleaker economic picture heading into the New Year, we continued to see downward pressure on market trends. Therefore, the Trend Element will continue to be defensive.





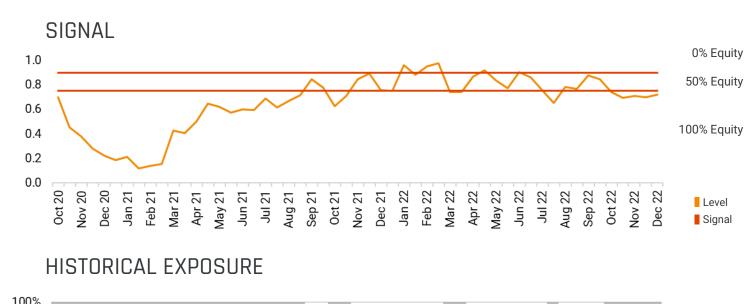
Volatility Level Element

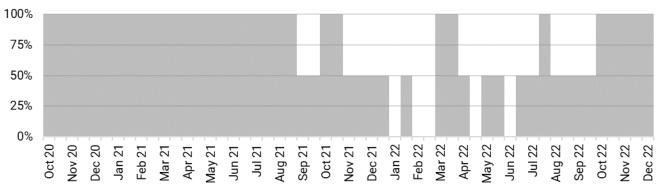


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No changes to the Volatility Element. The Volatility Element has calculated an increase in implied volatility and credit risk, but it has not increased to levels relatively higher than what we have experienced over the last few years. Market participants seem to acknowledge the current volatility, but there isn't a consensus that this volatility is here to stay. Given this lower level of relative anticipated volatility, this Element will stay invested in equities.







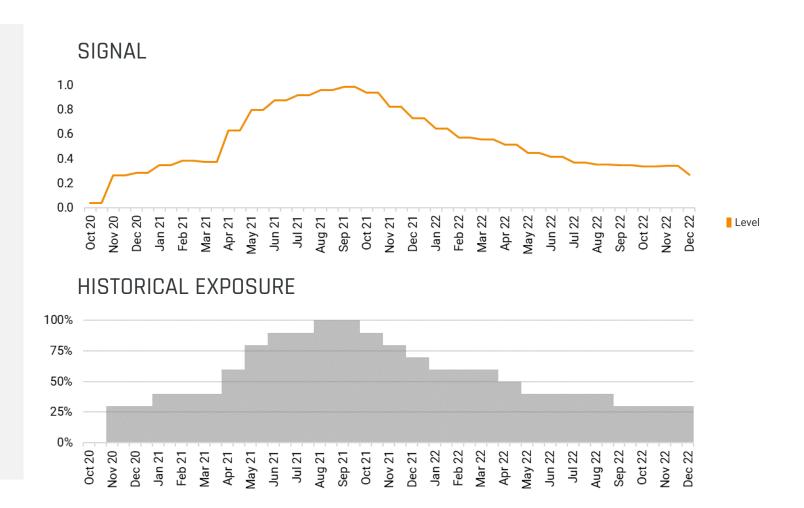
Economic Level Element



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No changes to the Economic Element. The Economic Element continues to degrade, moving from the mid 30's to the mid 20's, but still rounds to a score of 30. Our calculations show deep concern about the economic strength in the US and across the world. While not quite there yet, a score of 20 may be a reality over the coming months. Historically, economic scores at or below 20 correlate with more sustained bouts of equity volatility. We will keep a close eye on this data throughout January.





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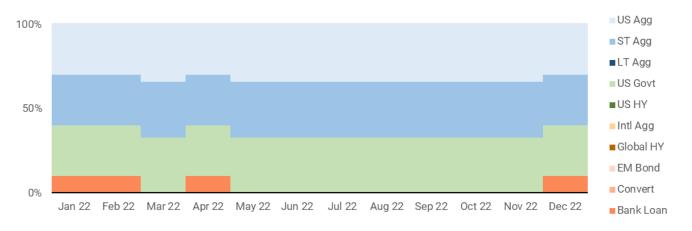
Active+ Fixed Income Style Element



SIGNAL

Indicator	09/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	Trend	Position
Inflation	6.60	6.30	6.00	6.00	<	CHODT
2-Year Yield	4.28	4.48	4.31	4.43		SHORT DURATION
10-Year Yield	3.83	4.05	3.61	3.87		DONATION
Credit Spreads	5.85	5.10	5.01	5.09		TREASURIES
Intl Agg (BWX)	20.83	20.85	22.52	22.43		0%
Global HY (GHYG)	38.91	40.07	41.92	41.40		0%
EM Bond (EMB)	79.40	78.90	86.43	84.59		0%
Convert (CWB)	63.30	65.09	66.64	64.34		0%
Bank Loan (BKLN)	20.19	20.72	20.82	20.53		10%

HISTORICAL EXPOSURE



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Model Changes



Revo Spectrum

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Revo Blends

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