

Trade Rationale

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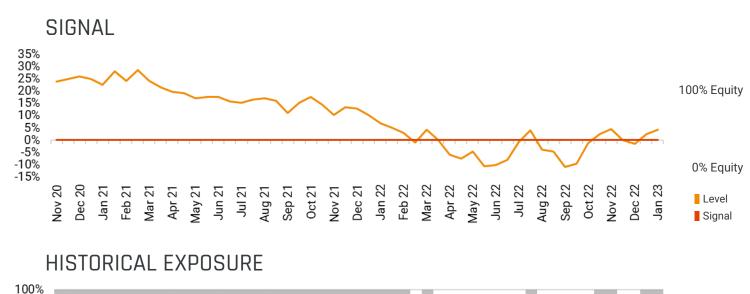
Trend Level Element

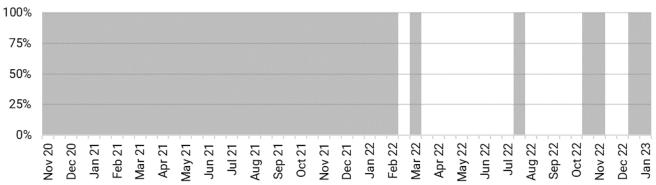


TRADE RATIONALE

No changes to the Trend Element. Equity market trends strengthened over the past two weeks as investors are expecting a more accommodative Fed announcement on February 1. Recent comments by multiple board governors supporting a milder 25 basis point rate increase, combined with worsening economic headlines, have many believing the Fed will enter a "wait and see" phase in its fight against inflation. Therefore, the Trend Element will maintain full exposure to equities.







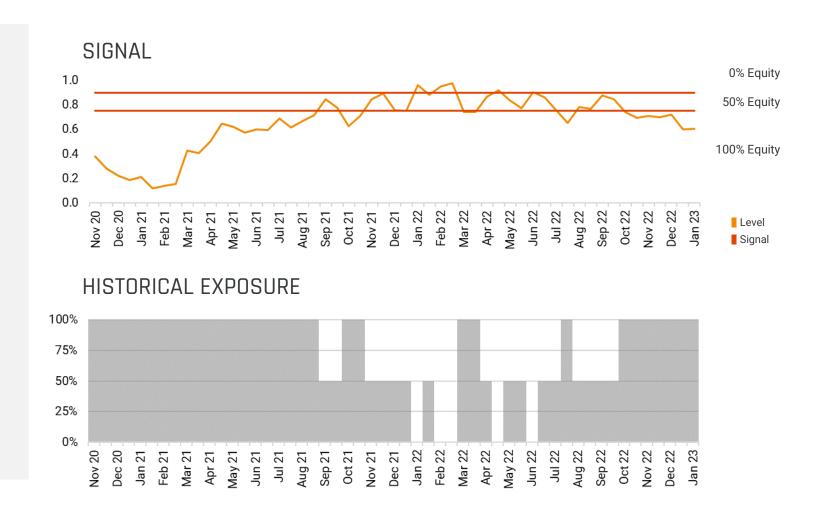
Volatility Level Element



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No changes to the Volatility Element.
Relative to the last number of years, implied volatility and credit spread data are attractive. Many market participants believe the Fed is nearing the end of it rate hikes and may even reduce rates in the coming months to help heal the economy and move rates to their desired long-run levels. If inflation continues to fall and jobs data remains positive, we could see a sustained, lower volatility period fueled by improving economic data and lower rates. The Volatility Element will remain overweight to equities.





Economic Level Element

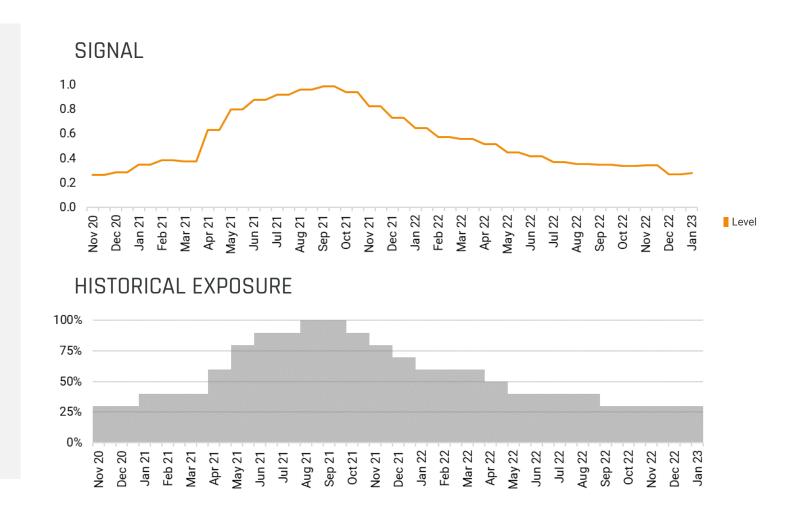


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No changes to the Economic Element.

Despite some concerning headlines related to industrial production and consumer spending, aggregate economic data slightly improved over the last month. While that is a good thing, the overall economic score remains substantially below normal and paints a slightly bleak picture for the economy. We continue to very carefully watch the myriad of data surrounding jobs, which is a lagging indicator of economic health. If the Fed is seeking a "soft landing," they will need solid jobs numbers to achieve it.





Active+ Fixed Income Style Element



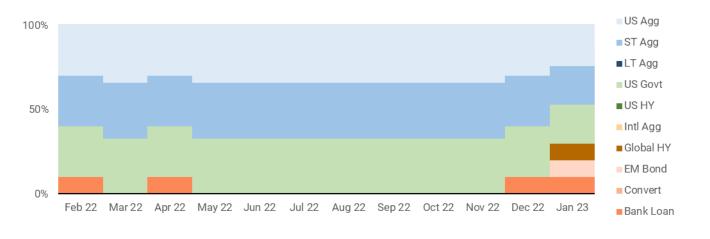
SIGNAL

Indicator	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	01/31/23	Trend	Position
Inflation	6.30	6.00	5.70	5.70	<	OLIOPE
2-Year Yield	4.48	4.31	4.43	4.20		SHORT DURATION
10-Year Yield	4.05	3.61	3.87	3.51		DORATION
Credit Spreads	5.10	5.01	5.09	4.63		TREASURIES
Intl Agg (BWX)	20.85	22.52	22.43	23.23		0%
Global HY (GHYG)	40.07	41.92	41.40	43.05		10%
EM Bond (EMB)	78.90	86.43	84.59	87.91		10%
Convert (CWB)	65.09	66.64	64.34	68.21		0%
Bank Loan (BKLN)	20.72	20.82	20.53	21.11		10%

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The story of fixed income signals remains mostly unchanged with two asset class additions. Inflationary data is still very high; the credit spread level in high-yield bonds is still increasing, and interest rates are rising. The element seeks to be conservative in this environment by holding an overweight to short duration and treasury bonds. Global High Yield and Emerging Market Bonds were added as the short-term trends in those asset classes are now positive.

HISTORICAL EXPOSURE





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Model Changes



Revo Spectrum Models

No Level Element changes.

Style Element changes as follows:

Reduced allocation to US Aggregate Bond and US Treasury positions.

Added Global High Yield Bond and Emerging Markets Bond allocations.

Revo Blend Models

No Level Element changes.

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Reduced allocation to US Aggregate Bond and US Treasury positions.

Added Global High Yield Bond and Emerging Markets Bond allocations.



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