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Quote of the Week.

And then at the end of the day, the most important thing is how good are you at risk control. Ninety percent of any great trader is going to be the risk control – Paul Tudor Jones

As the US equities market continues its upward trajectory, it's imperative to bolster our investment strategies to navigate this bullish environment effectively. Here are some key approaches to consider:

4. Embrace Winners with Caution: Stick with companies demonstrating progressive revenue growth, particularly in AI-related sectors. However, exercise caution regarding over-valuation and ensure that strong earnings support buy decisions.

5. Diversify for Resilience: Diversification remains vital for risk management. Spreading investments across different asset classes—both vertically and horizontally—helps reduce exposure to any single market or sector, enhancing portfolio resilience.

6. Regular Rebalancing: In a bull market, portfolio imbalances can occur due to the outperformance of certain assets. Regularly rebalancing the portfolio ensures target asset allocations are maintained, mitigating risk and promoting a disciplined investment approach.

7. Implement Stop Loss Orders: Setting stop loss orders can limit potential losses during market downturns. While they don't guarantee protection against all losses, they provide a disciplined approach to managing risk and preserving capital in volatile market conditions.

1. Maintain Liquidity: Adequate cash reserves within the portfolio offer flexibility to seize investment opportunities during market downturns. Balanced liquidity management helps mitigate the impact of market volatility on overall portfolio performance.

2. Regional Diversification: While the US market surges, consider diversifying globally, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. Investing in economies with robust growth prospects and diverse dynamics improves risk control and reduces reliance on any single market.

3. Optimize Asset Allocation: Strategically allocate investments across various asset classes based on risk tolerance, investment goals, and market conditions. By dynamically adjusting asset allocation, investors can effectively manage risk exposure and capitalize on opportunities across different market environments..

Conclusion:

In the face of record-high US equities, strategic adaptation is crucial for safeguarding investment portfolios. By embracing winners with caution, diversifying for resilience, regularly rebalancing, implementing stop loss orders, maintaining liquidity, exploring regional diversification, and optimizing asset allocation, investors can navigate market volatility with confidence. These strategies ensure resilience and success in today's dynamic investment landscape, regardless of individual risk preferences or market conditions.

Last Week ‘s Notable Events.

US Economy/Politics

- US mulls blacklisting CXMT to curb China’s chip advance – 9th Mar
- US jobs figures beat forecasts but downgrades complicate outlook - 9th Mar

Europe Economy/Politics

- EU moves toward hitting China with tariff on electric vehicle – 6th Mar
- Brexit hitting UK economy and damage set to worsen with new trade barriers, Budget watchdog warns – 9th Mar

Asia Pacific Economy/Equity

- China sets an economic growth target of around 5% but acknowledges it will not be easy to achieve – 5th Mar
- Thai business group maintains 2024 growth forecast at 2.8% to 3.3% - 6th Mar
- GDP figures show Australia's economy grew by just 0.2% in December quarter – 6th Mar
- Taylor Swift's Eras Tour could boost Singapore's GDP by over $200 million, report says – 8th Mar

Weekly Data Monitor.

Performance

- Record US equities continue to support global equity higher.
- Real Estates slide.

INDEX	Weekly %	MTD %	YTD %	1YR %	3Y %	5Y %
Global Equity	0.60	1.91	6.91	27.33	20.83	67.09
Global Real Estate	1.79	1.32	-1.85	7.90	4.53	13.98
US Real Estate	1.43	1.24	-1.67	10.44	8.32	21.65
APAC Real Estate	1.36	1.00	-3.47	-1.79	-24.62	-23.65
Investment Grade	0.54	0.81	1.10	12.61	6.72	23.28
High Yield Bonds	1.35	1.04	-1.60	2.43	-13.74	-4.29
Global HY ETF	1.62	4.66	3.65	12.80	14.20	29.43
ASIA Real Estate ETF	-0.51	-1.37	-8.55	-12.01	-23.52	-23.67
USD Index	-1.12	-1.23	1.47	-0.70	12.21	6.29

Weekly chart:

- USD index slide.
- Oil prices ascend on Red Sea conflicts.

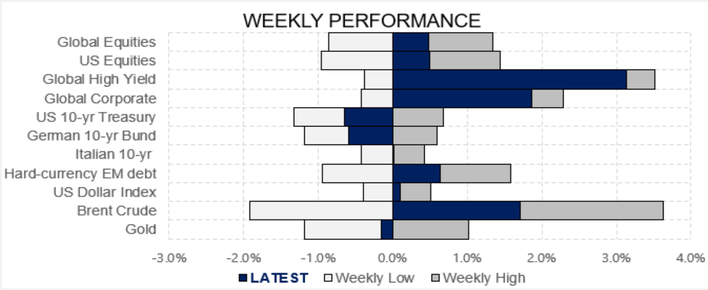
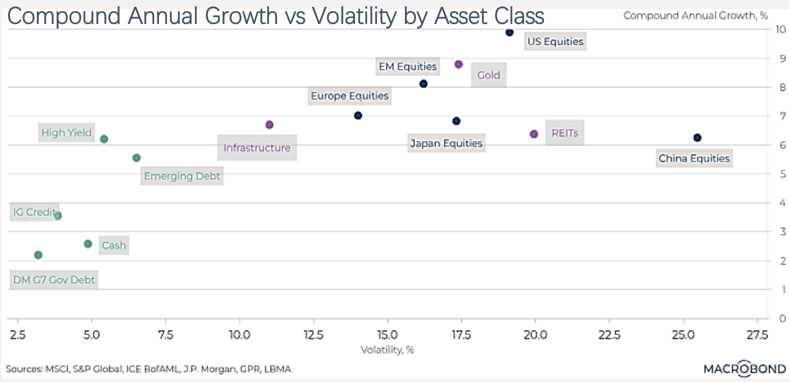


Chart of the Week.

The chart by Macrobond offers a captivating glimpse into the financial landscape over the last two decades, presenting the Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) across various asset classes. CAGR, a powerful metric, calculates the average annual growth rate assuming reinvestment of profits at the end of each year.



A cursory examination reveals the dominance of US equities, boasting a remarkable 10% return amidst an average volatility of 18.5%. This establishes a benchmark against which other opportunities can be measured. Emerging Market (EM) equities emerge as a compelling option with an 8% return, coupled with a notably lower volatility of 16%. Meanwhile, the allure of infrastructure investment becomes apparent, showcasing an enticing average Compound Annual Growth of approximately 7% alongside a corresponding lower volatility of 11%.

This chart not only serves as a compass guiding investors through the turbulent seas of financial markets but also provides valuable insights into aligning asset class volatility with individual risk appetites. By discerning the expected returns and associated risks across various asset classes, investors are better equipped to navigate their investment journey with confidence and clarity.