

January 2015 Commentary

Solutions based upon the RPg ActiveParadigm Methodology

Risk Paradigm Group seeks to defend capital through our ETF strategies based upon the RPg ActiveParadigm methodology. The below monthly commentary is related to the RPg Tactical ETF portfolios available as separately managed accounts.

Overview

Reminiscent of the January dip of 2014, January 2015 produced similar performance with the S&P 500 down. While volatility seems to have arrived in the markets, the past month experienced a "risk off" environment with minimal changes made to previous allocations for the portfolios. Current sector allocations for the methodology, as of the end of the month, are showing a bullish posture.

RPg Tactical US Equity

The Tactical US Equity portfolio experienced no changes at the sector position level for the month, having 8 of the 9 sectors allocated to, only Energy remains excluded from the portfolio. RPg Tactical US Equity's January performance was largely driven by the participation in Utilities and Health Care, and the continued avoidance of Energy. Negative contributors to the portfolio's performance were led by Technology and Financials.

RPg US Long/Short Equity

The US Long/Short Equity portfolio experienced no changes at the sector position level for the month, having 8 of 9 sectors long, and Energy remaining in an inverse position. RPg US Long/Short January performance was largely driven by the long positions in Utilities and Health Care, and the inverse position in Energy. Negative contributors to the portfolio's monthly performance were long positions in both Technology and Financials.

RPg Global Balanced

RPg Global Balanced portfolio has targeted allocations to four asset classes: US Equity (33%), Global Fixed Income (28%), International Equity (28%), and Alternatives (11%). Below are highlights of the activity for each asset class within the portfolio for the month of January.

<u>US Equity</u> The sleeve had no changes within the month, having 8 of 9 sectors allocated to, with Energy remaining out of the US Equity sleeve.

<u>Global Fixed Income</u> The sleeve had no changes within the month, with 5 of 10 fixed income sector ETFs allocated to, remaining highly concentrated in higher quality fixed income sector ETFs.

<u>International Equity</u> The sleeve had no changes within the month, with 3 international sector ETFs and a 25% allocation in cash equivalents. Positive contributors in the sleeve included Asia-ex Japan and Japan sector ETFs.

<u>Alternatives</u> The sleeve, which had been out of the Gold sector ETF for the entire 4th quarter, was allocated back into in January. The sleeve now has the full 11% allocation to Gold and the REIT sector ETFs.

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Outlook

As a quantitative rules-based asset manager who relies on data to drive the investment decisions, we do not make market forecasts. However, the portfolio allocation does offer useful intelligence to how the methodology is interpreting current market activity. Some specific observations:

- Bullish trend for US Equities
- Energy continues its weakness
- Neutral for the International Equity sectors
- Bullish trends continue globally in high quality fixed income

By design, the allocations can change abruptly, and it is possible that some or all of the sectors now scoring positively could score negatively and be removed from the portfolio in the near future.

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