

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL?

Following a year of strong returns and abnormally low volatility, investors are concerned that stretched valuations and stagnating long-term rates could cap return potential. Consider these 3 strategies to prepare portfolios for 2018:

Don't Bet Against Bonds in a Rising Rate Environment

Short rates are poised to rise, but fears of a bond bubble may be greatly exaggerated as growth remains low, term premiums are negative and inflation remains globally subdued, constraining rates. With tight credit spreads creating an asymmetrical return profile for traditional high yield, investors will need to think differently about how to clip a coupon.

Implementation Ideas

TOTL	SPDR® DoubleLine® Total Return Tactical ETF
FLRN	SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Investment Grade Floating Rate ETF
SPIB	SPDR Portfolio Intermediate Term Corporate Bond ETF
SRLN	SPDR Blackstone / GSO Senior Loan ETF
CJNK	SPDR ICE BofAML Crossover Corporate Bond ETF

Fed Rate Hikes Are Pushing Short Yields Higher, Flattening the Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., State Street Global Advisors, as of 11/17/2017. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Look Overseas for Opportunities Arising from Improving Growth

With valuations in the US stretched, more opportunities exist abroad, supported by improving economic growth, upbeat earnings and improving sentiment backstopped by continued accommodative monetary policy and a less tenuous political ecosystem. Overseas gains in 2017 were in the double digits; however, those returns were driven primarily by growth and not multiple expansion, indicating there may be room to run.

Implementation Ideas

SPDW	SPDR Portfolio Developed World ex-US ETF
SPEM	SPDR Portfolio Emerging Markets ETF
FEZ	SPDR EURO STOXX 50® ETF
GWX	SPDR S&P® International Small Cap ETF

EPS Growth Has Driven International Returns



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 10/31/2017. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Regions represented as follows: US: S&P 500 Index; Dev. ex US: MSCI EAFE Index; EM: MSCI EM Index; Eurozone: MSCI Europe Index.

Temper Tail Risk Because All Good Times Eventually End

2017 was the year of low volatility, with the CBOE VIX Index registering more days below 10 than in all of its 26 previous years combined. Episodic volatility dented sentiment for very brief periods but then receded, the definition of unforeseen risk. The market wants to "Let the Good Times Roll," but risks beneath the surface could constrain how "good" it gets.

Implementation Ideas

GLD®	SPDR Gold Shares
SPTL	SPDR Portfolio Long Term Treasury ETF
	SPDR MSCI StrategicFactors™ Suite

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Low Volatility Is Prevalent Across Asset Classes



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Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index A benchmark that provides a measure of the performance of the US dollar denominated investment grade bond market, which includes investment grade government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass through securities, commercial mortgage backed securities and asset backed securities that are publicly for sale in the US.

Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Hard Currency Aggregate Index A flagship hard currency Emerging Markets debt benchmark that includes USD-denominated debt from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers.

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index A benchmark that measures the US corporate market of non-investment grade, fixed-rate corporate bonds.

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