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SPECIAL ALERT

2021 was an Unusual Year

One of the realities we're living today, that baffles some economists and financial analysts, are low yields in an inflationary environment. And it's because there's a premise that suggests interest rates rise in response to rising inflation. Be it the Federal Reserve acting to shore up inflation, or the bond market dumping treasuries at the longer end of the curve to avoid longer erosion of purchasing power.

One explanation could be the Federal Reserve's delay in normalizing policy. If the Fed is able to taper its asset purchases completely and start raising interest rates, it could give a signal for the bond market to sell longer term treasuries thereby pushing longer term rates up.

But it could also be that the bond market just doesn't buy the narrative that today's inflation will persist longer term. Inflation went haywire this year, but could prove to be less persistent than promoted as the dominating force remains the debt drag on future growth given the type of debt amassed.

Time will tell... and charts as always have something to say...

As shown over the past quarter, LT U.S. treasuries have been up trending since reaching a bottom in March this year. Their leading indicators are showing these bonds are poised to rise further, or at least remain strong. We've also seen how the yield on a 30 year U.S. treasury remains under pressure, within a downtrend that began in the early 80s!

Continued downside pressure on interest rates cross the curve is not indicative of strong inflationary pressures or expectations. Could the bond market be wrong or is it flashing a warning?

Other charts that I've showed compare bonds to copper, to U.S. equities, and even to gold showing bonds have been out of favor for too long and sentiment could be ready to change. Momentum is starting to swing in favor of bonds.

Also noteworthy is dollar strength. The U.S. dollar index has been on a steady uptrend since Jan, nearly a year ago. You'll remember it recently broke above long term resistance levels suggesting more upside is likely near 95 and it now remains very strong above 96. If the U.S. dollar index now breaks above 97, it could show renewed strength and a continued rise would be likely... Interestingly, the rise in U.S. dollars tends to be deflationary... not inflationary...

Moreover, Utility companies have also been on the rise, beating tech and the industrials in the recent month. It's yet another sign investors are starting to favor safety... Utilities are considered safe havens within the U.S. stock market given their steady flow of business usually from essential services like power, water, gas among others.

We've also seen gold, and how it's among the assets that is most undervalued (second to only LT U.S. gov bonds), oversold and ready for a bounce up. With each passing day key support levels seems to hold, but I'm still keeping a close eye.

Gold's upside potential also suggests a potential push to safety. The rise with bonds would be a continuation of a 20+ year long relationship. Signs of support out of the HUI near 250 and silver above \$22 are also indications of support within the gold universe.

We'll continue to hold a diversified approach, holding some cash on the side, particularly U.S. dollars; taking advantage of opportunities to buy cheap and sell if targets are reached.

I've updated the TRADER SHEET below and will send an alert if markets warrant.

POSITIONING - PERFORMANCE: Overall a good year

It has been an odd year on many accounts; it has been especially frustrating for the many investors holding gold. For us, if it weren't for solid gains in resources and in tech stocks, our portfolio probably would've ended negative for the year.

We averaged a 9% loss on precious metals trades over the course of 2021. It's eating away at the great gains from the year earlier. Not surprisingly, we didn't trade precious metals as much as we did resources and 'other stocks', which outperformed gold handsomely.

Our resource portfolio averaged a 30% gain on our trades. Our biggest winners within resources were uranium stocks that brought in triple digits on different occasions.

The Other Stocks, made up mainly of tech stocks, also did very well. We averaged a 25% gain on our trades.

Interestingly, but not surprisingly, Resources and Other Stocks represented 67% of all of our trades in 2021. More specifically, out of the 100% of the trades executed in 2021, 33% were precious metals; 37% were resources and 30% were 'Other Stocks.'

Overall we averaged a gain of 23% on our entire portfolio for the year, which is consistent with our 5 year average. Our open positions are essentially break even or a tad lower on average, but only after taking profits and repositioning.

Precious metals have not performed as we've expected, but continue to consolidate above a key support. I remain heavily invested in precious metals. They represent 45% of total portfolio today; I believe they could outperform the others in 2022. Currently, resources represent a 30% of total portfolio while stocks a 16%. With recent sales this week, my cash position rose to 9% of total portfolio, all in U.S. dollars.

For 2022 I'll continue to keep a diversified approach, with strong exposure to precious metals, particularly within gold and silver and the miners. But i'll also keep solid exposure to resources, especially uranium, and a smaller position in other stocks. Consider that within 'Other Stocks' we're still holding a full position in TLT, a LT U.S. treasury ETF.

Keep the rest of your positions into 2022 and some cash in U.S. dollars. Remember holiday season is known for its low trading volume, meaning we could see volatility spike.

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Season's greetings,

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	TRADER SHEET								
Symbol	Trade Update &/or Current Position	Status B=Buy S=Sell O=Out H=Hold	Long or Short	Last Closing Price	Stops	Targets			
PRECIOUS METALS PORTFOLIO (45%)									
GOLD (GCG22)	Overweight. Still holding above Aug uptrend. Spinner rising with strength, breaking above zero showing upward momentum. If gold stays above \$1770, it could then rise to the top side of the Aug upchannel near \$1925, initially. Keep your positions. If you're not in or looking to increase exposure, buy below \$1800.	Н, В	\$1900 (Sept-21-20), \$1880 (Dec-23-20); \$1775 (Feb-17-21), \$1865 (May-25-21). Sold some at \$1900 for small gain. Bot: \$1795 (Jul-8-21) AVG: \$1840.	1788.70	2dc below \$1675.	ST: \$2100 & MT: \$3000			
PHYS	Alternative to trading gold in commodity markets.	н	\$15.20 (Sept-21-20), \$15.15 (Dec-23-20), \$14.23 (Feb-17-21), \$14.90 (May-25-21), Sold some at \$15.20 for small gain. Bot \$14.25 (Jul-8-21) AVG: \$14.80.	14.02	2dc below \$11.20	-			
SILVER (SIH22)	Overweight. Breaking out from a bullish pattern with upside target at \$25. Silver is also confirming support at \$22, a critical level. Keep your positions.	н	Bot: \$15.80 (Jul-17-19), \$16.50 (Aug-7-19), \$16.80 (Nov-8-19), \$12 (Mar-18-20), \$15.20 (May-6-20). Sold half at \$18 for 17% gain (Jun-22); Sold more at \$26 for a 70% gain (Aug-4-20). Bot: \$23 (Sept 23-20), \$25.50 (Dec-22-20). Sold some at \$24.25 (Mar-31-21) for average 14% gain. Bot: \$27.50 (May-21-21), \$23.95 (Oct-29-21). AVG position: \$23.30.	22.510	2dc below \$21	ST: \$30, MT: \$50			
PSLV	Alternative to trading silver in commodity markets.	н	Bot: 5.50 (Jul-17-2019), 6.25 (Aug-7-19), 6.19 (Nov-8-19), 4.65 (Mar-18-20) (AVG: 5.65). Sold half for 17% gain. Sold more at 9.50 for 70% gain (Aug-4-20). 8.20 (Sept-23-20), 8.87 (Dec-22-20). Sols some at \$8.75 (Mar-31-21) for average 14% gain. Bot 9.99 (May-21-21), 8.35 (Oct-29-21). AVG:\$ 8.12	7.82	2dc below \$5.25	-			
NG	Holding full position. Holding above support near \$6.50. It's now trying to reclaim the \$7 handle. If NG continues to hold above \$6.50, it could then rise to the top side of the 6 month sideways band near \$8.25. Keep your positions.	н	Bot: \$8.30 (Jul-15-20), \$8.70 (Jul-22-20), \$8.99 (Aug-7-20). Sold half at \$12 for 40% gain (Sept 18-2020). Bot: \$10 (Jan-6-21), \$9 (Mar-17-21), \$7.96 (Jun-30-21). Sold some of the excess for 16% loss. Sold more excess for 15% loss. AVG: \$8.90.	6.86	Ride through weakness	ST: \$12; MT: \$20			
BRC.V BKRRF.OTC	Overweight. Holding Mar 2020 uptrend near CA\$0.80 (BKRRF: \$0.60). If it holds, BRC could then resume its rise, initially to CA\$1.25 (BKRRF: \$1.05).	Н	\$1.10 (Sept, 21- 20), \$0.65 (Dec-16-20), \$0.92 (May-19-21). Sold excess at \$1.13 for 27% gain (Jun-9-21); Bot \$0.92 (Jun-28- 21). Sold excess at \$1.05 for 15% gain (Nov-24-21). Bot \$0.80 (Dec-1-21). AVG: \$0.88 (BKRRF: \$0.68).	0.87	2dc below CA\$0.80 (BKRRF: US\$.60)	ST: CA\$1.60 (BKRRF: US\$1.40), MT: \$3			
KL	Overweight. Bouncing up from support at \$38 showing strength and upward momentum. If KL holds above \$38, it'll rise to the 2021 highs near \$46. Keep your positions. If not in or looking increase exposure, consider buying below \$40.	Н, В	\$40.75 (Dec-22-20), \$42.50 (Jan-6-20), KL: \$36 (Feb-17-21). Sold excess at \$43.25 to protect a 9% profit (Jun-9-21). Bot \$39 (Jul-8-21). Sold excess at \$45.50 to protect 15% profit (Oct-28-21). Bot: \$38.25 (Dec-1-21). AVG: \$39.	41.12	Ride through weakness	\$58 & \$75			
EQX	Overweight. Confirming support above \$6. EQX can now rise to its critical resistance at \$9. A break above opens the door to further upside. Keep your positions for now. Momentum could start swinging in favor of EQX. If not in, buy below \$7.	Н, В	\$10.20 (Dec-22-20), \$10.80 (Jan-6-21), \$9.20 (Feb-17-21). Sold excess for a 20% loss (Mar-31-21). Bot: \$7.40 (Oct-29-21). AVG: \$9.30	6.35	2dc below \$6.	ST: \$14, MT: \$20			
FSM	Out. Sold for a loss. FSM jumped up upon receiving news it had received the environmental impact approval for its San Jose mine, paving the way to extending the term of the concesion to manage the mine. The hype could push FSM to its first key resistance at \$5. Buy some at mkt, but be quick to sell at \$5.	О, В	-	3.85	2dc below \$3	ST: \$5.			
HL	Overweight. Jumped back quickly above \$5 showing support at the Jan 2021 lows. If HL continues to hold above \$5, it could then jump up and test its next ST resistance at \$5.75. If HL breaks above this level, it's next resistance would be \$6.50. If not in, consider buying some at mkt.	Н, В	\$5.90 (Dec-22-20), \$5.90 (Jan-7-21), \$5.45 (Jan-20-21). Sold half at \$9 for 56% gain (Jun-9-21), \$7 (Jul-8-21), \$5.80 (Oct-29-21) AVG: \$6.15.	5.23	Ride through weakness	ST: \$9.50 & MT: \$12			
OR	Holding a full position. Confirming support at \$11. OR can now rise to the Jun downtrend near \$13.50, its first key resistance. KEep your positions.	Н	Bot: \$13.60 (Jul-8-21), \$13.30 (Jul-12-21). AVG: \$13.45.	11.69	Hold during weakness	\$16 & \$20.			
НМУ	Overweight. Confirmed support above the Nov lows near \$3.50. It's now bouncing up confirming support, nearly reaching the May downtrend at \$4.25. A break above this level could push HMY up to the May highs near \$5.50. Leading indicator rising from a low area, picking up steam.	Н	\$3.90 (Jul-7-21), \$3.75 (Nov-10-21). AVG: \$3.85.	3.94	2dc below \$3.	\$5.25 & \$7.50.			

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Symbol	Trade Update &/or Current Position	Status B=Buy S=Sell O=Out H=Hold	Long or Short	Last Closing Price	Stops	Targets			
	CURRE	NCY -	CASH (9%)						
U.S. DOLLAR (DXH22)	Still holding near the highs; The U.S. dollar index has bullish support at 96. If the dollar now breaks above 97, it would show renewed strength that could propel the dollar to the 2020 highs near 103. On the downside, if the dollar breaks below 96, it could then fall to its next support near 94.50 (May uptrend). Keep in mind, the dollar's deeper support level is near 90. The dollar could decline ST, but will likely remain on its stronger uptrend since May at 94.50 in the intermediate term.	н	-	96.55	-	-			
	INDUSTRIAL ME	TALS	AND ENERGY (30%)						
IVN.TO IVPAF.OTC	Holding small position. Remains under pressure, but well above its stronger support at CA\$8.75 IVPAF: \$6.80). This suggests, IVN could fall further before it continues on its bullish rise. Buy some more near \$9 (IVPAF: \$7).	Н, В	\$9.90 (Nov-17-21).	9.74	2dc below 8.	\$12 & \$15			
NXE	Overweight. Broke 4.50 support showing weakness. It's now holding well above deeper support at \$3.50. If NXE holds above this level, it could bounce back to the Nov highs near \$6.50. Keep your positions. If you're not in or looking for increased exposure, buy some at mkt.	Н, В	Bought: \$3.25 (Mar-10-21), \$3.77 (Apr-14-21). Sold half for 48% gain! Bot: \$3.85 (Jul-21-21), \$4.10 (Aug-25-21). Sold some at \$5.80 for 55% gain! Bot: \$4.90 (Nov-24-21) AVG: \$4.20.	4.36	2dc below \$3.50	ST: \$7 & MT: \$8			
URC.V	Overweight. Showing support above \$4. Momentum continues to build. If URC stays above \$4 it could then rise to its next resistance at \$7. Keep your positions. If you're not in or looking to increase exposure, buy at mkt.	Н, В	\$3 (Aug-18-21), \$3.10 (Aug-26-21). Sold half at \$6.30 for 105% gain! Bot: \$5.75 (Oct-15-21), \$5.65 (Oct-29-21). Sold excess at CA\$6.50 for 48% gain! Bot: CA\$4.90 (Dec-3-21). AVG: CA\$4.50.	4.90	2dc below \$3.25.	ST: \$8, MT: \$10.			
URG	Holding a full position. Holding above deeper support near \$1.10. If URG stays above support, it could then rise to its next resistance at \$1.50 showing signs of renewed strength that could push URG to \$2. Keep your positions. If not in, or looking to increase exposure, buy at mkt.	Н, В	Bot: \$1.90 (Nov-10-21), \$1.45 (Nov-30-21). AVG: \$1.67.	1.33	2dc below \$1.10.	ST \$2.40; MT: \$3			
ALS.TO	Overweight. Still holding above key ST support at CA\$15 (ATUSF.OTC:\$11.80). If support is broken, a decline to the 2021 lows near CA\$13.50 (ATUSF.OTC:\$10.50) would then be likely. But if ALS holds at either of these levels, and breaks above the Jun downtrend at CA\$17 (ATUSF.OTC:\$13.80), it could then rise to the Jun highs, near CA\$19.50 (ATUSF.OTC\$15.50). Keep your positions.	н	\$16.75 (Jun-28-21), \$16 (Aug-18-21), \$16.15 (Oct-18-21). AVG: CA\$16.30.	16.08	2dc below \$13.50 (ATUSF: \$10.50)	\$21 & \$30			
CLF	Overweight. Holding above key support at \$19. If CLF stays above, it could then bounce up, back to the Aug highs near \$27. Keep your positions during weakness.	н	\$24 (Jul-29-21), \$24.90 (Aug-13-21), \$19.90 (Sept-29-21), \$21.50 (Nov-17-21) AVG: \$22.55.	19.86	Hold during weakness	\$30 & \$40.			
USGDF	Sold to protect profit. USGDF is showing signs of ST support at \$0.80. If USGDF can hold above this level, it could then rise to the recent highs near \$1.10. But, if the support level is broken, a decline to the Aug lows near \$0.60 would be likely. I'm waiting for more weakness before buying again.	0	\$0.73 (Aug-11-21), \$0.68 (Aug-25-21), \$0.735 (Oct-29-21). AVG: \$0.715. Sold half at \$1 to protect a 40% gain. Sold second half at \$0.88 for 23% gain.	0.817	2dc below \$0.80.	ST: \$1 reached!; MT: \$2			
	MELT UP RI	SE PO	RTFOLIO (16%)						
SHOP	Holding small position. Showing support above the Jun 2020 uptrend and support at \$1250. It hasn't fallen as low as last week's entry level. The recent bounce up suggests the lows may be in for the move. Buy some more below \$1350.	Н, В	\$930 (Jul-16-20), \$900 (Jul-24-20), \$875 (Sept-18-20). Sold half at \$1200 for 32% gain (Dec 2020). Bot: \$1090 (Jan-27-21). Sold some at \$1415 (Feb-17-21) for 42% profit. Bot \$1100 (Mar-10-21); AVG: \$1040. Sold half at \$1530 for 46% profit (Jun-21-21). Sold the rest at \$1600 for 52% profit. Bot \$1400 (Dec-3-21).	1370.11	2dc below \$1250	ST: \$1800			
PYPL	Overweight. Continues to hold above key support at \$180. It's now bouncing up, showing signs of strength. A break above \$200 would confirm a rebound that could push PYPL to the Jul downtrend near \$270, intially. Keep your positions.	н	Bot: \$255 (Mar-4-21), \$225 (Mar-5-21); Sold half at \$300 for 25% gain (Jul-12-21). Bot: \$274 (Aug-26-21), \$205 (Nov-17-21). AVG: \$247.	189.14	Keep during weakness	\$270, \$360 ST, \$400 MT.			
TLT	Holding a full position. Testing critical resistance at the 2021 highs below \$155. A break above this level would confirm strength and open the door to more upside. Keep your positions asl ong as TLT holds above the Mar uptrend near \$144.	н	\$150.50 (Sept-22-21).	149.13	2dc below \$144.	\$200			
COIN	Holding full position. COIN is holding at May uptrend & support level near \$230. If it holds, it could then bounce up to test first key resistance near \$300. A break below \$230 could push COIN lower. Keep your positions.	Н	\$295 (Apr-29-21), \$270 (Aug-10-21). Sold half at \$340 for 20% profit (Nov-2-21). Bot: \$290 (Dec-2-21) AVG: \$285.	247.69	2dc below \$230	ST: \$340 & MT: \$450.			
ABNB	Holding a full position. ABNB broke below the Jul uptrend near \$170 showing weakness. However, it's sholding above key syupport at \$135. The recent bounce up puts ABNB where it was before breaking the Jul uptrend and on path to higher levels ST. Keep your positions.	н	\$149 (Jun-16-21), \$139.50 (Jul-14-21). Sold half at \$170 for average 18% gain. Sold the rest at \$200 for average 38% gain. Bot: \$182 (Nov-23-21), \$170 (Dec-1-21). AVG: \$176.	165.66	2dc below \$130	\$220 & \$250			

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I also believe in an approach that allows us to average in and average out. This is important because averaging in near a low, and averaging out near a peak gives us great profit advantages.

My portfolio is designed for you to follow it down to the penny, but you can also use it as a reference or guide. Or you can just use the individual trades I'm constantly coming up with.

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ABBREVIATIONS				
	1-day close (the share price must close			
	above or below the indicated price level,			
1dc	before our recommendation is activated)			
2dc	2-day close (consecutive)			
bot	bought			
CAD\$	Canadian dollar			
H&S	head & shoulder			
LOC	line on close			
LT	long term			
MT	medium term			
NL	neckline			
PF	portfolio			
PO	price objective			
Recom	recommended			
RH&S	reverse head & shoulder			
RS	relative strength			
ST	short term			
Sym/tri	symmetrical triangle			
Tgt	target			
Unch	unchanged			
Vol	volume			
Wk	week			
Ystdy	yesterday			
С	close			

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