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Market Minute

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Important Last Week



Small-cap Strength!

- S&P 500 clearly through trendline
- Internals strongest of this cycle
- 'Bear Trap' confirmed on the chart
- Tech sector is leading the way higher
- Fresh breakout in financial sector
- Now seeing laggards 'catch-up'
- Moving into a strong period seasonally



Strength in Metals!

- Also seeing significant strength in metals – gold, silver & copper
- Will likely feature next week

Big Picture

Commodities / US\$:

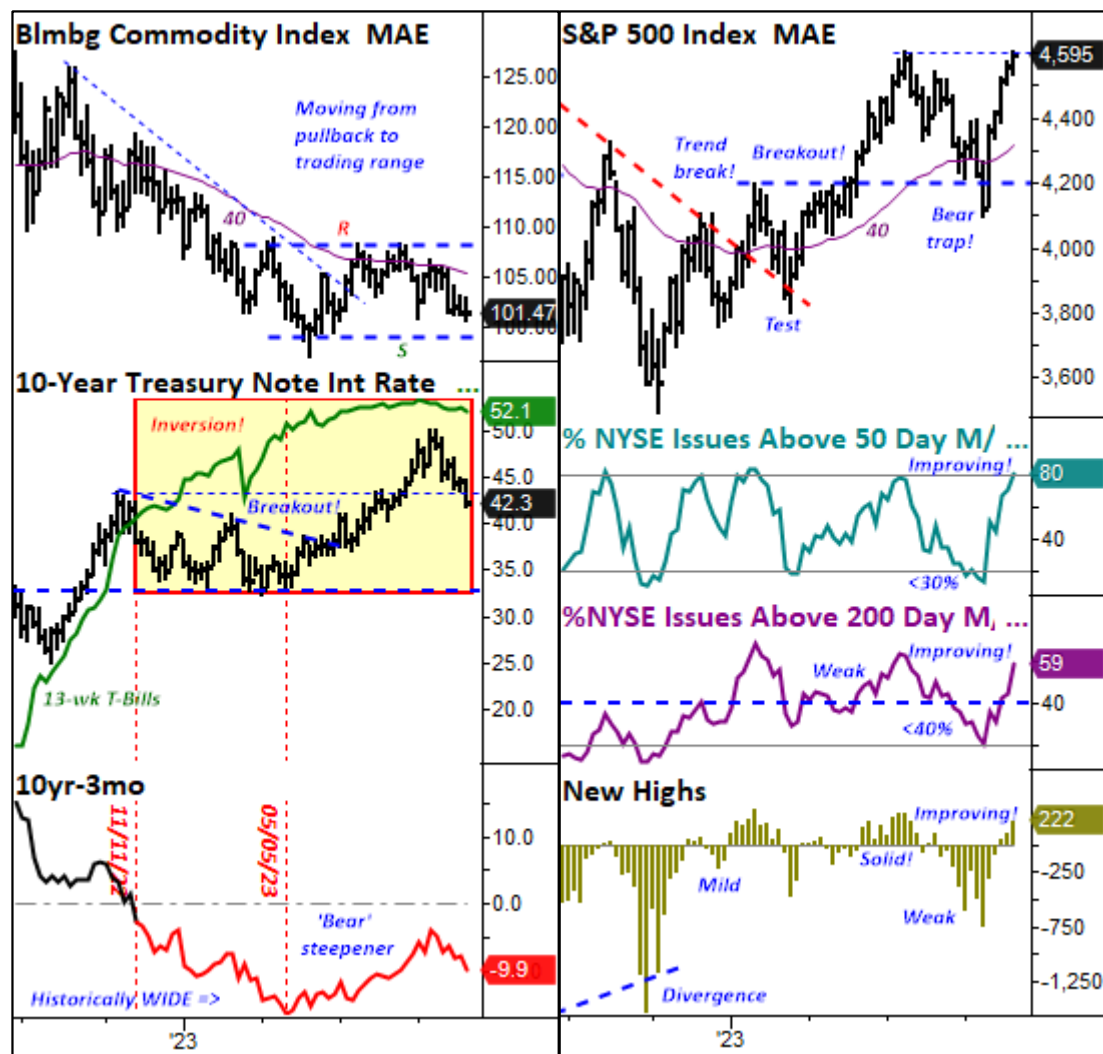
- Commodities emerging from pullback
- Higher rates starting to impact
- Gold responding to mid-east tensions

Yields / Credit:

- 3-mo. T-Bills remain stubbornly firm
- 10-yr. battling 'round number' of 5%
- Yield curve inverted since Nov'22
- Reliable forecaster of recessions
- Average lead time is 12 mo. (range 5-22)

Stocks:

- Saw a typical 'bear market'
- Looks to have formed cyclical bottom
- Internals finally improving nicely
- Have clearly put a 'bear trap' on chart



Trends	LT	Notes
Commodities	▲	Have seen a meaningful pullback. Now firming, which is good news for GDP
Bonds/Rates	▼ / ▲	Rates likely in secular uptrend; US 10-yr. now pressing Oct'22 highs at 4.33%
Stocks	▲	Saw a textbook bear market & cyclical bottom, Christmas rally now underway



About Mike

Mike Hurley, CMT serves as Chief Market Strategist and Portfolio Manager for NexPoint Advisors, L.P.

Prior to joining NexPoint he launched 2 of the first 100 'alternative mutual funds', including the Fusion Global Long/Short Fund (FGLSX) which posted a positive return in 2008 and won the Lipper Performance Achievement Award in the Long/Short category for the one-year period ending December 31, 2008 (ranked #1 of 90).

Mike also served as Chief Technical Strategist for several boutique research firms, including: SoundView Technology Group and E*Offering (The Investment Bank of E*TRADE).

He proudly served in the United States Navy, where he flew over 50 combat missions during Operation Desert Storm, earning two Air Medals.

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