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# **Market Minute**

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## Important Last Week

## **Still Diverging??**

- S&P 500 & NASDAQ still very near highs
- Still seeing divergences now milder ones (B vs. A)
- Both quite extended from 200-day averages

#### **Rotation?**

- Small & mid-caps successfully tested breakouts
- Chinese markets stabilizing
- Last week saw equal weight S&P <u>up</u> while traditional <u>down</u>



## **Big Picture**

## Commodities / US\$:

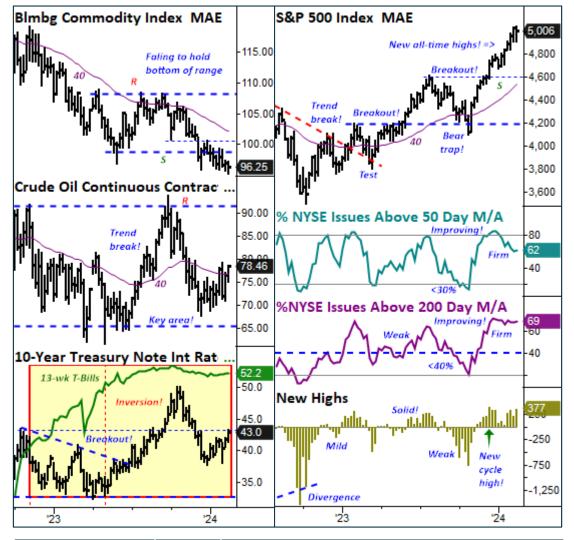
- BCOM unable to hold support at 99
- Crude holding <u>above</u> key \$65 area
- Gold near highs benefiting from unrest

## **Yields / Credit:**

- 3-mo. T-Bills seeing support at 5.20%
- 10-yr. failed at 5%, and held 33/4%
- Yield curve inverted since Nov'22
- Reliable forecaster of recessions

#### Stocks:

- Saw a typical 'bear market' in 2022
- Now looks to be in typically 'bull market'
- S&P 500 scoring new all-time highs
- Stocks appear healthy longer-term
- Can argue extended over the short-term



Trends	LT	Notes
Commodities		Have seen a meaningful pullback; now testing important support
Bonds/Rates	▼/▲	Rates likely in secular uptrend, have potentially seen high for cycle
Stocks	<b>A</b>	Saw a textbook bear & bottom; likely in middle innings of bull market



#### **About Mike**

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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).

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