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### **Asset Allocation Model**

Long-term sell signal since October when Europe confirmed the US sell signal

World markets entered bear market (major correction) and capital protection key

Valuation	Momentum Model: Buy					Momentum Model: Sell					Momentum Model: Neutral				
very high	Р	С	С	В	В	С	С	С	С	C/B	С	С	С	C/B	C/B
high	Р	Р	C/E	В	В	С	С	С	C/B	В	Р	С	C/B	C/B	C/B
neutral	E/P	E/P	E/B	E/B	E/B	С	С	С	C/B	В	E/P	C/E	C/B	В	В
low	Е	E	E/B	E/B	E/B	P/E	C/E	C/E	C/B	C/B	E/P	C/E	E/B	E/B	E/B
very low	Е	E	Е	Е	E/B	E	Е	E/B	E/B	E/B	Е	E	E/B	E/B	E/B

very low low neutral high very high very low low neutral high very high very low low neutral high very high

Volatility

#### Stoxx S&P MSCI Emerging Markets

E = Equity, High Yield Bonds

B = Barrier

P = Protection / Participation / Hedge funds

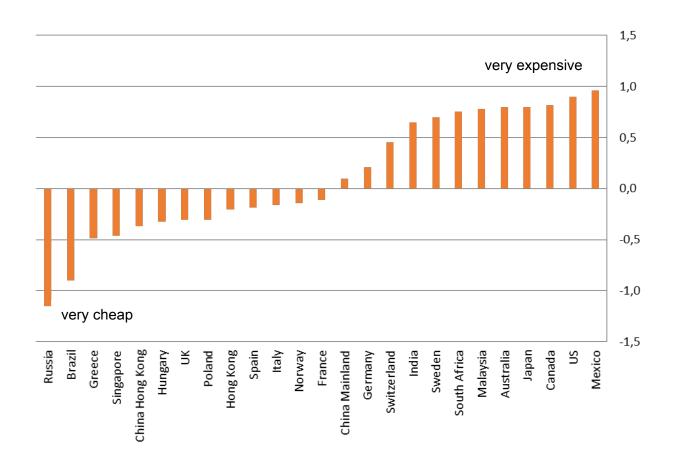
C = Cash / Quality bonds





#### Valuation Monitor in local currencies

Eastern and Southern Europe cheap, North America and Southeast Asia mostly expensive



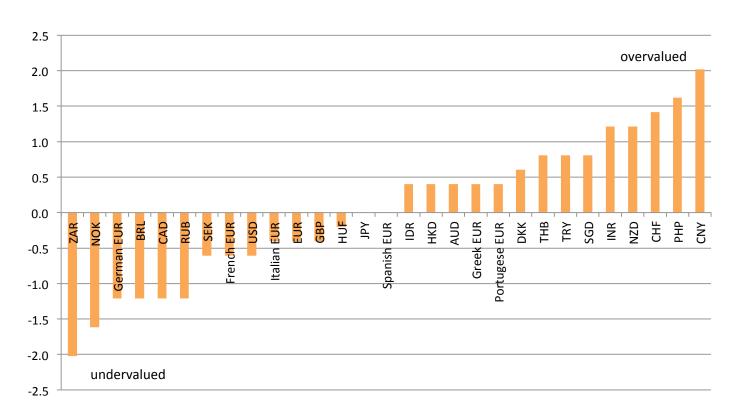




### **Currency Monitor**

Trade weighted real exchange rates

British pound has corrected overvaluation against EUR and USD and is now about fair value EURUSD fair value around current levels



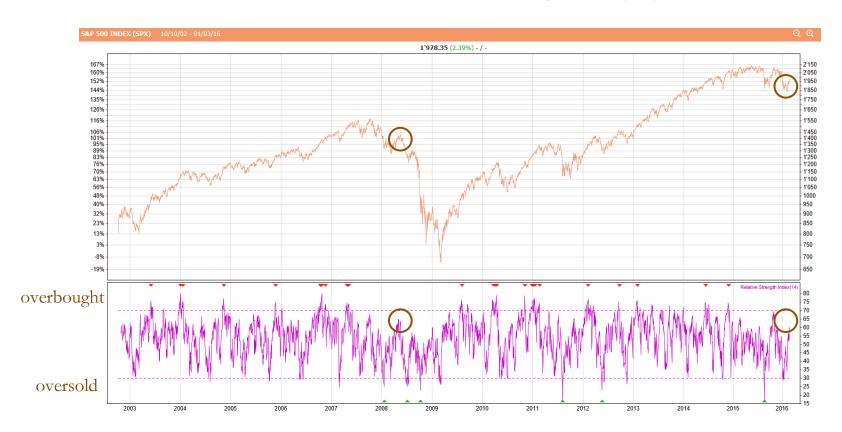




## How to play the bear market

Current rally is approaching target zone, if compared to 2008

To validate our bear market scenario, it should not reach overbought territory anymore



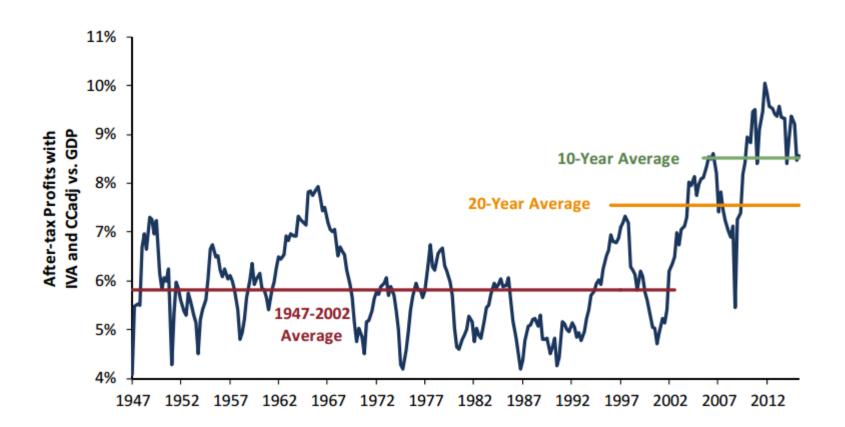
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# Deteriorating profit cycle

US profit margins falling from high levels, but still elevated



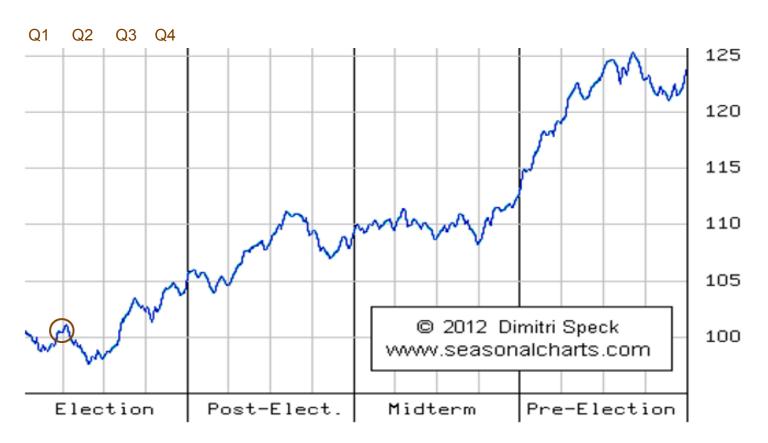
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#### If history repeats...

...the current rally would end in the next weeks, followed by an ugly second quarter



Data: Dow Jones 1897-2011, 28 Presidential cycles

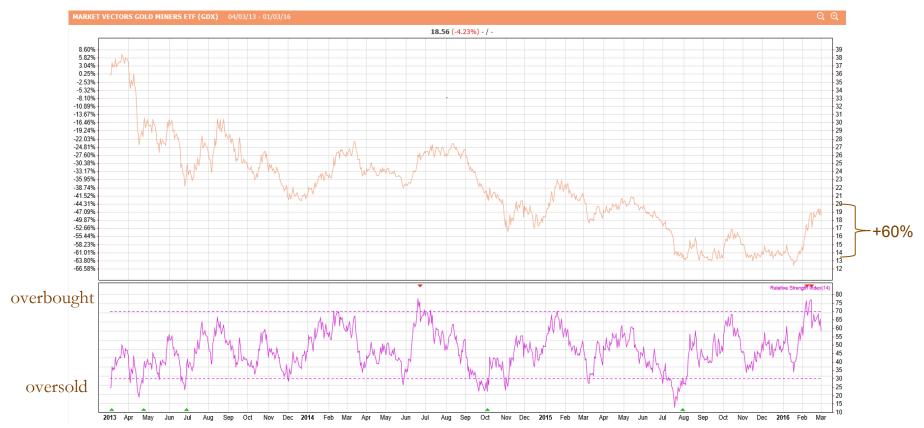




## Gold mining stocks

Gold stocks exploded 60% from the low in January We took profits and are waiting for a re-entry point

To validate our bull market scenario, the pullback should not reach oversold territory anymore (opposite of slide 6)

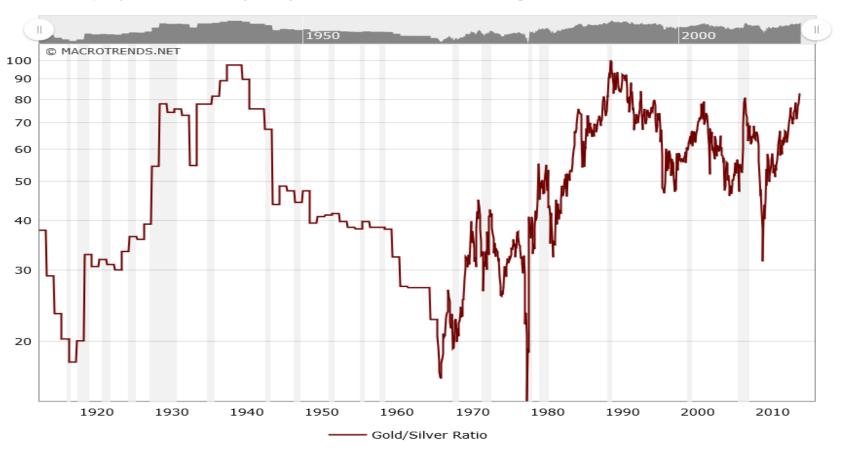


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#### **Silver**

Should we miss the re-entry into Gold mining stocks, we get another opportunity in Silver The Gold to Silver ratio is at an extreme of 83 (1225/14.8), which was only surpassed in 1938 and 1990 Silver usually lags Gold at the beginning of a bull market, but catches up as it lasts





### **Summary**

- Asset Allocation Model still on sell for equities and high yield bonds (page 3)
- Seasonality: positive for March, but negative for second quarter (page 8)
- Profit margins are decreasing (page 7)
- Risk of a sharp short-term pullback in Gold mining stocks (page 9)
- Silver very attractive compared to Gold, but too early to play the story (page 10)

Take away:

Falling markets are a painful necessity to correct high valuations
Hedging helps to protect capital and to keep buying power
As correction advances, we will reduce stepwise the hedging (protection) and add new investments



## Strategy implementation

- Little exposure to markets, wait and see
- Performance mainly driven by Alternative Investments
- Reducing Alternative Investments further to increase flexibility and buying power
- Buy Structured Products into spiking volatility
- Buy Emerging Market equities into further plunging markets
- Gold Mining stocks: Sold positions after 60% rally from the lows, waiting for re-entry
- High Yield Corporate bonds: Increase positions into spiking corporate bond yields





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