

Likes/Dislikes - August 30, 2019

Below are Evergreen Gavekal's Likes/Dislikes for August 30, 2019.

OUR CURRENT LIKES AND DISLIKES

Changes highlighted in **bold**.

LIKE

- Large-cap growth (focus on lower P/E issues within this style; i.e., “growth at a reasonable price”)
- Some international developed markets (especially Japan)
- Publicly-traded pipeline partnerships (MLPs and other mid-stream energy securities) yielding 7%-15% (**accelerate the pace of accumulation after the recent sharp correction**)
- Gold-mining stocks (hold off on buying for now due to the on-going rally; **some profit-taking is advisable**)
- Gold (be prepared for a near-term correction; longer term, however, the breakout above \$1400 is impressive)
- Select blue chip oil stocks (**accelerate purchases with these, as well**)
- One- to two-year Treasury notes
- Canadian dollar-denominated short-term bonds
- Short-term investment grade corporate bonds (1-2 year maturities)
- Emerging market (EM) bonds in local currency (accumulate as we expect the US dollar to weaken after the recent bout of strength; USD weakness is positive for EM debt)
- Large-cap value (**the severe weakness seen in August in many of these issues has produced a long list of compelling bargains but further weakness is entirely possible; the US stock market looks precarious to us presently**)
- Intermediate-term Treasury bonds (buying longer maturities less aggressively due to the recent big bond rally; however, we continue to see decent value in very high grade 3- to 7-year US bonds)
- Japanese Yen (positive over the long term, but expect a decent correction)
- Copper producers
- British pound currency (use a tight stop on this)
- **South Korean Equities (trade war concerns are valid and the semi-conductor industry has slumped, but this offers a long term entry point)**
- **High-dividend yield equities with safe distributions (as interest rates disappear, investors will go searching for yield)**

NEUTRAL

- Most cyclical resource-based stocks
- Mid-cap growth
- Emerging stock markets; however, a number of Asian developing markets appear undervalued
- Canadian REITs
- Intermediate-term investment-grade corporate bonds, yielding approximately 4%

- US-based Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)
- Long-term investment grade corporate bonds
- Small-cap growth
- Preferred stocks
- Mexican stocks (after a healthy rally, we have sold all of our REIT holdings)
- Cash
- Solar Yield Cos (PG&E risk is rising again; taking profits in one of the more Calif-exposed companies)
- Intermediate municipal bonds with strong credit ratings (due to this year's powerful rally)
- Long-term municipal bonds
- Long-term Treasury bonds
- **Silver (profit taking is reasonable after the recent run)**

DISLIKE

- Small-cap value
- Mid-cap value
- Lower-rated junk bonds
- Floating-rate bank debt (junk)
- US industrial machinery stocks (such as one that runs like a certain forest animal, and another famous for its yellow-colored equipment)
- BB-rated corporate bonds (credit spreads widened significantly during the 4th quarter of 2018 but have declined sharply this year; we expect renewed widening in the months ahead) * **
- European banks
- Investment-grade floating rate corporate bonds (reducing exposure to these as Fed rate cuts are increasingly likely)
- US dollar
- Traditionally "safe" sectors such as Staples and Utilities due to elevated debt and valuation concerns

* Credit spreads are the difference between non-government bond interest rates and treasury yields.

** Some BB-rated issues are currently attractive despite our spread-widening fears.

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