

Keen monthly insights on both the economy and the markets

THE ECONOMY

The gap between Leading and Coincident Economic Indicators continued to widen last month, forming what some economists are calling ‘the jaws of death’. While arguably on the dramatic side, it is fair to note these tools were designed to work sequentially, with the leading index foreshadowing moves in the economy.

While we remain open to the idea that the indicators may not work as designed this time around (and the US avoids a recession), we are starting to see evidence line up on the side of the bears. For example, Bloomberg’s Economic Surprise Index moved sharply lower during Q2, indicating more data points came in weaker than expected, than stronger.

Finally, the US yield curve remains a worry. It has been inverted since Nov’22, and as we noted last month, a yield curve inversion has led every recession in the US since 1968, by 5-22 months. Now at 20, it suggests the US may indeed be overdue.

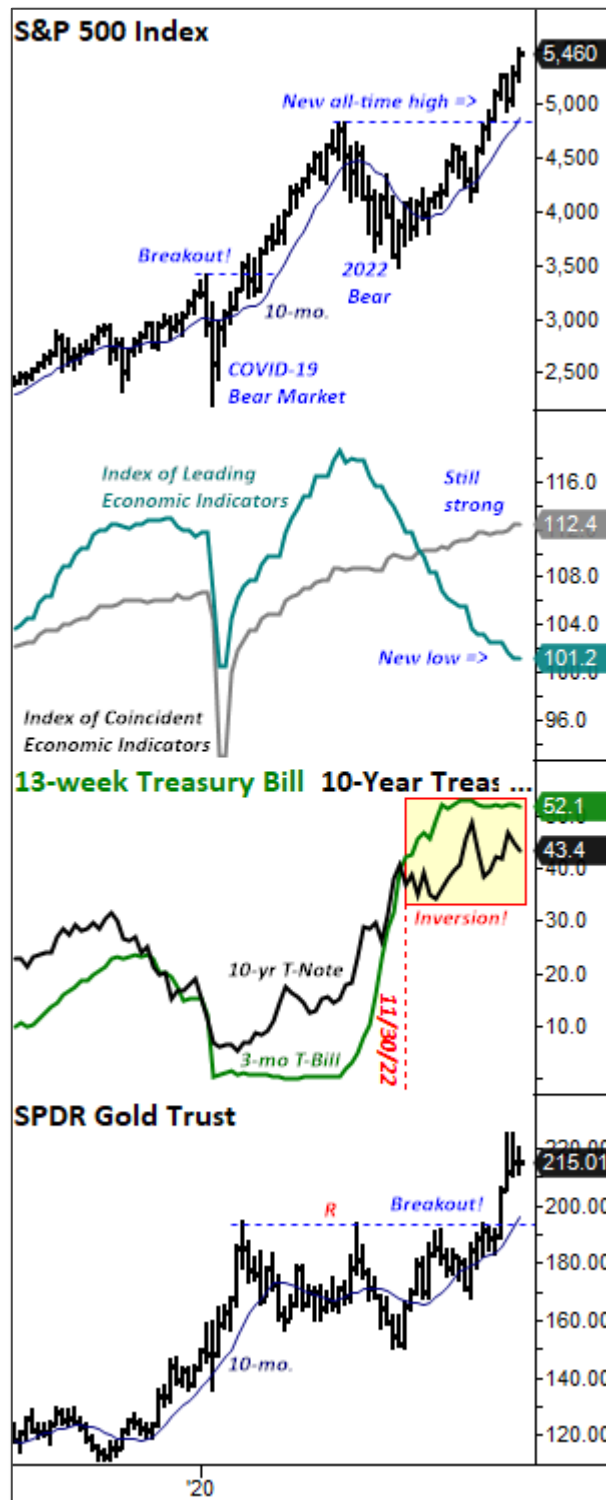
THE MARKETS

Regarding stocks, the bull market marches on. Breadth continues to narrow however, which suggests they could see a pullback at any time. Should one develop, we continue to believe it would most likely be healthy consolidation and not a cyclical top.

That being said, we are always open to the potential for a short market cycle and believe the small-cap stocks will be a good leading indicator of a major market top.

Finally, gold remains one of our favorite investments. The shiny yellow metal continues to digest its recent gains in a healthy manner, and any pullback to the 190-200 area on GLD would likely find strong support.

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Charts courtesy of TradeStation, as of June 28, 2024

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- 1) Maintain higher cash levels when we're expecting a cyclical downturn, or 'bear' market
- 2) Add gold to portfolios during periods of inflation
- 3) Tilt fixed income positions based on credit conditions and the trends in interest rates

We offer Conservative, Moderate and Aggressive models, which use stock/bond ratios of 40/60, 60/40 & 80/20, as their starting points, respectively.

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