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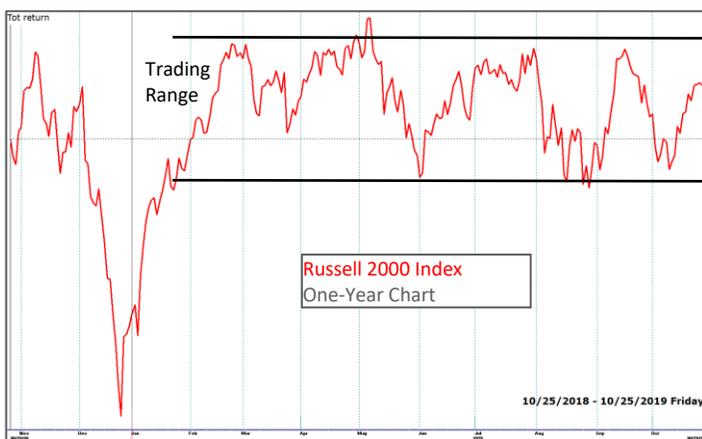
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The **S&P 500 Composite Index**, as well as most large-cap stock indices, are close to piercing through the top of a multi-month trading range. The S&P 500 Composite Index closed on Friday just shy of its all-time high set back in July of this year. We should know fairly soon if the index can definitively break above this level or whether this area of resistance will serve as a ceiling over the market once again.



Small-cap stocks have also trended higher over the last few weeks, however they remain entrenched in the middle of a nine-month trading range. The **Russell 2000 Index** remains about 2% below the top of its trading range. An upside breakout in small-cap stocks would certainly be a positive for the overall market.



The **Developed World ex-U.S. ETF** (symbol SPDW), which primarily represents the financial markets of Japan, United Kingdom, Canada, France, Switzerland, Germany and Australia, has recently broken out of its trading range. While still below its all-time high set back in January 2018, the recent upside break out represents a change in the balance that has existed for most of this year. It is unlikely that the U.S. financial market will slow down while the rest of the developed world is moving higher.

As I finish writing my weekly note this morning, the futures markets are set for a positive opening with stocks across the market capitalization spectrum moving higher. Junk bonds (not shown) are also trending up above their 50-day moving average indicating a positive market environment. The market appears to be set up in a positive manner as we enter a seasonally strong time of the year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the RGB Capital Group Annual Meeting this Saturday (either in person or virtually through our webcast). If you have any questions you would like to submit in advance of the meeting, please send me an email.

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