



RGB Perspectives

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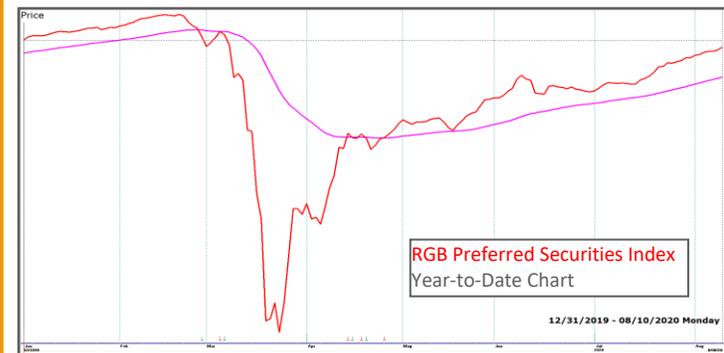
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The **S&P 500 Index** remains within a well-defined uptrend channel. The index is up 4% year-to-date and less than 1% from its all-time high set back in February prior to the pandemic induced decline. While there continues to be a flurry of issues for the market to be concerned about, including continued spread of the coronavirus, political gridlock in Washington D.C., escalating tensions with China, and a polarized election to name a few, the stock market continues to march higher. Increased market volatility is certainly a risk in this type of market environment.



However, there are several asset classes that are trending up on significantly less volatility than the equity market. The **RGB Junk Bond Index**, for example, is trending up at a 40+% annualized rate of return over the last three months but is not subject to the day-to-day volatility of the stock market. The volatility of the RGB Junk Bond Index is approximately one-third the volatility of the S&P 500 during that time.



Preferred securities are also trending up on very low volatility. In fact, the volatility of the **RGB Preferred Securities Index** is trending up at a 30+% annualized rate of return on one-fourth the volatility of the S&P 500 Index over the last three months.



The **RGB High-Yield Municipal Bond Index**, is trending up at a 40+% annualized rate of return on one-tenth the volatility of the S&P 500 over the last three months. This is an exceptional risk-adjusted return!!

The RGB Core and Balanced strategies are focused on identifying the good risk-adjusted returns available in the market place, such as the examples outlined above, and taking advantage of these trends when they present themselves. These trends will not last forever, but I will strive to take benefit from them as long as they last. All RGB investment strategies are positive month-to-date and year-to-date.

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