



RGB Perspectives

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The **S&P 500 Index** is in a long-term downtrend (T1) and a strong intermediate-term uptrend (T2). Over the next week or so, one of these trendlines will likely be broken. Either the intermediate-term uptrend will fail with a break below T2 or the recent rally will decisively break above T1.



Other stock market indices have already broken above the long-term downtrend line. The **NYSE Composite Index**, for example, broke above T1 earlier this month and remains in a strong intermediate-term uptrend (T2). This is a positive market development.



Junk bonds are confirming the positive market environment. The **BAML High-Yield Master II Index** is trending above its 50-day moving average indicating that overall market risk has subsided over the last several weeks.

Investors continue to have plenty to worry about including whether inflation has peaked, how future Fed policy will impact the financial markets and whether the US economy is headed for a recession in 2023. While we don't know what the future holds, it is clear the overall market environment has improved, and conditions look favorable for both stocks and the low volatility investments that we use in the RGB Capital Group Core and Balanced strategies. I continue to add exposure to both these strategies at a measured pace. The RGB Flex+ strategy remains fully invested.

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