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Equity Market and Sector Deep Dive

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## Macro: Speed kills.



## Labor market remains tight.



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## Can Fed achieve soft landing?



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## Falling inflation bullish for stocks.



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#### Recession call has big implications for the bear market.



#### Recession not priced in for most sectors.



#### Fundamentals: Speed of earnings slowdown matters.



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# Q4 earnings season off to weak start.



#### Earnings estimates appear too high.



## Valuations have compressed, but stocks still not cheap.



## Technicals/sentiment: More breadth thrust signals.



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#### Growth sectors leading to begin the year.



#### Ten of 11 sectors trade above their 200-day moving averages.



### Relative breadth trends favor cyclical sectors.



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### Sentiment at extreme optimism but offset by strong breadth.



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# Defensive/Cyclical: Starting to look like a bull market.



## Early Cycle Composite catching up to average bull case.



### Sector model shifting more cyclical.



## **Growth/Value:** FANMAG needs to find a bottom for a Growth comeback.



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#### Mega-caps dictate Growth sector performance.



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#### **Commodities:** Crude curve moving towards contango.



#### Largest crude drawdowns have occurred in contango, not backwardation.



## **Positioning:** Overweight equities for the first time in nearly a year.



# Shifted more cyclical in January.







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