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"If socialists understood economics they wouldn't be socialists."

- Friedrich A. Hayek, Nobel Laureate, Austrian Theory of Economics

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THE STOCK MARKET

A very important time in the market cycle has arrived. Now we will see if all our signals this year have been correct in regard to the larger market trends. Clairvoyance of course is not part of our tool kit, nor anyone else's. We go by the weight of the evidence of what we have learned the past 41 years in this business and more years trading for ourselves since college.

Experience is most important at this time. As someone said decades ago, "history may not repeat, but it rhymes."

As we predicted several weeks ago, we are seeing one sector after another deteriorating while the indices are supported to give the illusion that the market is still "great."

Even retail investors have jumped into the market, reaching record low cash levels. <u>According to Schwab</u>, client cash levels are now at a record low to 10.4% of their assets. This is the same level it was at in late-January, right before the markets turned lower for a correction.

Be careful when you are in the majority. The masses never make money. After all, someone has to own the stocks on the way down. And Wall Street firms don't want to do that.

This is the time for patience to pay off. The preliminary negative signals of the past three weeks are increasing but not getting much attention. As long time subscribers know, at important market turns we love being in "the winning minority."

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The major indices were up ahead of the Fed meeting statement on Wednesday, September 26th. But in the last hour of trading, after the smart money had attracted the bulls and sold, the indices declined pretty quickly.

By the close that day, all four major indices were negative with the Dow closing at its low for the day, down 106 points. The Russell 2000 was by far the weakest, falling 1%. These are potentially important, bearish reversals.

Look at the bearish, longer-term breakdown of the regional bank ETF, KRE. The breakdown of this sector on the 26th is bearish.



The KRE now has a bearish "head & shoulder" top.

On September 20th, the WSJ wrote that stocks with the **highest P/E ratios** -- i.e. lowest earnings to price ratios -- have had **the best performance** this year.

Well, finally they are writing what we have written for the last 6 months, except that our analysis shows that stocks **without any earnings** have been among the best performers.

What's very important is that the number of stocks hitting 52-week lows recently outnumbers the stocks hitting new 52-week highs. That's incredible considering that two major indices -- DJI and S&P 500 -- are near, or at, all-time highs. The rally has been manipulated as never before.

The top **10 performers** this year gained 122% of the S&P 500. That means that the other stocks actually, on average, were down.

All this confirms our observations of the past 6 months; this is a bear market rally designed to fool the largest number of people.

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The chart below of the DJI this year shows exactly what we've been saying:



Note that the rally into the January high occurred on rising volume while the volume has been declining the entire time since February. That suggests that the September 21st high was a secondary top, although it made a new high. **Secondary tops often do this**.

This is similar to 2007 when our bearish conclusions were believed only by the small minority of astute observers with years of experience. High enthusiasm was wide-spread. Financial TV featured only the bulls.

But the warning flags were flying in our analysis. We predicted a global crisis to occur in 2008 in our book published in January 2008, *Prelude to Meltdown*. The media never mentioned the book. It would have interfered with the bullish agenda.

On Friday, September 28th, financial TV finally had two people from the private equity side who were quite bearish. One said that "valuations of stocks are scary." Another used the word "excessive." Congratulations to the network for at least inviting a few bears.

Another Big Clue: The cost for global financial entities to hedge FX risk (currency risk on dollar bond holdings) soared a big 10%-15% last Thursday, according to BAML. That's the biggest surge since the last global crisis in 2008.

As we have often explained over the past 41 years, banks reduce or hedge risk exposure for regulatory purposes going into year end. And that causes a tightening of liquidity.

This year it is worse because many large US entities have repatriated dollars held offshore because of the change in tax laws, exacerbating the shortage.

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Remember our "Theory of Liquidity & Credit": when liquidity tightens, stock markets decline, and vice versa. During the part in the cycle, forget earnings and all the irrelevant stuff you hear in the media. When liquidity tightens, all those metrics don't matter.

Conclusion: When predicting the future, there is never absolute certainty. However, our analysis since early this year said that the entire rally of the past 7 months was a bear market rally. Each step along the way this has been confirmed even when financial manipulation moved some of the major indices to new highs.

The only time we consider reversing our outlook is when the evidence goes contrary to what it should have been. We may be wrong at times, in fact we almost guarantee it, but we don't stay wrong when the evidence changes.

THE CHARTIST'S VIEW

We had cautioned since mid-September about the IWM (ETF for the Russell 2000) to watch chart support for a potentially negative break. That happened three days ago on September 26th. Here is the chart:



That makes the late August upside breakout a "false breakout." Before the days of HFT, these were reliably bearish and led to sharp declines. The past years, the declines were not that sharp. However, because of all the other negative signals, **this time it could signal something important.** It broke the 50-day m.a. to the downside that same day (not shown).

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The chart of the NYSE COMP vs the S&P 500 is very revealing. You remember all the statistics we have given the past months of how the S&P 500 is manipulated by 10-12 stocks, which account for virtually all of the gains of the index this year.

The NYSE COM includes ALL the stocks on the NYSE, about 2300. Obviously, that makes it much more relevant. Note the huge spread between the two. That will close. And that will come through a plunge in the S&P, in our opinion.



We have a number of measures determining what all the stocks are doing, not just the indices dominated by a few stocks. Here is the chart of "stocks 1 standard deviation (channel) above their 200-day m.a." It may sound complicated, but it isn't.



Note how the indicator has correlated with the S&P 500 for several months....until August 29th. And then an important divergence started, with the S&P 500 rising to a new high, and the indicator declining. That's a warning signal.

Now we will find out if classical, advanced technical analysis still works in this environment of HFT and algo-trading outfits, which account for 70%-80% of daily volume. We are curious ourselves to see which force will be more powerful. We should know soon.

You can see that artificial factors, such as HFT, are controlling the markets, not true "fundamentals" that all the analysts talk about all day long.

Joe Saluzzi, co-founder of Themis Trading LLC, outspoken exchange expert, and author of the excellent exposé *Broken Markets*, says:

"I think that this market is just filled with fraud, filled with manipulation, filled with all sorts of abuses."

This is similar to what we have written for years. Hearing it from someone else in the investment business may be important.

Saluzzi wrote:

"But the unfair advantages that HFTs enjoy, as well as their threat to market stability, are still very real. If we don't continue to fight to bring them under control, we risk a vicious downdraft during the next big market crisis should the algos instantly exit in a panic: If the HFT algos get spooked and stop trading, then you've got a major problem."

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Therefore, technical indicators that were so dependable for us for decades are now sometimes used to trap smart traders. Thus, we have to add more data, which we don't reveal, in order not to tip off the HFT and the algo-traders.

CANNABIS

Cannabis stocks are in the news again. Valuations are out of this world. You can't value the stock on a P/E because they have no earnings. So they have "per sales" ratios, which are all at triple-digit "per sales" ratios, not P/E.

Tilray is the worst, selling at 971 times sales. Imagine, if you buy the stock, you are paying \$971 for each dollar of sales. If you invest 10,000, it will take you 971 years of sales proceeds to get your money back, assuming the company has zero expenses. This is worse than "crazy."

Even the well-established medical marijuana firm from Britain, GWPH, is selling at about 250 times sales. These prices make the roulette tables in a casino very attractive in comparison.

On September 18th the Cannabis (marijuana) sector soared. We wrote in our *Smarte Trader*:

The cannabis stocks rebounded nicely today based on a news item that a Canadian company, Tilray (TLRY), got US government approval to import marijuana into the US for clinical trials. The US government still considers the weed "illegal."

It seems that the buyers of the stock don't know how to read, or think this is the first step for legalizing it in the US.

Tilray IPO'd a few months ago at 17 and today closed at 155. In after-hours, it jumped to 161. This must be a huge short squeeze. It has no earnings. We consider the news insignificant. There is plenty of the weed grown in the US. Why import it?

On September 19th, Tilray's stock **spiked from \$161 to a high of \$300**. That's not a typo. Incredible!

It then **plunged 50% to \$151 in 45 minutes**, then shot back up and closed at 214. It was so volatile that trading was halted five times during the day by NASDAQ. All the speculators, bulls or bears, probably got cleaned out.

Crazy actions like these are often seen near market tops just to keep the speculative spirit alive while the big money sells stocks to raise cash. It's that last spurt that is the most treacherous.

This must be a huge short squeeze. Citron Research has been on financial TV for some time mentioning that TLRY was one of their shorts. Well, when a short sale rises 3-6 times in price in a short time, it can threaten your financial health. The float of the stock is about 10 million out of a total over 76 million issued, perfect for manipulating a short-squeeze.

Volume on the stock was over 30 million today, meaning that each share of float was traded 3 times. Amazing! This is a "key reversal." The top has probably been made for a long time. This was a classic "blow-off."

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After Tilray tripled in price in 4 days (to an intraday high on 9/19), you will now see an avalanche of new cannabis companies coming out, or already public penny stocks changing their name to "xyz cannabis." It will be just as the crypto-currencies and stocks adding "blockchain" to their name (see RIOT and LBCC). The late-comers will be wiped out.

These stocks remind us of the boom in the crypto-currencies. They soared thousands of percent, and then collapsed, some more than 90%, others going out of business, in spite of touting Bitcoin on TV almost daily.

We would stay away on either side.

A PLOT TO DESTROY TESLA?

The recent negative headlines surrounding Elon Musk and Tesla continue to emerge. We ask, could this be part of a bigger plot to take down either Musk or his electronic car company? Tesla stock has plunged because its founder, Elon Musk, was facing a Federal civil fraud suit by the SEC. Reason: a tweet by Elon Musk regarding taking the company private. Amazing!

His tweet included two words, which the SEC frowned upon: "Funding secured." He mentioned the idea of TSLA going private. Those two words could also mean that whoever funds the going private would have his capital secured. In our layman's view, this suit was flimsy.

The latest: over last weekend, Elon Musk settled with the SEC in order not to hurt the company. At first he rejected a deal to settle with the SEC, but finally agreed to a modified version on Saturday September 29th. He has to pay a \$20 million fine and step down as chairman of Tesla for three years, but remains as CEO. This is a good settlement for the company and for Musk.

A "MUST" READ

We were doing some reading in our own book recently, <u>FINANCIAL APOCALYPSE</u>, which we wrote in 2011 after the last global crisis. It is a chronology of what happened in 2008 and the warnings we gave along the way based on all the clues and charts that Wall Street analysts didn't mention.

It is a great guide to the next crisis. It is a terrific way even for us to recall the details.

Anyone who doesn't read this book is ignoring the greatest guide available. In fact, every member of the Fed Board, and every executive of Wall Street firms, should read it in order to recognize the clues for the next crisis. It's only \$25 (+ s/h)\$ while supplies last.

FED POLICY: "UNTIL SOMETHING BREAKS"

The Fed hiked the Fed Funds rate 0.25% percentage points again last week, as expected by perhaps 99% of all analysts. No surprise because it replicates every other mistake of the Fed in history. The mistake is

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that they continue to hike frequently although they admit that it takes 18-24 months for the effects to be felt.

And then they say they are dependent on incoming data. In effect, they depend on old data, without anticipating the explosion of the time bomb they have planted. It's like driving a car looking only into the rear view mirror to see where the road is going. Result: CRASH!

There is an old wisdom: "The Fed Always Hikes Until It Breaks Something." Depend on it!

This is the 8th hike since late 2015, to the highest level since October 2008. That was just after the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

Imagine, the Fed hiked rates several weeks after the biggest financial collapse on Wall Street in history. Blind, deaf, and dumb? In 2008, their rate hikes cost trillions of taxpayer money, and many years, to try to repair that mistake.

The Fed probably has better leadership now, with several business executives, who are not economists, at the top. But that is not a guarantee. From 1978-1979 there was a business CEO as Fed chairman. He caused double-digit inflation and double-digit interest rates in short time before he was ousted.

Highly rated economists, however, engineered bigger crises. There was Alan Greenspan (2000-2002) and Bernanke (2008-2009). That opens the question, is the Fed relevant or just another destabilizing factor?

THE FED REVEALS ITS INTENT

Everyone has been guessing how high the Fed wants to push interest rates. Well, we can stop guessing as the Fed told us. Interestingly, many investors were not listening. Here is what they revealed.

The Fed told us they want "neutral rates." What is that? Let's see what Dallas Fed President Robert Kaplan said on the topic:

"The neutral rate of interest is the federal funds rate at which monetary policy is neither accommodative nor restrictive. It is a theoretical concept, meaning that it can't be directly observed—it must be inferred from market and other economic data. Economists' views on this rate are necessarily estimates and inherently uncertain."

He thinks the longer-run, neutral, real rate of interest is in a broad range of a nominal rate of roughly 2.50 to 2.75 percent.

With the current Fed Funds rate at 1.75 to 2 percent, it would take about 3-4 more hikes to get there.

Read the above again. They say they want to reach the "neutral rate" but at the same time admit that rate is a guess. Wonderful. Would you stay on an airliner where the captain says, "I think we are going to Chicago, but that's an estimate. We might end up in Cleveland."

We predict: if the Fed hikes rates to 2.75% over the next 12-months, the markets will be crashing. Therefore, we can only hope that they will realize along the way that they can't get there without causing some severe consequences.

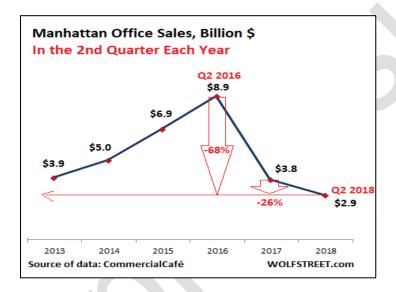
MANHATTAN OFFICE SLUMP

The office market in Manhattan is having indigestion. Diminished demand meets a big increase in supply. It's what happens at all important tops.

Here is what the excellent analyst Wolf Richter writes:

This is what happens when Chinese conglomerates get sidelined by unfortunate events.

In the second quarter, sales of large office properties in Manhattan fell 26% from the same period a year ago. It was the worst Q2 dollar volume in years:



Last year's Q2 sales – as weak as they'd been – were propped up by the last-hurrah-deal undertaken by a Chinese conglomerate. The \$2.2-billion sale of 245 Park Avenue to HNA Group was the sixth largest transaction in Manhattan ever. HNA paid \$1,282 per square foot for the tower, which was called "among the highest price-per-pound for this type of asset." It was the last big Chinese property purchase in Manhattan. This year, Q1 was propped up by the \$2.4-billion sale of Chelsea Market to Google. The deal accounted for over half the total transaction volume in the quarter. The price was a blistering \$2,181 per square foot.

He goes on to explain that supply of new office space is flooding the market. In the first quarter of this year, 3 properties with 1 million sq. ft. hit the market. Then the 80-story World Trade Center with 2.8 million square feet came to market.

An additional total of 4.7 million sq. ft. of office space are scheduled to come to market, including 55 Hudson Yards, a 1.4 million-square-foot 51-story tower.

Conclusion: Oversupply leads to declining rents. That leads to financial pressures on the owners and potential loan defaults. Banks stop making real estate loans and the market comes to a standstill. Many

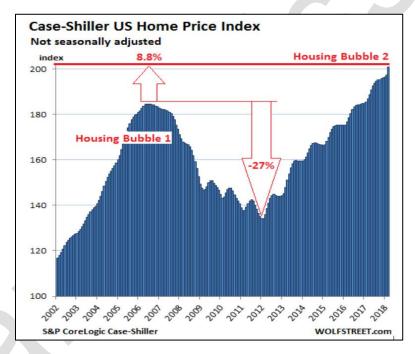
owners had relied on Chinese buyers to be the ultimate exit strategy. The Chinese buyers are virtually gone now. All this leads to financial contraction.

THE REAL ESTATE BUBBLE

There are a number of bubbles in the global financial markets, some of which are imploding now such as the emerging markets, others which are starting to implode (China), and others that are deteriorating.

One bubble that continues is the housing price bubble in the US. Prices are soaring, but sales are not. This is a typical syndrome seen perhaps one year ahead of the decline.

Here is the chart of the current bubble compared to the one ahead of the last global crisis using the Case-Shiller index (via wolfstreet.com). A new high in home prices has been made recently. That means we are in uncharted territory. There is supposedly a shortage of homes. A hike in property taxes will cure that.



Let's look at 'affordability,' i.e. prices vs income. In February 2018, the ratio of the trailing twelve month averages of median new home sale prices in the United States to median household income reached an all-time high value of 5.45; i.e. the typical new home sold in the U.S. cost nearly 5.5 times the annual income earned by a typical American household.

Higher mortgage rates have so far not deterred the buyers. The lack of inventory has kept the market from declining more. But how long can that last?

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THE EU DILEMMA

EU economic indicators are now down **eight consecutive months** in spite of the continuing stimulus by the ECB (central bank). This is why Mario Draghi, head of the ECB, is in a very tough situation.

Most countries in the EU are having big economic and financial problems, such as Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal. That prevents Draghi's ECB from removing stimulus. It is still buying government debt held by the banks to help the countries that are teetering on recession.

Nevertheless, Germany is doing well, and a stimulus now is counterproductive for that country. EU Rules nonetheless require that bond purchases of government debt include 18% from Germany. However, this buying has created a shortage of German "bunds" in the markets.

The banking system needs these securities as collateral for short term liquidity. This is the problem of the EU: it puts all countries into the same basket.

There have been proposals for years to have two separate "baskets": one for strong countries, another for weak countries. The problem with that is that no country wants to be officially classified as "weak." **Only a crisis would bring that change about**.

CHINA

On September 22, China broke off planned tariff talks with the US. It threatened even stronger tariffs on US goods.

Trump is now talking about imposing tariffs on ALL Chinese goods.

China has been ripping off the West's intellectual property (IP) for decades as a condition for doing business in China. Imagine if the US would say to Mercedes, "if you want to sell cars in the US, you will have to give all of your IP (patents) over to GM and Ford." The world would be horrified. But when China did it, no one protested.

Nevertheless, the career politicians who depend on contributions from the big multi-nationals will criticize the US President for his trade initiatives. It's a shame that all US politicians can't be unified in this. Politics always take priority over the benefit to all Americans.

This weekend Merrill Lynch research reported that "<u>China bond defaults increased from below CNY8</u> billion in Jul to CNY14.3 billion from nine issuers in August, making it the highest monthly default amount ever."

This suggests that all the panicky stimulus of the past several months is not working. It just produced a bounce in the stock market from a big plunge, but that should falter now. That could have a domino effect in the emerging markets.

Without much publicity, other western nations are making it very difficult for Chinese firms to acquire firms in their own countries. They don't want their technology stolen.

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From Germany to Britain to Canada, other nations have joined the United States in resisting the sale of technology companies to Chinese firms because of security concerns

Outside the US, Chinese acquisitions have increasingly run into trouble. The German government for the first time vetoed a Chinese takeover – the nuclear equipment maker Yantai Taihai's proposed acquisition of Leifeld Metal Spinning – on national security grounds.

Canada blocked a takeover of the construction firm Aecon by a unit of China Communications Construction for the same reason.

As a result, China's outbound direct investment dropped globally for the first time since 2002, to US \$124.6 billion, from a peak of US \$196.15 billion as recently as 2016,

It's time that nations stick together and realize that China, under the current leadership, is not the friend of the west or of humanity. The leadership is version 2.0 of Mao.

For the west, this is good. The entrepreneurship of the Chinese, if not suppressed by the communists, would challenge the west's at every opportunity. The competition would be enormous. The Chinese are very smart and very hard working. Thus the west might want to encourage the communists. Eventually they would sink in a quagmire, just as Communism did to Russians and member nations of the Soviet Union. The only problem would be on the military side.

For Investors: This escalation of trade disputes with China should be negative for the stock market, more because of the psychological effect than any real damage to the economy. China's problems are spreading to the emerging markets.

China is 40% of the world's growth in economic activity. A Chinese crisis could be the trigger that unleashes the agenda of a market plunge to discredit the President.

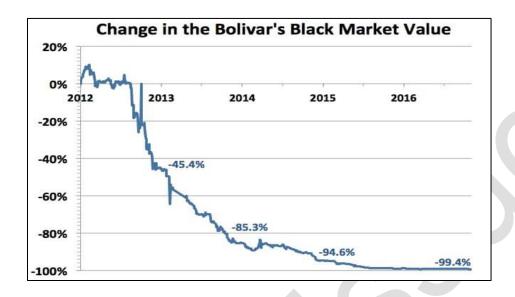
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LATIN AMERICA

Venezuela proves that not only African countries can have hyperinflation, but also Latin America. In July 2017 the US dollar bought 10 Bolivars. Today \$1 buys over 3,200,000 Bolivars.

Anyone who wants to be a millionaire should take \$3 to Venezuela. For all practical purposes, the currency is useless. This is the socialist "utopia," where everyone is a millionaire but can't afford to eat.

The chart shows the change in the Black Market rate of the Bolivar versus the US Dollar, the only real rate, which has declined 99.1% since 2012 through last week.



Maduro, the dictator of the country, recently devalued the currency a huge 95% in one swoop. Most stores stayed close as no one knew how to set prices.

The government raised taxes, gasoline prices, the minimum wage by 3000% to \$30/hour, etc. It was said that Venezuela's inflation was **now greater than the infamous hyperinflation of Germany in the early 1920's.**

Recently, the government created a "crypto-currency," the ETRO, to which the bolivar now would be pegged. Who would want that?

The wave of insanity, that until recently had been confined to governments of certain states such as NY, CA, IL, HI and politicians, is now enveloping entire countries. It's almost like a virus, which has caused an infectious epidemic to be unleashed. This can't end well unless a "cure" is found.

So far, the only potential cure seems to be spelled T-R-U-M-P. But will it be permanent or will the swamp monsters spewing this virus eventually succeed?

In Venezuela, 40% of all stores went out of business in the week after those drastic changes. But a photo showed Maduro eating steak in a luxurious restaurant in Turkey at the same time.

Another socialistic "utopia" is blowing up, causing untold misery for its people. The top politicians still live very well. Bernie, Jim Carey, Cortez, and all the other imbeciles should wake up and start reading about world history instead of just blabbing about the virtues of socialism/communism.

For Investors: Venezuela is just the worst of the emerging markets. Others following such policies will experience a similar fate. This is a great opportunity for short sellers with patience.

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ARGENTINA'S IMF BAILOUT ALREADY INSUFFICIENT

The IMF's record \$50 billion bailout of Argentina is just not big enough. The country asked for, and got, an additional \$7 billion in additional rescue funds last week. How did the markets respond? **The Argentine Peso crashed to new lows.**

There is no confidence in Argentina or the IMF with the same old remedies that haven't worked anywhere for decades. Argentina is now the "canary in the mine" for all of South America.

Argentine Central Bank President Luis Caputo resigned last week, just three months after taking office. He probably saw that the finances were unfixable. The currency has lost half of its value this year. That makes dollar-denominated debt bigger in local currency terms.

Last week Argentina hiked interest rates to 65%. Wow! Do they think this will stimulate the economy and solve the problems?

The only workable solution is a "currency board" as it tried in the 1990's to stabilize the currency. It worked! It's the favorite tool of Dr. Steve Hanke, currency expert and adviser to many countries. It works because it imposes a discipline on the government.

The IMF agreement prohibits Argentina from intervening in the currency market until the peso plunges to a level about 10% down from here. That may happen this coming week. That makes that level a magnet for speculators.

The bureaucrats at the IMF, and the central banks of countries, just don't realize how markets work. Their policies always exacerbate the problems.

For Investors and Traders: Given these problems, and what we discuss below, the emerging markets problems should accelerate in October. Short sales in the weak currencies and stock markets should reap nice rewards.

ITALY

Late last week, Italy's stock market had its biggest decline since February 2016. The reason: next year's budget deficit is much larger than expected. Italy's debt is expected to be downgraded by rating agencies by the end of October. That's not good.

One analyst on TV last week said after the Italian debt problem was reported: "Does anyone care about Italy?"

Well, that attitude prevailed in 2008, when the bulls said, "Who cares about subprime defaults? Who cares about Bear Stearns? Who cares about credit default swaps?"

We have warned about the weak members of the EU the past 7 months. These include Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Greece, i.e. the "PIGS." We are usually early in our warnings. It takes time for the problems of countries to bubble to the surface because the politicians are good at hiding them. But that gives smart active investors time to prepare.

To consider: short the weak countries against the strong ones.

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CONCLUSION: based on our work, the bull market is coming to a halt. It is sputtering. Buybacks, which will start again in mid-October, might offer some support for the big US stocks, but they have nothing to do with small-and mid-caps, nor with stocks around the world.

According to that, the best short sales should be in the emerging markets and the vastly overpriced stocks in the US. This is a great opportunity for active investors.

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