# November 21, 2019

## **Business Cycle Index**

he BCI at 260.0 is up from last week's 259.8, and reached a new high for this business cycle indicated by the BCIp of 100. However, the 6-month smoothed annualized growth BCIg remains at last week's 10.8.

Both BCIp and BCIg are not signaling a recession.

## November 22, 2019

## Market Signals Summary:

The MAC-US model, iM-Low Frequency Timer, and the S&P500 Coppock are invested in the markets, as is the "3-mo Hi-Lo Index of the S&P500" which entered the market on 10/22/2018. The MAC-AU is also invested in the markets. The recession indicators COMP and iM-BClg do not signal a recession. The bond market model avoids high beta (long) bonds, and the yield curve is steepening. The gold Coppock remains invested in gold, however the silver model is in cash. The iM-Gold Timer is in cash. The monthly iM-Google Trend Timer has switched out of the stock-markets on 10/1/2019.

#### MAC-US

The MAC-US model switched into the markets on 2/26/2019. The sell-spread (red line) is above last week's value needs to move below zero to generate a sell signal.

#### 3-mo Hi-Lo Index

The 3-mo Hi-Lo Index of the S&P500 is above last week's level at 7.05% (last week 6.40%), and is invested in the stock market since 10/22/2019.

## Coppock Indicator for the S&P500

The Coppock indicator for the S&P500 entered the market on 5/9/2019 and is invested.

#### MAC-AU

The MAC-AU model is invested in the markets after signaling a buy on February 7, 2019. The sell-spread (red line) is below last week's value and needs to move below zero to generate a sell signal.

## Recession:

#### **COMP**

Figure 3 shows the COMP above last week's downward revised level. No recession is indicated.

## iM-BClg

Figure 3.1 shows the recession indicator iM-BClg at last week's level. An imminent recession is not signaled

#### Forward Rate Ratio

The Forward Rate Ratio between the 2-year and 10-year U.S. Treasury yields (FRR2-10) is above last week's level and is not signaling a recession.

## iM-Low Frequency Timer

The iM-Low Frequency Timer is back in the markets since 1/22/2019.

#### Bond-market:

The BVR-model avoids high beta bonds (long-bonds) and also intermediate duration bonds. The Bond Value Ratio is shown in Fig 4. The BVR is above last week's level. According to the model, only when BVR turns upward after having been lower than the lower offset-line should one consider long bonds again.

#### The Yield Curve:

The yield curve model indicates the trend of the 10-year and 2-year Treasuries yield spread. Figure 5 charts (i10 - i2) shows that the yield curve has formed a trough, is continuing to steep and signaled a buy STPP late October. FLAT and STPP are ETNs; STPP profits from a steepening yield curve and FLAT increases in value when the yield curve flattens. This model confirms the direction of the BVR.

#### Gold:

## Coppock Gold

The modified Coppock Gold indicator shown in Fig 6. This model generated a new buy signal end March 2019 and is invested in gold.

#### **IM GOLD-TIMER**

The iM GOLD-TIMER Rev-1 sold gold on 12/31/2018 and the model is in cash

## Silver:

## Coppock Silver

The modified Coppock Silver indicator shown in Fig 7. This model generated a sell signal early August 2018 and is in cash.

# Monthly Updates

November 1, 2019 (next update December 6, 2019)

## Unemployment

The unemployment rate recession model (article link), has been updated with the October UER of 3.6%. The model does not signal a recession.

## The Dynamic Linearly Detrended Enhanced Aggregate Spread:

The updated level of this indicator, -261bps, near last months -263bps, confirms the January 2017 signal. Based on past history a recession could have started as early as October 2017, but not later than August 2020. The average lead time to previous recessions provided by DAGS was 15 months which had indicated a possible recession start as early as April 2019. (Note: All our other recession indicators are far from signal a recession.)

#### CAPE-Cycle-ID

Fig 9a depicts the CAPE-Cycle-ID and the year-on-year rate-of-change of the Shiller CAPE; the level switched from 0 to +2 end of October-2019.

To avoid the bear market, exit stocks when the spread between the 5-month and 25-month moving averages of S&P-real becomes negative and simultaneously the CAPE-Cycle-ID score is 0 or -2.

## Estimated Forward 10-Year Returns

The estimated forward 10½ year annualized real return increased from 6.2% to 6.4% with a 95% confidence interval: 5.0% to 7.7 (previous 4.9% to 7.6%).

#### iM-GT Timer

Fig-10.-2-1-2019The iM-GT Timer, based on Google Search Trends Volume is out the markets since 10/1/2019.

## Trade Weighted USD

The trend of Trade Weighted \$ value is indeterminate and remains strong even though federal fund rates have been reduced.

#### TIAA Real Estate Account

The 1-year rolling return for the end of last month is 5.61%, up from last month. A sell signal is not imminent.

#### iM imarketsignals.com iM's Business Cycle Index (BCI) 10/24 10/31 11/07 11/14 11/21 Date **BCIp, BCI and BCIg** BClp 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 updated to November 21, 2019 On past performance, BClp = 100 can be 259.5 260.0 interpreted as an average one year "time-to-259.2 259.2 259.8 BCI live" to a recession. BClg 10.7 10.6 10.7 10.8 10.8 100 320 BCIp: The BCI in off-peak-mode 300 **BClp** 280 5 day average of S&P 500 On past performance, when BCIp moved 260 from above to below 25 a recession **BCI: the Business Cycle Index** followed, on average, 20 weeks later 240 **BCI** S&P500/10 500/10 - -20 180 30 **BClg** growth of BCI and added to it 20 160 140 On past performance, when BClg moved : the g from above to below zero a recession 120 -10 followed, on average, 11 weeks later 100 -20

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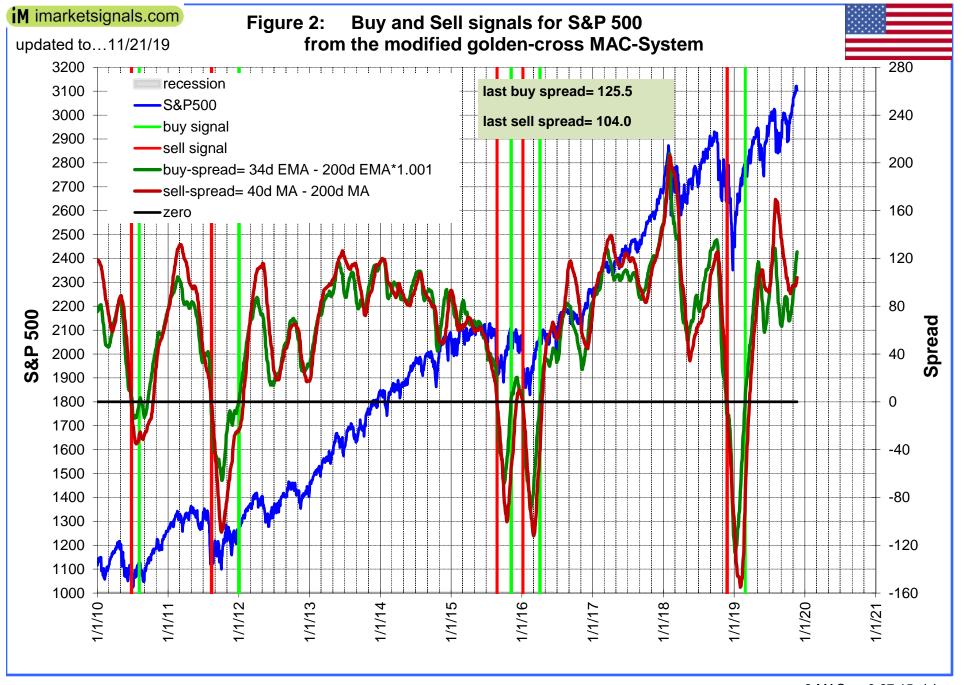


Fig 2.1: Buy and Sell signals for the Australia All Ordinaries Index from the MAC-AU System



