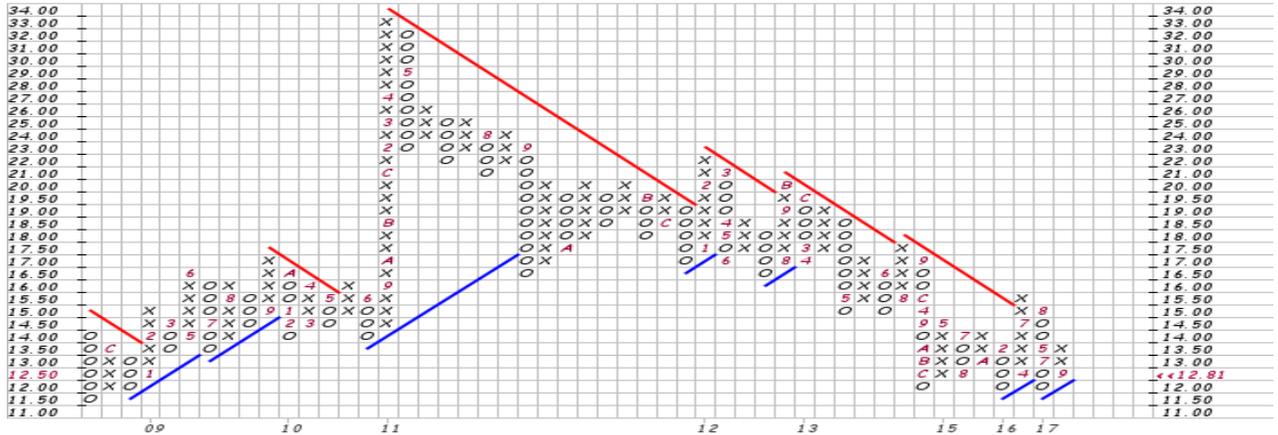


Starboard Weekly Report Ending December 22, 2017 Charts of the Week

\$SILVER:\$GOLD Silver - Continuous Contract (EOD)/Gold - Continuous Contract (EOD) CME
20-Dec-2017, 14:30 ET, daily, O: 12.736, H: 12.854, L: 12.721, C: 12.819, Chg: +0.042 (0.33%)

Scaling: Traditional [Reversal: 3]

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AG First Majestic Silver Corp. NYSE
21-Dec-2017, 15:05 ET, monthly, O: 6.65, H: 7.835, L: 6.25, C: 7.66, V: 39125452, Chg: +0.99 (14.84%)
P&F Pattern Low Pole Reversal on 01-Sep-2017
Scaling: Traditional [Reversal: 3]

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The daily top chart, from StockCharts.com, is the comparison to Silver and Gold as they trade on the commodity markets. The monthly chart on the bottom is First Majestic (AG), a silver stock that is widely held in many of our accounts.

TECHNICAL

All I want for Christmas is for the Silver relative strength chart to behave like it did in 2015 and 2016. When it has a stronger relative strength to gold, this usually indicates an up signal for precious metals in general. It appears that silver is about to break out of its consolidation with gold, as denoted by the three “O” s from 15 through 17 on the bottom left of the top chart. We have turned up from that triple bottom but need to break the old high of 15.5 made in 2016 before we can declare a real reversal in precious metals. One stock that has participated with a great deal of volatility is AG. It really moved in 2009 through 2011 and actually recording a 33 times increase in price during that period. The move in 2016 was over 6 times from February through August. An attachment to the email has a brief fundamental report worth reviewing.

FUNDAMENTAL

Silver is a precious metal as well as an industrial metal. It will have increased demand as the new clean air electrification of our planet takes place. Attached is an internet article entitled “Silver’s Uses are Endless”. Surprisingly, its place as a precious metal currency hedge is a very minor part of the demand for the metal; but a huge determining factor in its price movement. It has been called a poor man’s gold and because it is so low in comparative value, it offers enormous price leverage when precious metals speculation is trending positive. However, the supply demand is mostly industrial and the new clean energy push around the world will put strong upward price pressure on the commodity. Many people, me included, believe there has been illegal price controls put on the price of silver through paper trading on commodity exchanges. This is being done because of its use as a hedge against fiat currencies. The CEO of First Majestic, Keith Neumeyer, has filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of this paper trading. He is in a position to know that there is something very wrong with silver’s price versus the new supply demands on the commodity. Attached to your email is a ZeroHedge article explaining how the commodity exchanges are going about this corruption. The author also makes a strong argument of political corruption in general. The author’s contention is that gold (and the same applies to silver) are being contained within a certain range by paper trading so that they cannot be used as a hedge against fiat money. If gold and silver went Bitcoin, the whole world of debt ridden fiat money would be exposed and not be pleasant scenario.

ASIDE

“Corruption is just another form of tyranny.” Joe Biden

“Our country is now taking so steady a course as to show by what road it will pass to destruction, to wit: by consolidation of power first, and then corruption, its necessary consequence.” Thomas Jefferson

Politicians have been talking about it from the beginning of time and Jefferson nailed it by explaining today’s consolidation of corporate power as corruptions root cause. I can’t remember what Biden ever did about the tyranny, except giving speeches about it.

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