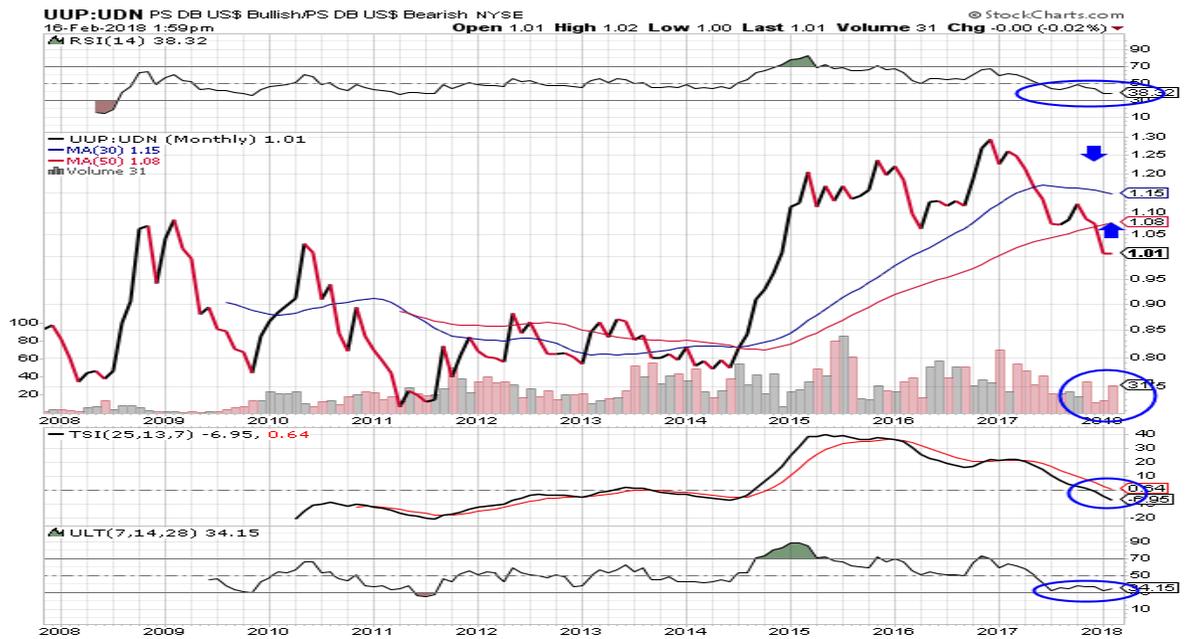


Starboard Weekly Report Ending February 16, 2018 Charts of the Week



This week we have a mixed bag of comparative daily and monthly ETF charts. The top daily chart displays the NUGT, a positive holding of gold stocks while the DUST is a negative gold stock movement indicator. The bottom chart likewise compares positive with negative by showing the monthly relationship of the positive Dollar Index (UUP) with the negative Dollar Index (UDN).

TECHNICAL

Although both charts compare positive versus negative, gold bulls want to continue to see an upward bias in the NUGT vs. DUST and a downward formation in UUP vs UDN. Additionally, we are viewing a short term daily picture on the top chart and viewing a long term or monthly depiction on the bottom chart. However, *both are painting a bullish image for gold stocks*. The top chart's blue circles all represent a bullish outcome, while the blue arrow shows a positive crossover of the 50 over 200 day moving average. Our bottom graphs are all indicating a continued weak dollar on a long term basis because UUP (positive dollar) is weak versus UDN (negative dollar). Unless interest rates or inflation stop their upward charge, then these two trends should continue to cause a breakout in gold and gold equities. A weekly relative strength chart is attached to your email and it demonstrates a strong breakout in NUGT vs DUST, which is a further positive for gold stocks.

FUNDAMENTAL

Last week the consumer price index (CPI) spiked for the first time in years. I believe the trend will continue due largely to a shift back into a normal business cycle rather than one controlled by the FED. The FED was created to manage inflation versus unemployment but for the past ten years they made that mandate meaningless through excessive quantitative easing and artificially low interest rates. A central bank can fight the cyclical laws of supply and demand for just so long before economic pressures catch up to their artificial financial engineering. In our present fiscal environment, the government through tax policy and spending in a full employment economy can only create higher rates and inflation. This is what the current stock market decline is about and it is only beginning. Yes, we rallied this week, but it is a rally from oversold conditions. Lookout because when the market declines below last Friday's low of 23,360 the flood gates will be opened; followed by "Nellie bar the door". Gold and gold equities and commodities will likely participate when the stock market declines; especially, if we receive more inflation news. This particularly will be the case if the dollar slide continues.

ASIDE

"Inflation is as violent as a mugger, as frightening as an armed robber and as deadly as a hit man." President Ronald Reagan

Sometime in the future when history looks back on the FED's grand monetary experiment, they are likely to be charged with assault, robbery and murder of an economy.

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