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Dear Subscribers,
We hope you all had Very Happy Holidays, and Wish You the Best for 2018.

While we were out on our annual end of year two-week holiday there was less compelling activity in the US equities than some other markets. For much more on that please see Monday's www.rohr-blog.com "Commentary: What Just Happened… or Didn't?" post. While also noting key developments in the govvies and especially the US dollar, it was clear one thing that did NOT happen was a strongly bullish US equities response to passage and signing of US tax reform.

In that regard it is important to recall the classical cliché, "The market is a creature of expectations." US equities had already rallied massively in spite of temporary setbacks since right after the 2016 US election of President Trump. After reflecting those major positive expectations for many months, equities also had to shift expectations to more hurdles in January, from the next government budget and funding effort to the thornier immigration issues facing Congress.

And it must be assumed that the Santa Claus (i.e. Portfolio Manager) Rally had already seen all of its buying by mid-December. Therefore, it was not that much of a surprise that the US tax reform passage became a classical instance of "buy the rumor (or bullish anticipation) and sell (or at least do not expect any more follow through on) the fact." However, there is a benefit to the bulls in the rally's pause over the past two weeks: the market is less 'overbought', even if that is just through standing still while longer term momentum catches up with the rally from below (more on this in the trend comments.)

This is the critical consideration:
March S&P 500 future saw the lower Oscillator threshold rise to 2,644-49 last week, and it is up to 2,652-57 this week. That now represents the next lower interim support. As noted previous, the old all-time high (1999 & March 2017) major extended Oscillator resistance is another $30 higher. That rose to 2,682-87 this week, which makes it the near term resistance from which the market needs to escape to gain any further substantial ground.

And if it should manage to do so, we are now employing our 'adjusted' Oscillator levels, beyond historic levels from April 1999 and the rally into early March 2017. In fact, we used the ratio between the weekly Closing prices for those two periods as the basis for the 'adjusted' Oscillator levels. The next higher 'adjusted' interim Oscillator threshold this week on that basis is 2,702, with the more substantial threshold not until the 2,722-27 range.

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