

The Investment In-Crowd V PM Capital's approach

European banks

The investment In-Crowd avoided European banks for more than a decade. Expectations of falling interest rates and tougher banking regulation in Europe weighed on the sector. After underperforming for so long, European bank valuations have badly lagged those in the US and Australia.

European bank valuations provided an attractive entry point into the sector. We expected inflation and interest rates to rise, which would support higher bank earnings. We also expected easing banking regulation in Europe, and for higher dividends and/or share buybacks to resume.

Irish home builders

The In-Crowd dumped European property companies after the 2008-09 Global Financial Crisis and then Brexit in 2016. Residential home builders in Ireland were particularly hard-hit. COVID-19 added further uncertainty into European property and diminished investor sentiment towards these companies.

PM Capital believed some European property stocks fell too far during the property crisis in the region in the previous decade. We expected the eurozone to recover, with strong growth in Ireland. A large gap between housing supply and demand in Ireland was an opportunity for residential builders in that market.

Copper, oil

Copper and some other commodities lost favour in the previous decade as the investing In-Crowd preferred tech or other momentum-based growth stocks. Expectations of slowing global economic growth weighed on copper. Oil was even more out of favour in the previous decade as the In-Crowd focussed on clean energy.

PM Capital thought copper had attractive fundamentals, based on supply constraints in the commodity. We believed a higher copper price was needed to incentivise new copper production. After our copper holdings rallied, we rotated to oil. Like copper, we believed oil faced greater supply constraints, which would support a higher oil price.

Macau casinos

The In-Crowd avoided casino stocks with operations in China, amid an anti-corruption crackdown, US/China trade dispute, COVID-19 and fears of greater Chinese regulation of the sector. At one point, the market ascribed almost no value to the Macau assets of some western companies that had Chinese government concessions to operate there. This valuation anomaly was despite Macau's position as the world's casino capital.

PM Capital took advantage of volatility in the Macau casino sector to lighten our positions (after share prices rallied) and re-established positions (after prices fell). We believed the market over-reacted to the risk of regulatory change in Macau. We were attracted to the Chinese casino industry's long-term growth prospects, favourable industry structures, relatively high return on capital invested, and low company valuations in the sector.

Fixed income

Last year, the investment In-Crowd believed higher inflation was a temporary response to supply-chain bottlenecks during COVID-19. They thought interest rates near zero were the norm, and that rate rises were a long way off and would be moderate. The In-Crowd seemingly thought the 40-year bull market in bonds would continue in perpetuity, aided by record low inflation and interest rates. They were positioned in fixed-rate bonds – a strategy that has so far underperformed in 2022.

PM Capital argued that inflation would be higher and more persistent than markets recognised. We expected some central banks to raise interest rates earlier and more aggressively than the market had priced in. We reduced exposure to fixed-rate bonds to almost zero in the PM Capital Enhanced Yield Fund. We preferred floating rates that benefit as rates rise. This strategy helped protect investor capital during volatile months for bond markets and supported the Fund's outperformance.

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