

2019 is approaching and Equities don't know which way to turn

As we edge towards the end of the year, analysts are writing about themes and trends for 2019, as they always do. It's as sure a thing as Christmas carols in a mall in October these days. Traders, clients and investors around the world look forward to garnering wisdom from their predictions. But uncertainty abounds. The key drivers are changing. After numerous hikes with promises of more the FED has started talking about the economic environment changing and future direction being uncertain, growth may be faltering with trade concerns asking questions and causing short term havoc in the markets, geopolitical uncertainties have only continued to rise.

Yes, we are still in the long Equity Bull run since March 2009, as written about in September and shown on the chart on the left, but in recent months we have experienced an increase in volatility and short term up trends have been broken. Since topping out at 2919 in September we have seen a significant correction and Equities seem at a crossroads.



Understanding the markets and what drives them is crucial, not just to the analysts writing their 2019 predictions but also to clients and traders reading them. Being able to understand technical and fundamental drivers and understanding the analysis makes the likelihood of success in investing and trading higher.

Also, with all the uncertainty we are reading about and witnessing it is important to be able to hedge the underlying risks. As evidenced recently the environment changes and trends change and come to an end.

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