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# Active Risk Allocation

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## Status

**Stagflation risk receding –  
recession risk under control**

- peak inflation growth
- economic activity drop
- margin pressure

Risk overview;

Short-term Neutral

Medium-term Negative

### □ Stocks – underweight

- Low vol factor overweight, and defensive sectors

### □ Bonds – underweight (improved)

- Underweight Europe. Duration underweight

### □ Alternatives – large overweight

- Non-interest rate sensitive, non-directional, uncorrelated assets and strategies
- Macro- as micro analysts' cutting forward estimates

### □ Macroeconomics

- Peak inflation growth. Central bank rate hikes & Quantitative Tightening(QT)
- China CoVID-19 "grand re-open" vs Omicron
- Global supply disruptions

### □ Indicators

- OPRA: **Negative** / Stable (risk gauge for balance risk/risk free)
- OMRI: High / **Stable** (model volatility gauge)



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The state of indicators

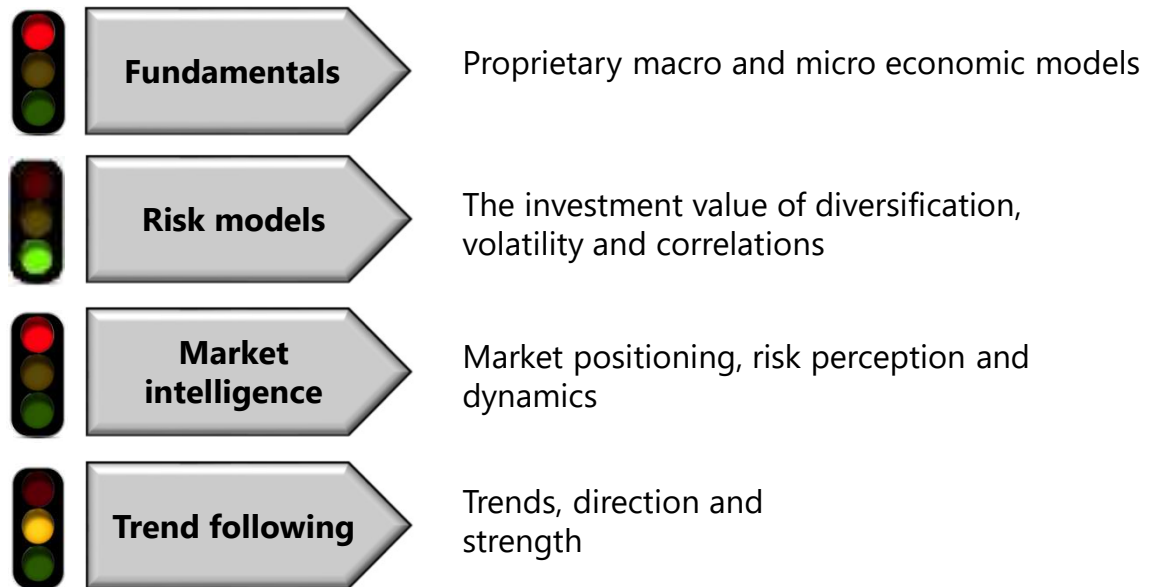
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Investment  
process

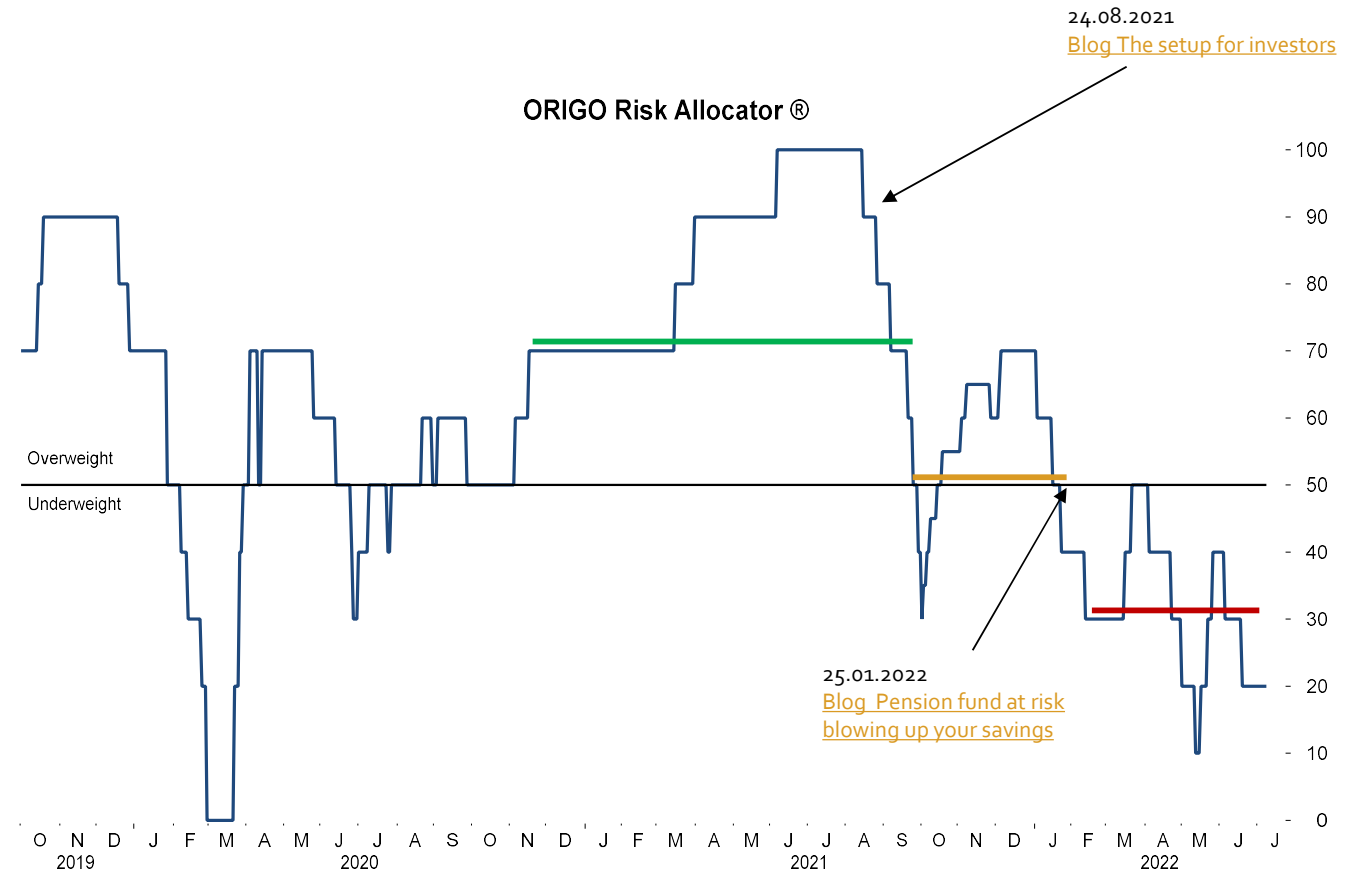
Indicators

Highly sophisticated models  
analysing about 150 indicators



# OPRA® Origo Portfolio Risk Allocator

Timeline, 2019 -



Turn of 2021/22, a pivotal moment, as scenario of low inflation/high growth turn for high inflation/low(er) growth

# OMRI® Origo Market Risk Indicator

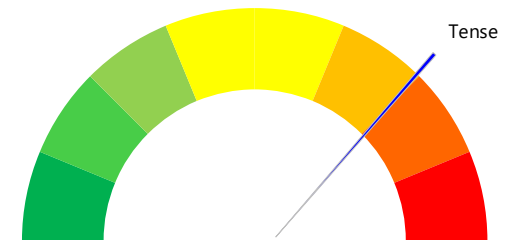
Short-term risk gauge



## Market Risk Indicator

08 July 2022

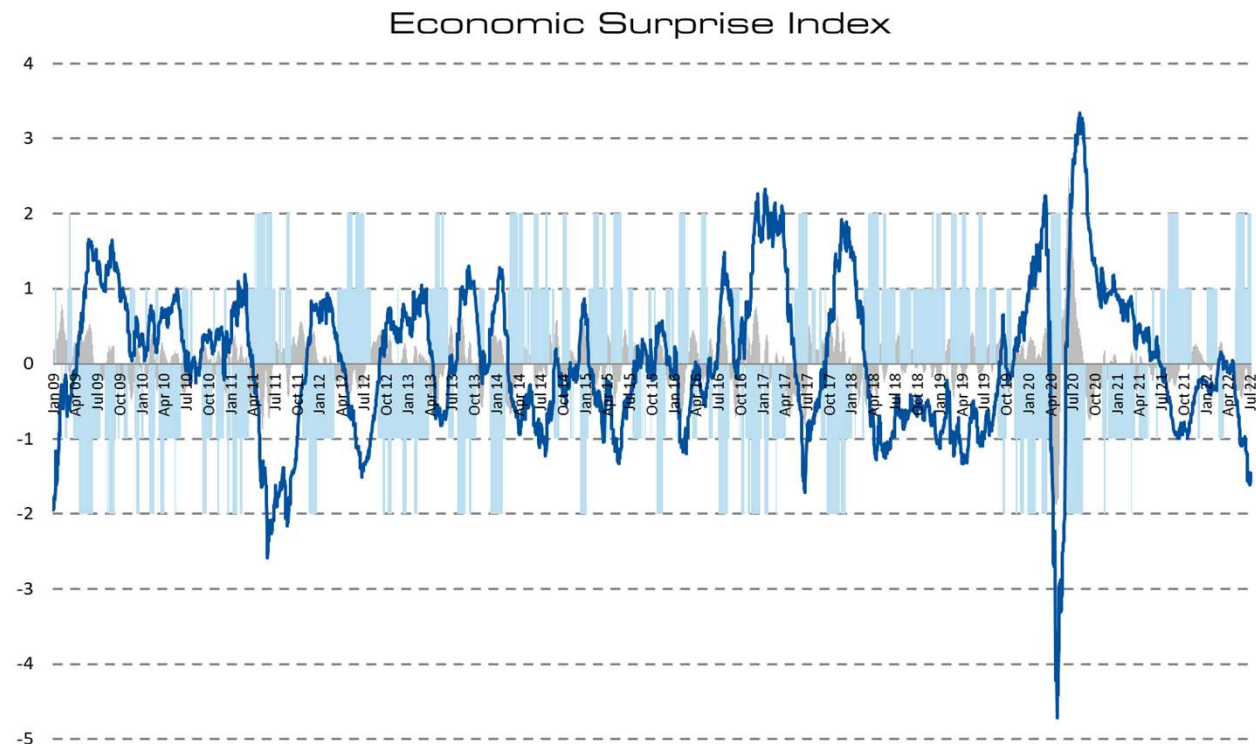
Indicator	Sentiment	Last update
X-Asset correlation	Neutral	08 Jul 2022
Economic Surprises	High risk	08 Jul 2022
Financial Conditions	Neutral	08 Jul 2022
Global Financial Stress	High risk	08 Jul 2022
Gepolitical Risk	Feels good	30 Jun 2022





## Fundamentals

- **Macroeconomic models**
- Volatility and risk budgeting
- Market intelligence
- Technicals and trend following



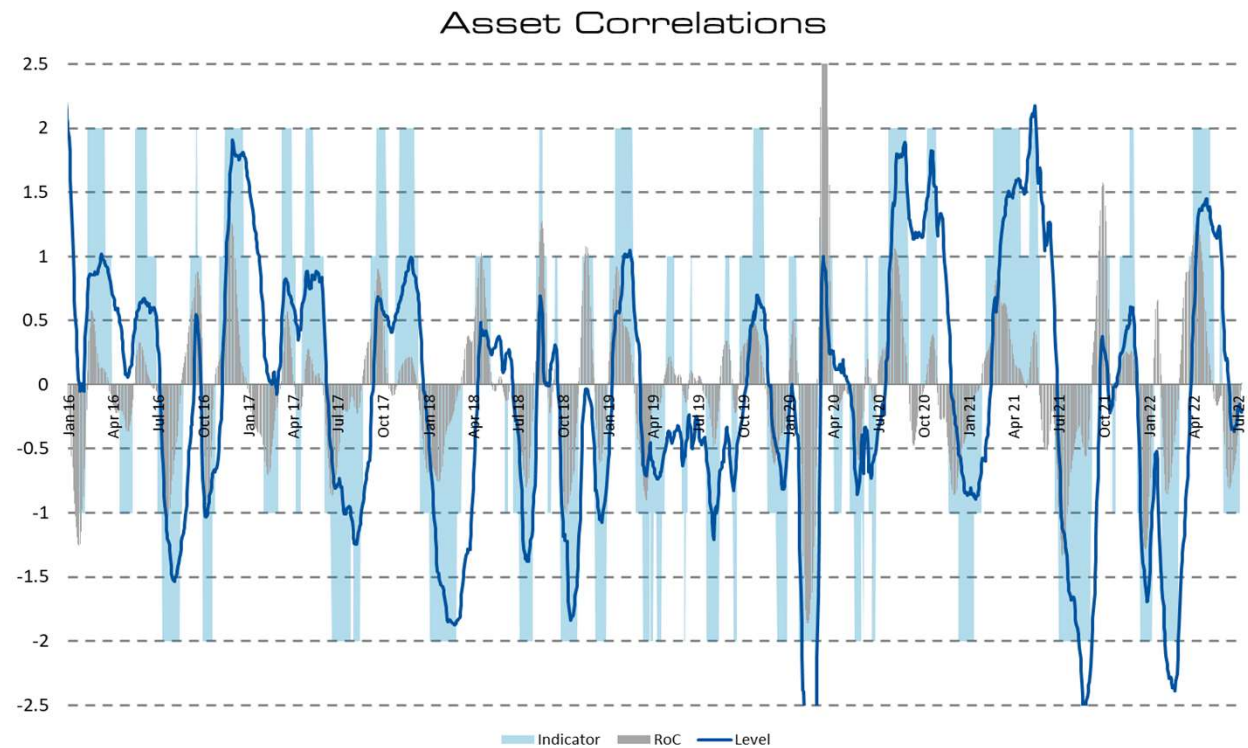
Negative surprises reflects activity moderation is gaining pace. Analyst' are behind the curve and working to lower their economic activity estimates.

The ESI (above centre) is a powerful indicator of coming stress.



## Volatility and Risk budgeting

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Cross asset volatility and correlations are neutral.

The 60/40 passive fixed combination is based on the assumption of constant negative correlations, despite this being more an exception than a rule over the past 10 years. When the diversification benefit is low, there is not much to be gained from diversifying. Cash and alternatives should then be meaningfully increased.

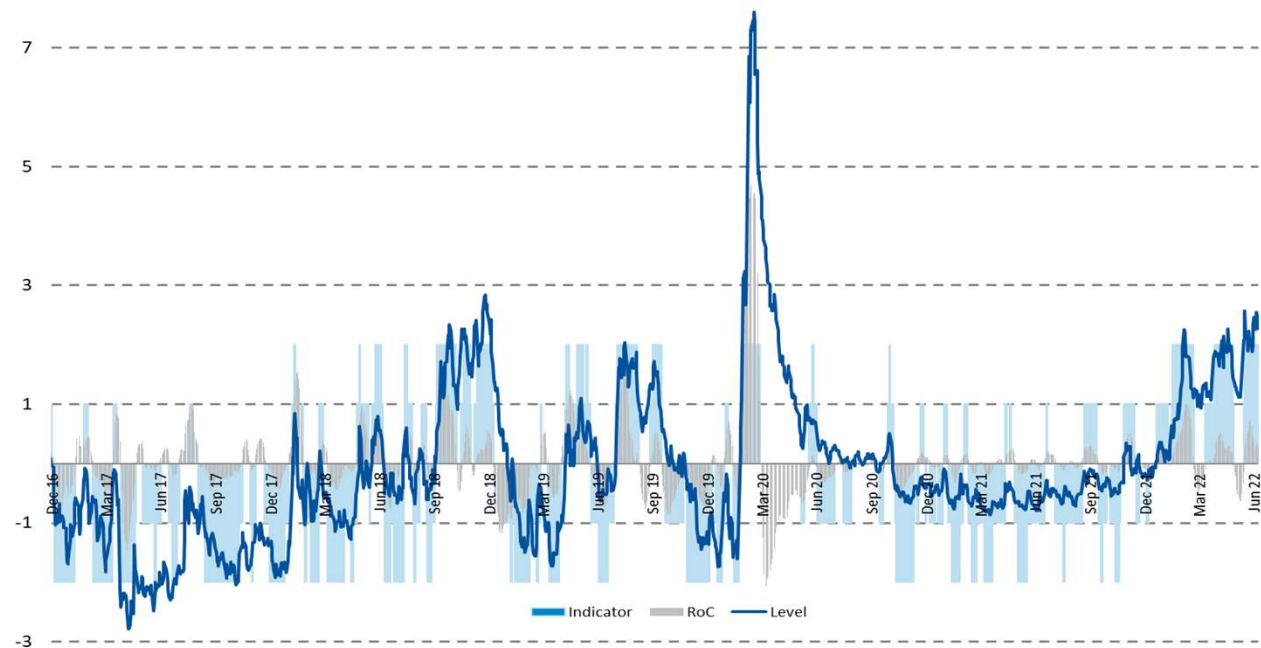




## Market intelligence

- Macroeconomic models
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Global Financial Stress Indicator

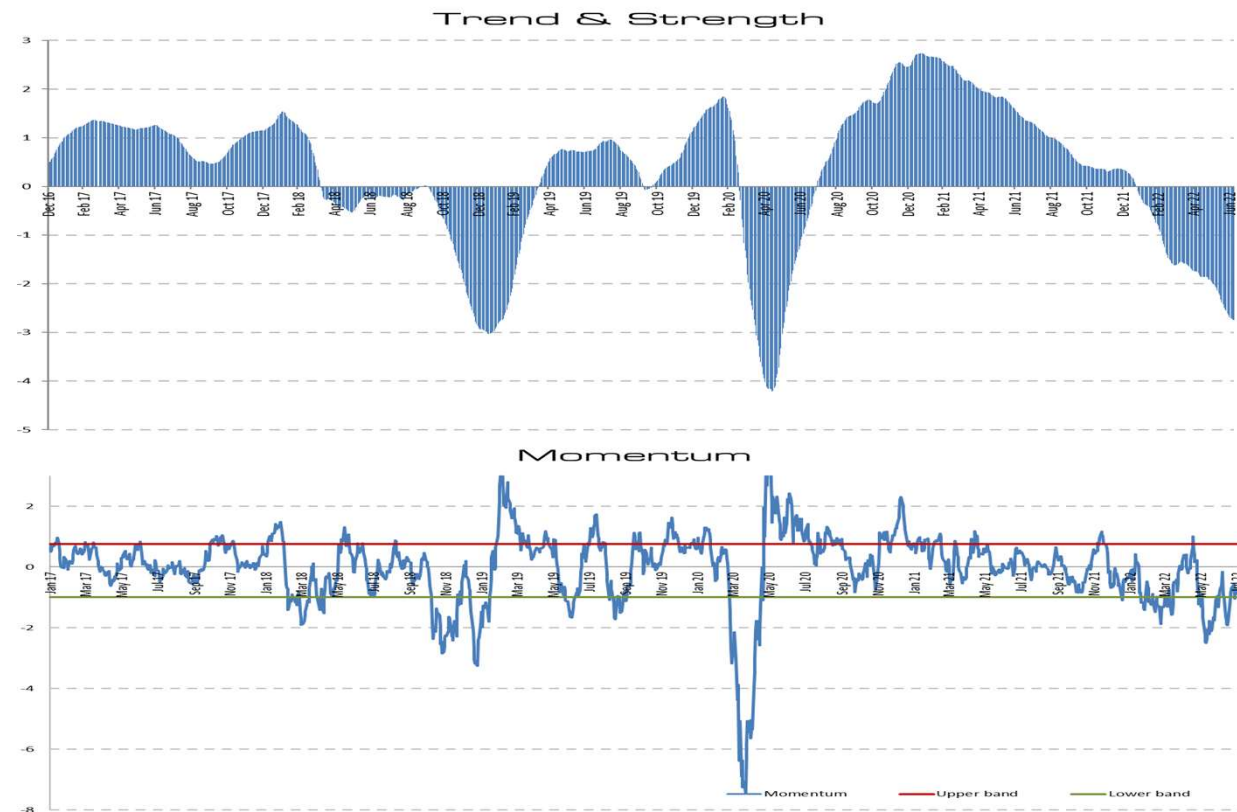


Pronounced stress across financial markets. For any change to market risk perception, this is where it will first be visible.

A measure of global cross market measure of risk, hedging demand(volume, skew) and investor flows in the financial system.

## Technicals

- Macroeconomic models
- Volatility and risk budgeting
- Market intelligence
- **Technicals and trend following**



The pattern through 2022 remain consistent with volatility around a falling trend.  
New short-term long stocks trading setup.  
Medium-term in all interest rate sensitive assets remain negative.

Trend strength in the various market is an expression of the persistence of the currently existing trend.

## Current status



### Macroeconomics

Entering phase for US peak inflation growth potential (base effect). We expect inflation level to remain elevated.  
US to continue rate hikes and QT.  
China re-open for a bumpy ride.  
Europe slowdown to accelerate for a stagflation scenario.



### Market Risk and market intelligence

Underlying uncertainty will persist on global inflation level/growth moderation towards a stagflation/recession scenario complicated by trade- and energy-disruption.



### Technicals

Medium-term negative trend in risk assets still dominant.  
Short-term technicals keep switching between buy/sell, indicating a trading channel around a falling trend.



### Volatility and risk budgeting

Portfolio risk has returned towards "normal" correlations.  
Continued high asset volatility supports our theory for having entered a new regime around Sep 2021.

On the radar

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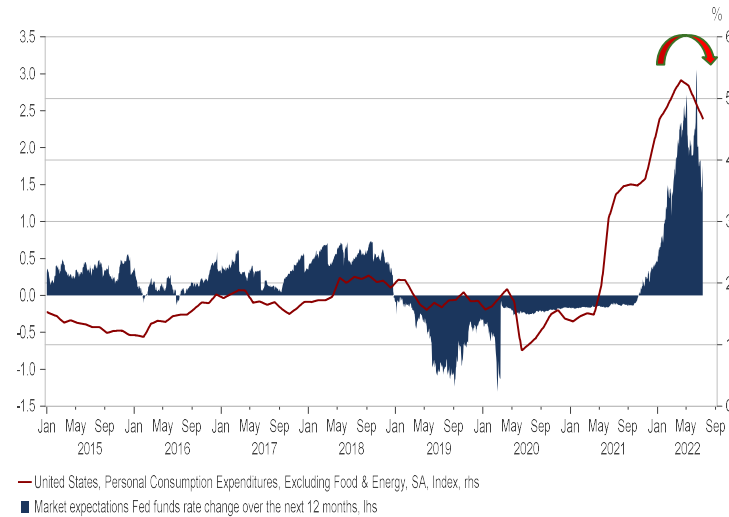


# Macro risk — Inflation

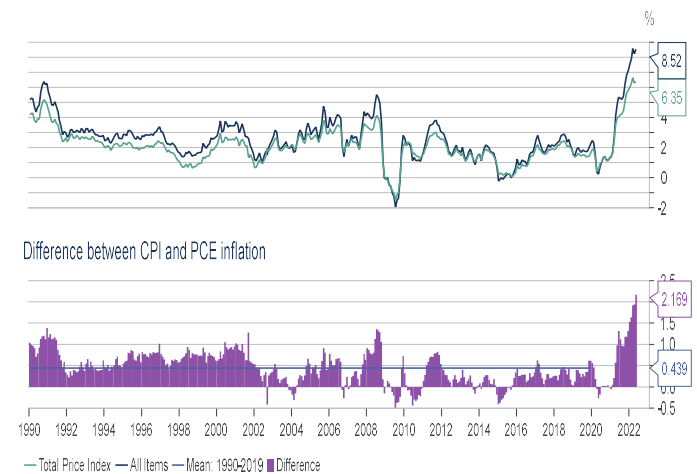
## Stagflation risk abiding

Inflation was soaring heading into 2022 ..  
 + Russia-Ukraine war  
 + China "zero-CoVID" vs Omicron  
 + DeGlobalisation

Peak inflation growth (US)



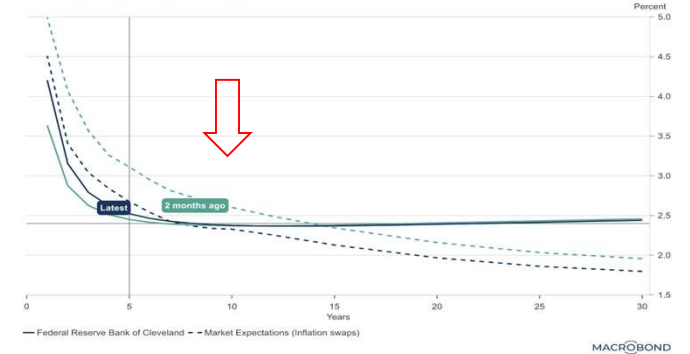
US CPI vs PCE



Consumer price inflation expectations (based on breakeven rate)



Inflation expectations: Central bank vs financial markets  
 ICAP, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland



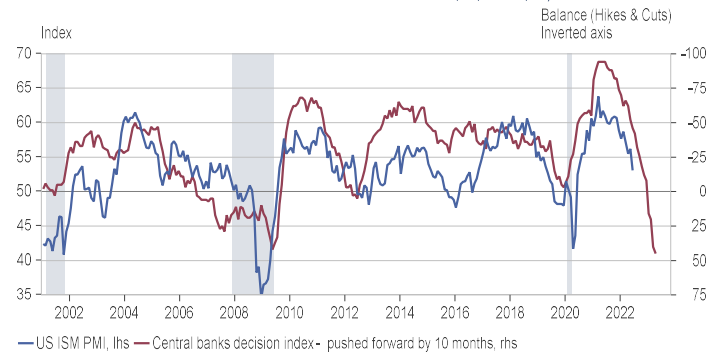
## Macro risk — activity

## Recession risk manageable

US and Global activity has ample latitude => Fed tightening will continue

### US economic activity set to slow as central bank tighten MP

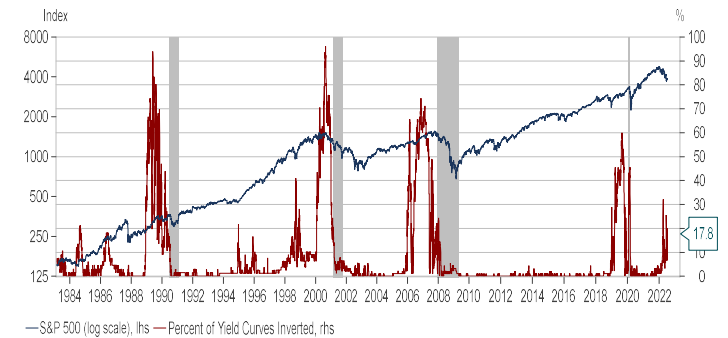
Last decision from central banks: Hike (+1), Cut (-1)



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### Rising number of inverted yield curves signal recession

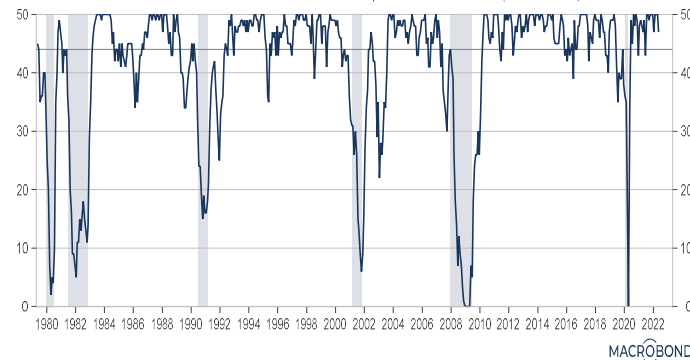
United States



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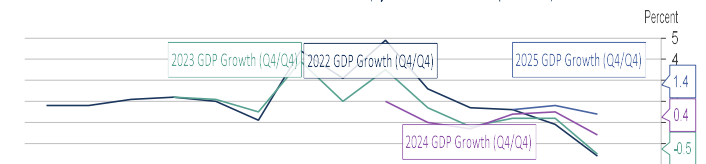
### Number of US states with increased economic activity

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia coincident index (-6 threshold)

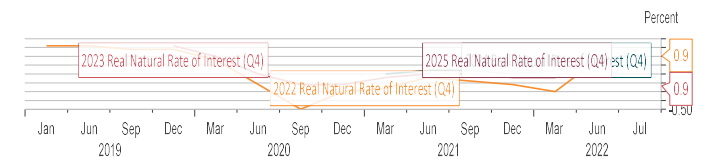


### Forecast for US GDP and real natural interest rate

Source: NY Fed DSGE model (dynamic stochastic equilibrium)



Real natural interest rate



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## Capital markets - stocks

### Earnings recession ?

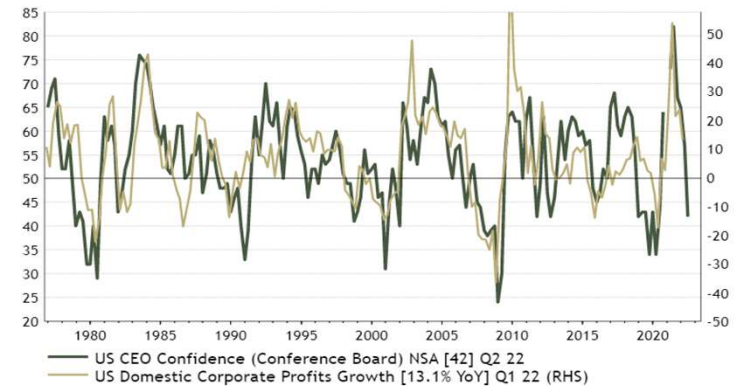
While price per share has dropped, pricing has not

A -15% EPS drop = PE around 20x

United States: Business confidence vs earnings estimate revisions



<< New Orders (ISM)



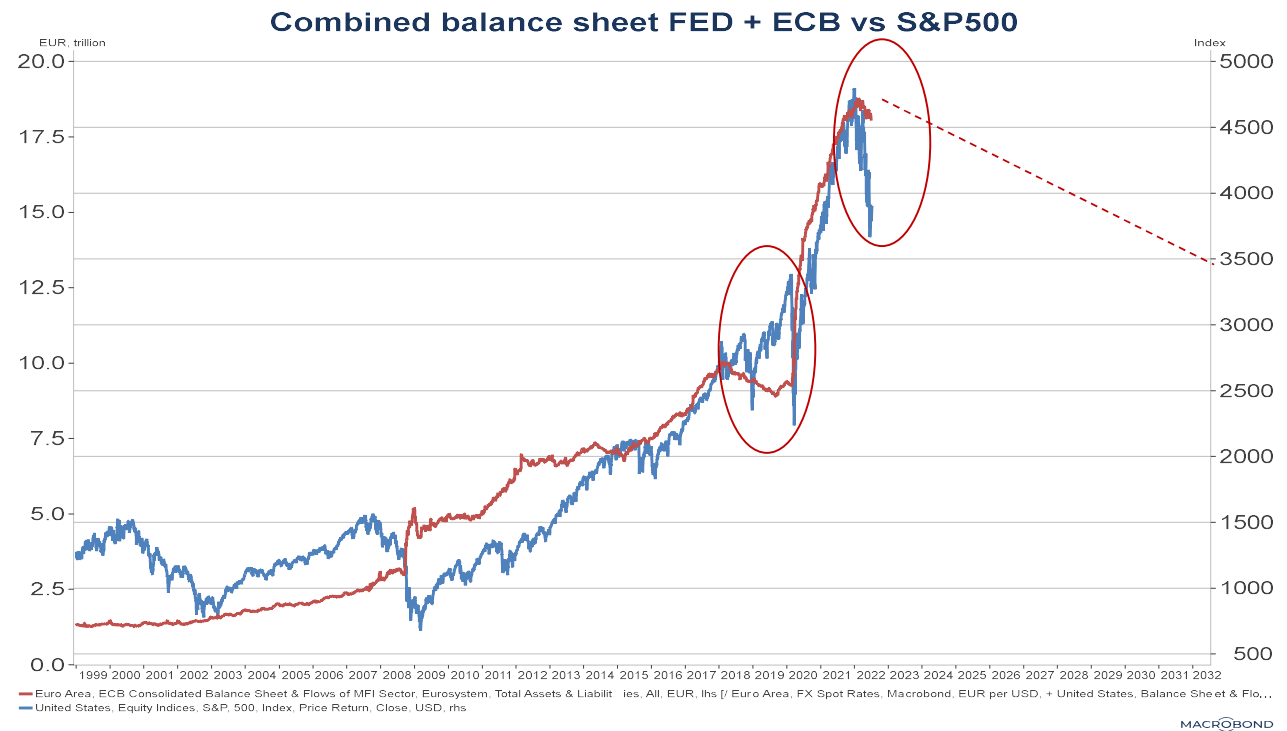
Conference Board (CEO) >>



## Capital markets - stocks

### Just getting started

Fed Minutes April;  
Combined rate hikes + QE  
reduction of 60-100bn/m –  
excess of 1 tn USD per year  
– every year, the next 10  
years





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