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# Active Risk Allocation

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## Status

**Back on track – monetary tightening, lower growth**

Sticky inflation

- Inflation remain sticky
- activity moderation manageable
- margin pressure

**Risk overview;**

Short-term **Negative**

Medium-term **Neutral**

### ☐ Stocks – underweight

- Low vol factor overweight, and defensive sectors

### ☐ Bonds – underweight

- Underweight Europe. Overweight US credit

### ☐ Alternatives – overweight

- Non-interest rate sensitive, non-directional, uncorrelated assets and strategies

### ☐ Macroeconomics

- Central bank rate hikes & Quantitative Tightening(QT)
- China, ideology vs reality
- Global supply disruptions (post-covid imbalance, war, trade war)

### ☐ Indicators

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



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## Active Risk Allocation

The state of indicators

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Investment  
process

Indicators

Highly sophisticated models  
analysing about 150 indicators



**Fundamentals**

Proprietary macro and micro economic models



**Risk models**

The investment value of diversification,  
volatility and correlations



**Market  
intelligence**

Market positioning, risk perception and  
dynamics

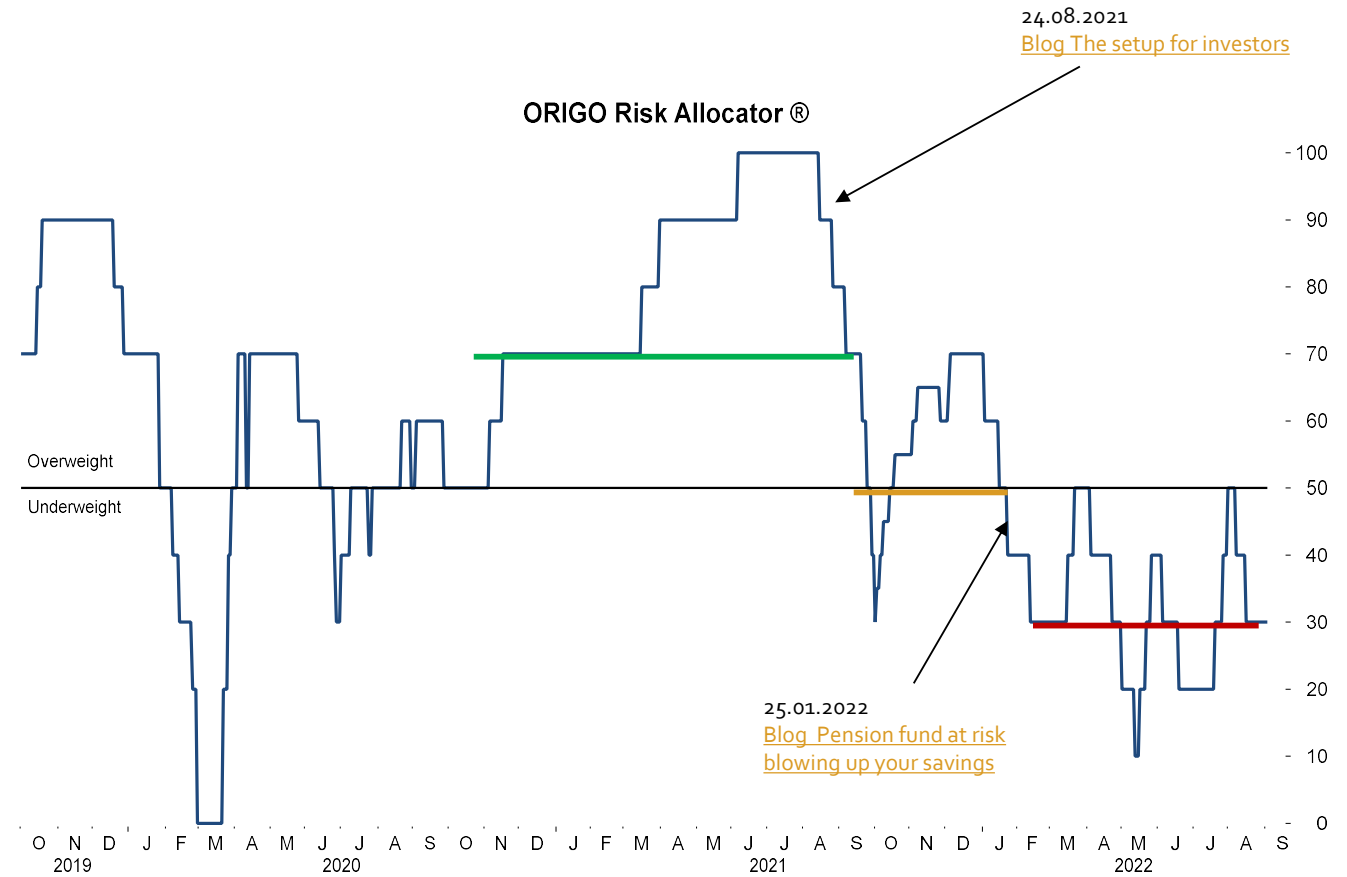


**Trend following**

Trends, direction and  
strength

# OPRA® Origo Portfolio Risk Allocator

Timeline, 2019 -



# OMRI<sup>®</sup> Origo Market Risk Indicator

## Short-term risk gauge

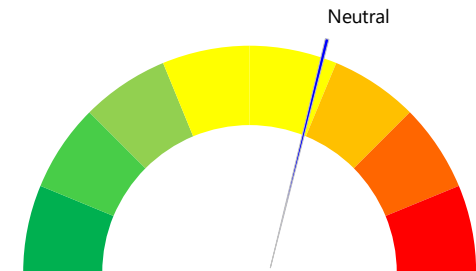
Improvement in the  
Market intelligence  
factors

Geographically, US lead  
while Europe financial  
conditions continue to  
deteriorate

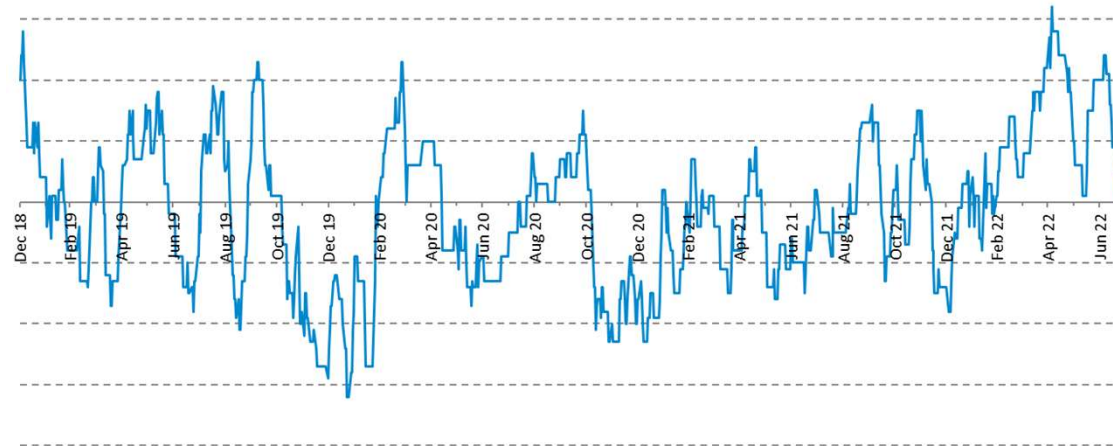


02 September 2022

Indicator	Sentiment	Last update
X-Asset correlation	Feels good	01 Sep 2022
Economic Surprises	Neutral	01 Sep 2022
Financial Conditions	High risk	02 Sep 2022
Global Financial Stress	High risk	01 Sep 2022
Gepolitical Risk	Feels good	31 Aug 2022



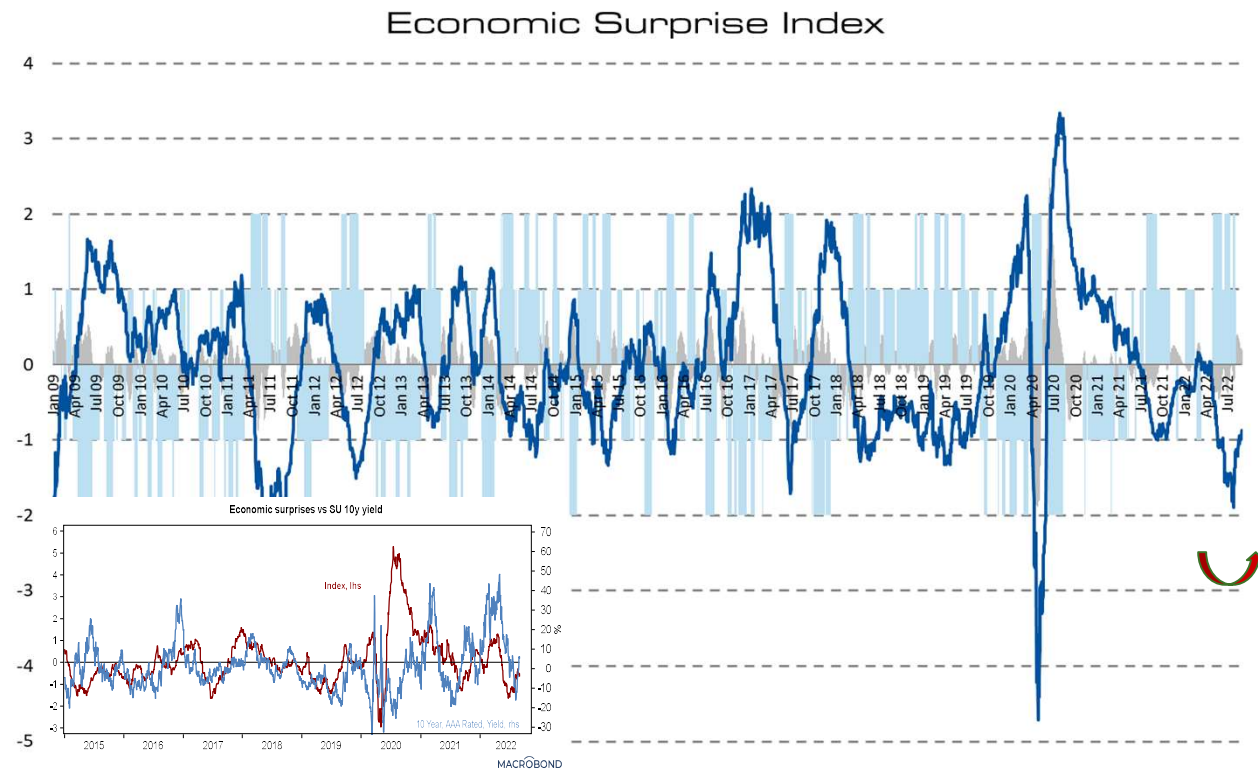
OMRI History





## Fundamentals

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



Real economic data showing more strength than economist' forecasted.

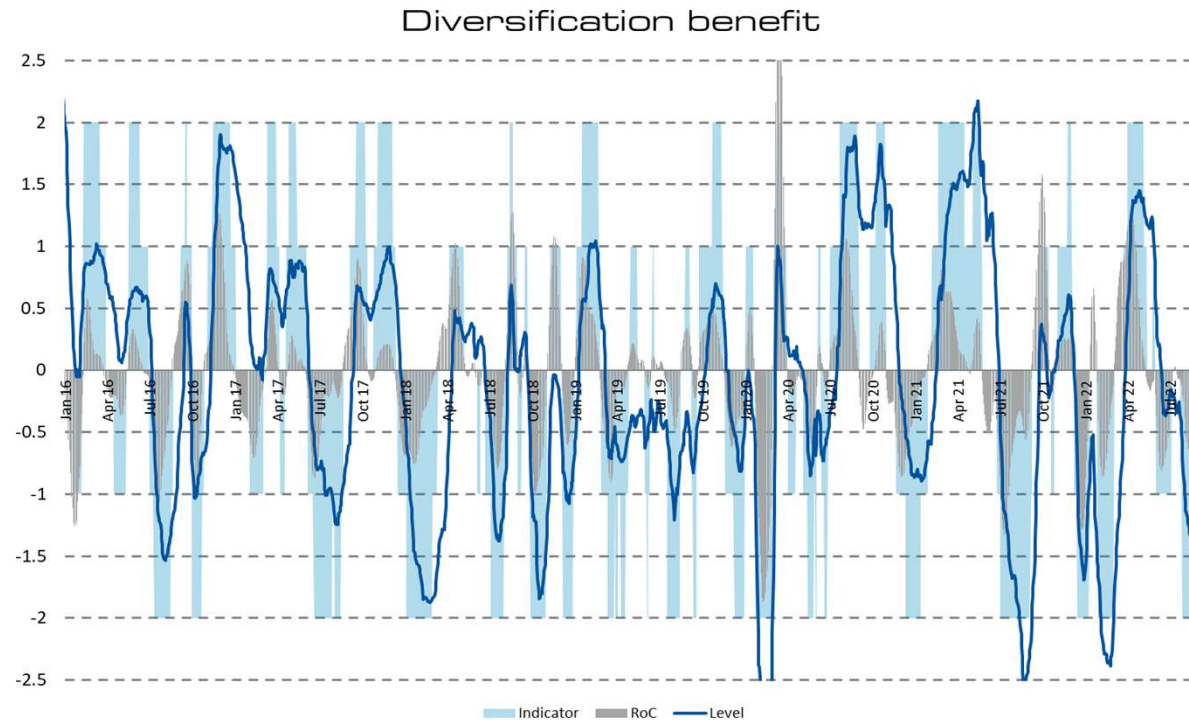
Bond (and delayed stock rally) increasingly looking like a "bear trap". Inversely for stocks, "good" news are bad new.

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



## Volatility and Risk budgeting

- Macroeconomic models
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- Market intelligence
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Still no “Markowitz benefits” in a broad based portfolio composition.

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.

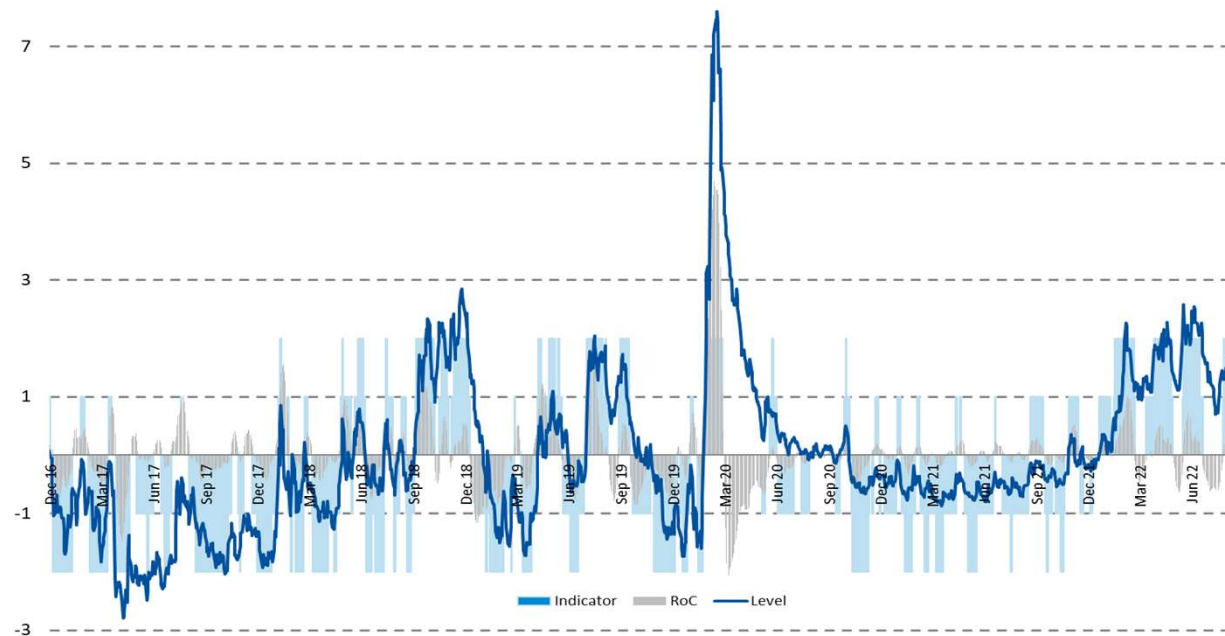




## Market intelligence

- Macroeconomic models
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Global Financial Stress Indicator



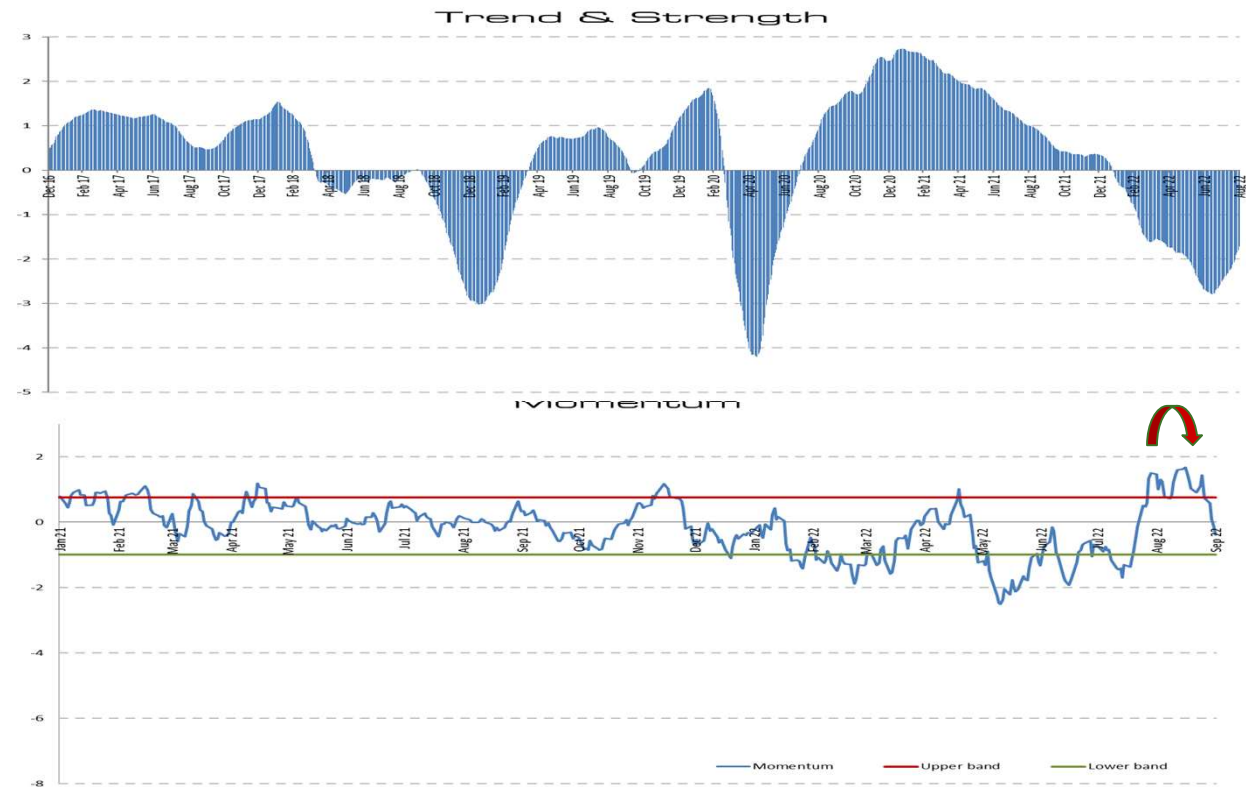
Persistently high level of stress since turn of year 2022.

Following summer rally, market stress is again increasing.  
Europe remain epicenter of deterioration in financial conditions.

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**



Short-term, stocks to re-test year low.  
Medium-term trend over summer has improved turned neutral.

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



## Current status



### **Macroeconomics**

Beyond peak deflation, continued focus to sticky inflation and growth moderation. US to continue rate hikes and QT. China zero-CoVID close 21mio people anew. Europe slowdown entered recession territory – and begin monetary tightening



### **Market Risk and market intelligence**

Powell adjust market hopes of inflation in the bag and central bank to cut rates 2Q 2023.



### **Technicals**

Medium-term negative trend in stocks turned neutral. Short-term technicals keep switching between buy/sell, indicating a trading channel.



### **Volatility and risk budgeting**

Portfolio risk increase as assets move in synch – and now both falling.

Continued high level of asset volatility supports our theory for having entered a new regime around Sep 2021.

On the radar



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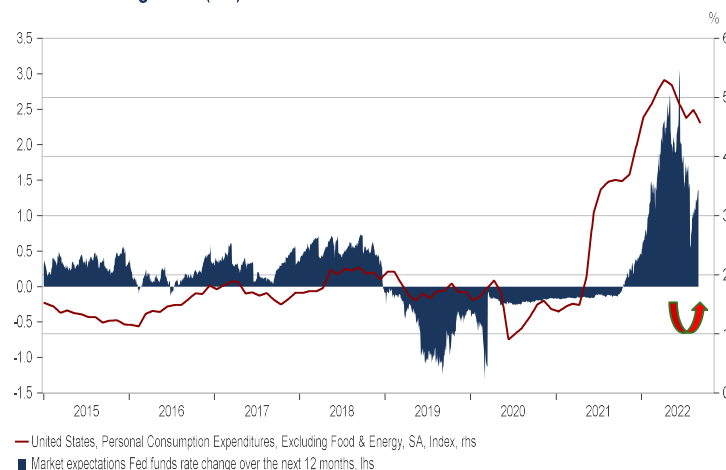
# Macro risk — Inflation

## CBs still behind the curve

Inflation soaring heading into 2022 ..

- + Russia-Ukraine war
- + China "zero-CoVID", grand re-open vs Omicron
- + DeGlobalisation

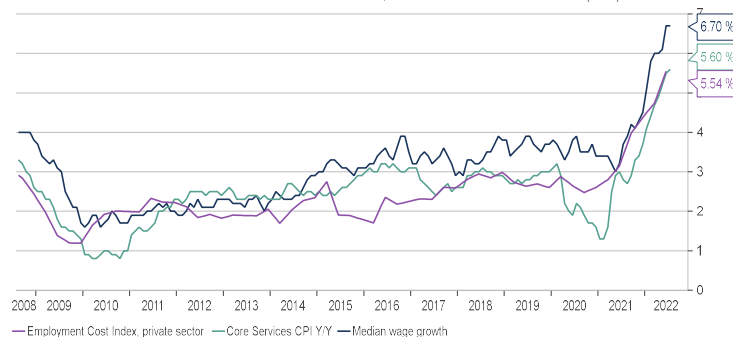
Peak inflation growth (US)



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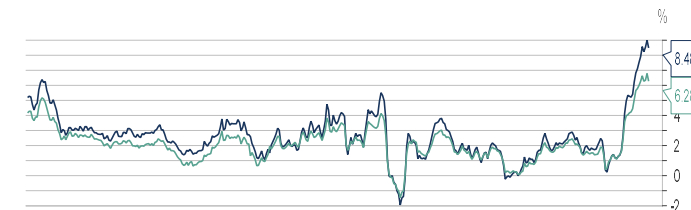
United States: Faster wage growth to raise services inflation

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

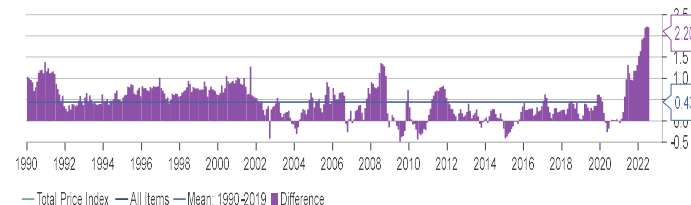


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US CPI vs PCE

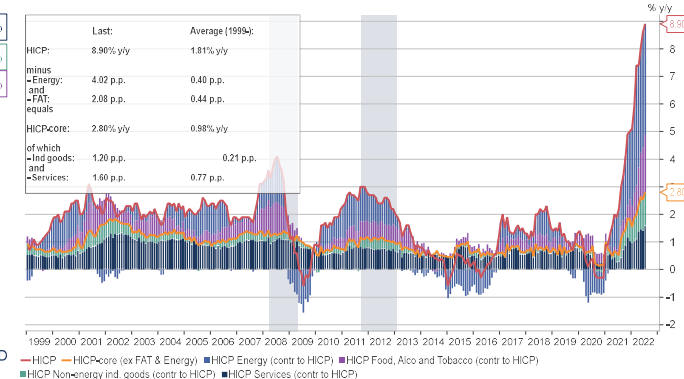


Difference between CPI and PCE inflation



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Contributions to eurozone inflation



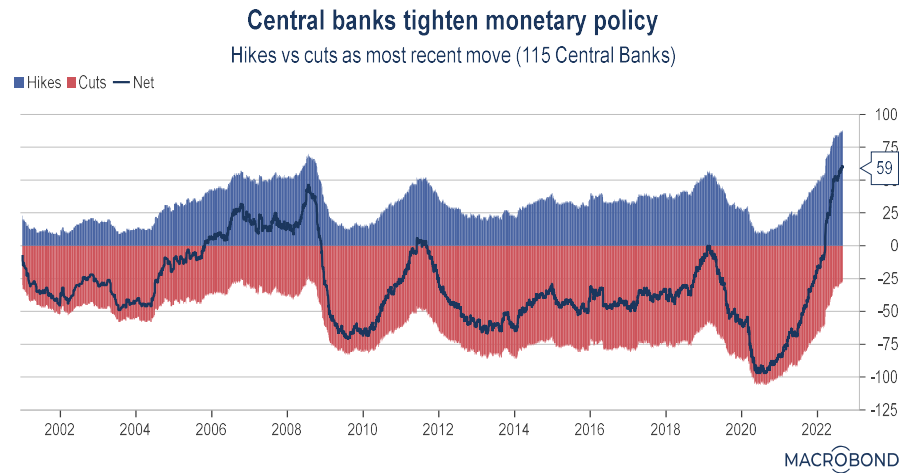
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## Macro risk - centralbanks

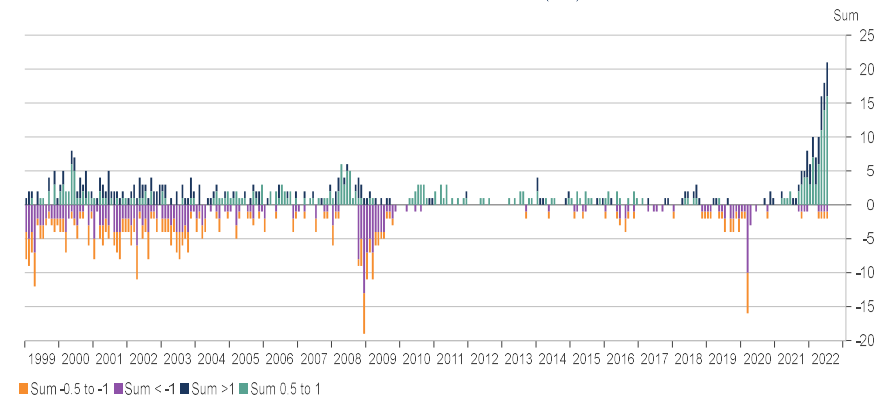
### Turn of the tide

A massive tightening cycle is unfolding. Reversal of policy since The Great Recession

Record number of CBs accelerate tightening



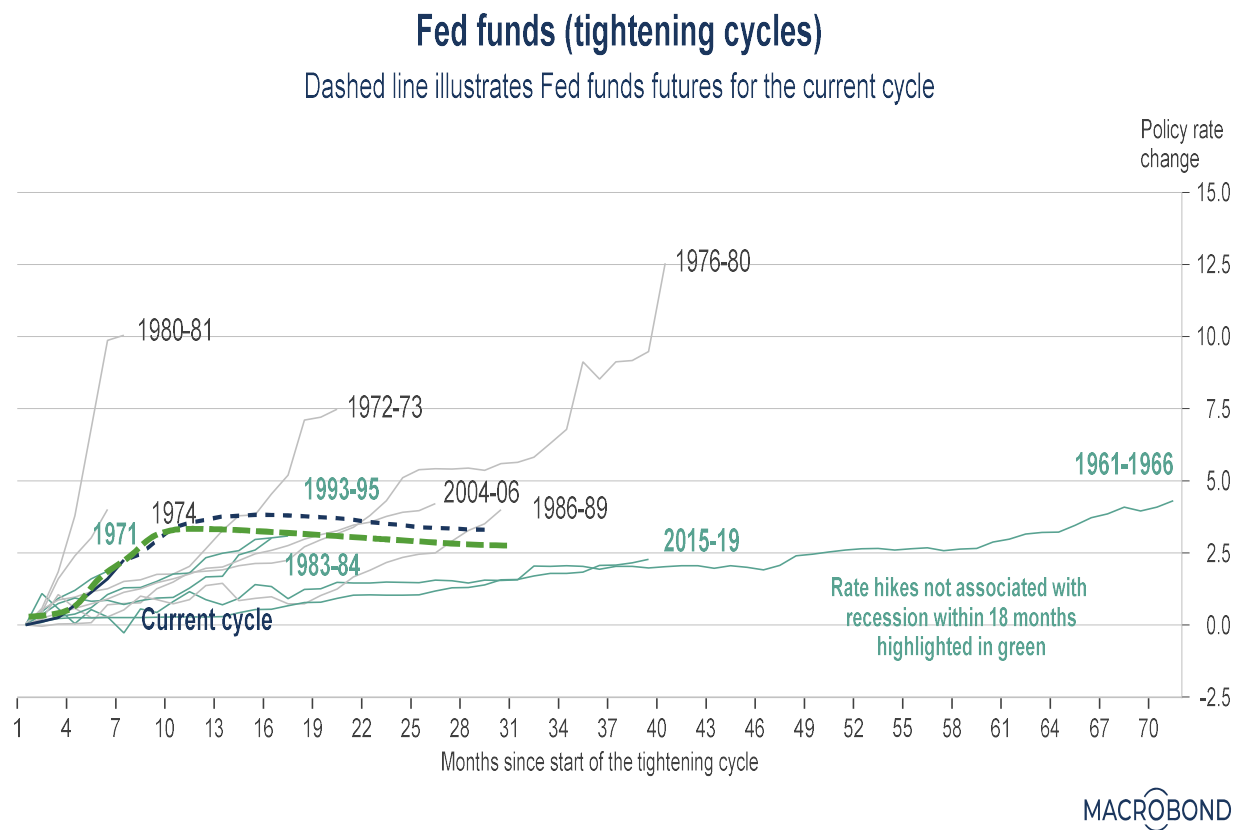
**Central banks hiking rates by 50 bps+**  
Bank for International Settlement(BIS)



## Macro risk — Fed Funds

### FF hiking cycles

Rates expectation shifted  
towards higher for longer

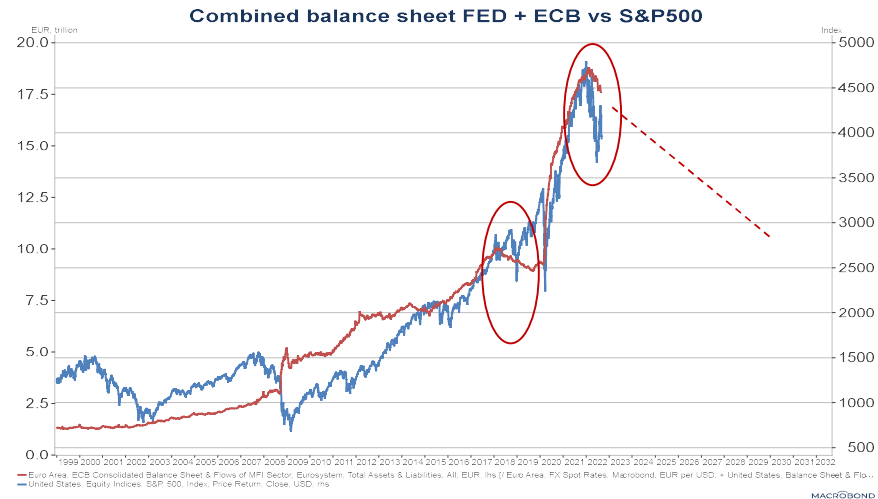




## Capital markets - inflating and deflating assets

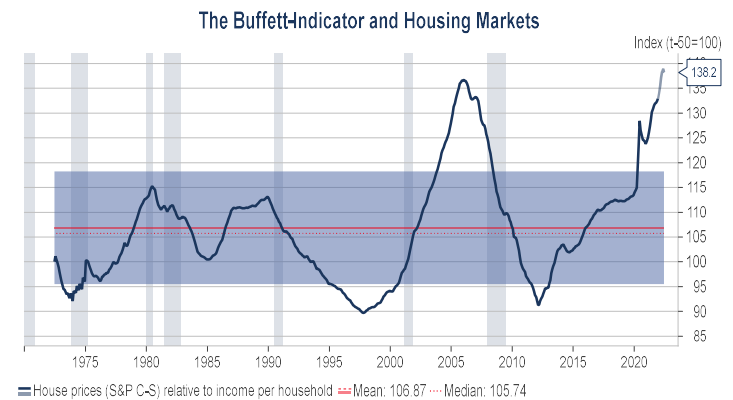
July celebrated the not so  
bleak past.  
August brought markets  
back to present and future

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



The correlation suggest a  
high risk of mis-allocation of  
unproductive capital, such as  
predominantly RE, high  
growth/no profit cpy's, crypto

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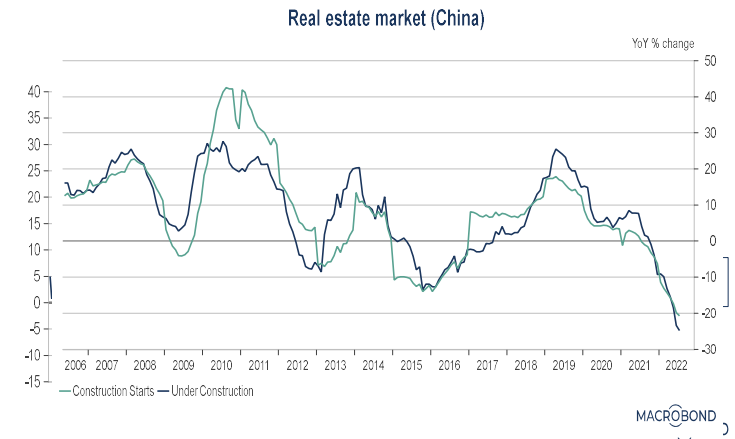
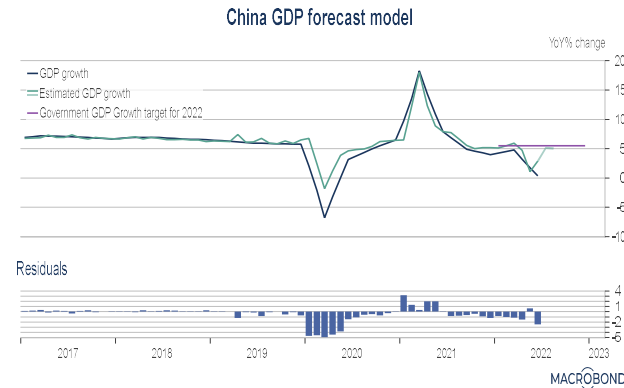




## Macro risk - China

### China, Evergrande a prelude for the next global debt crisis?

- PBoC May 2022 stimulus
- June "grand re-opening"
- Zero-CoVID policy
- Tech crackdown
- Changing demographics
- Real estate recession
- Major draught



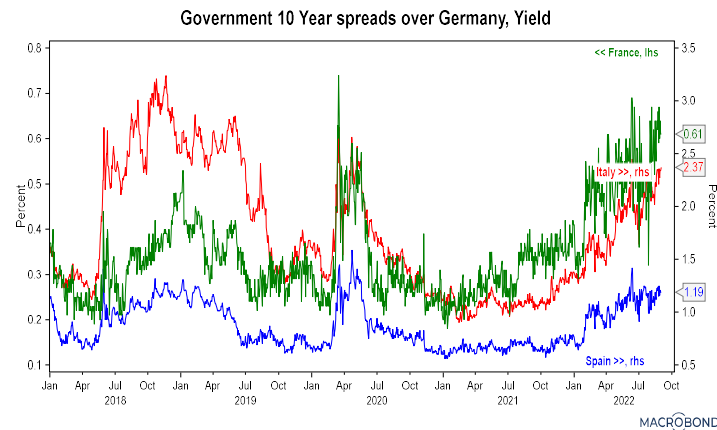
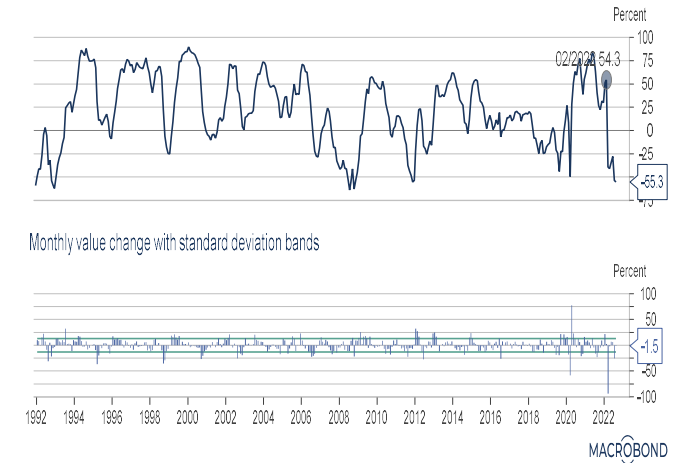
## Macro risk- Europe

### Euro debt crisis 2.0 ?

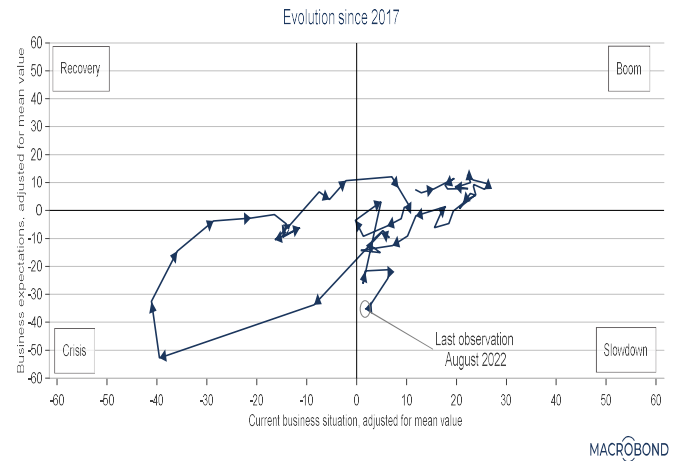
- ECB emergency anti-fragmentation, "Transmission Protection Tool" (TPI) tool - donors vs PIGS
- The Putin-put
- The age put



### Germany's economic expectations experience record decline



### Ifo Business Cycle Clock shows Germany heading into recession



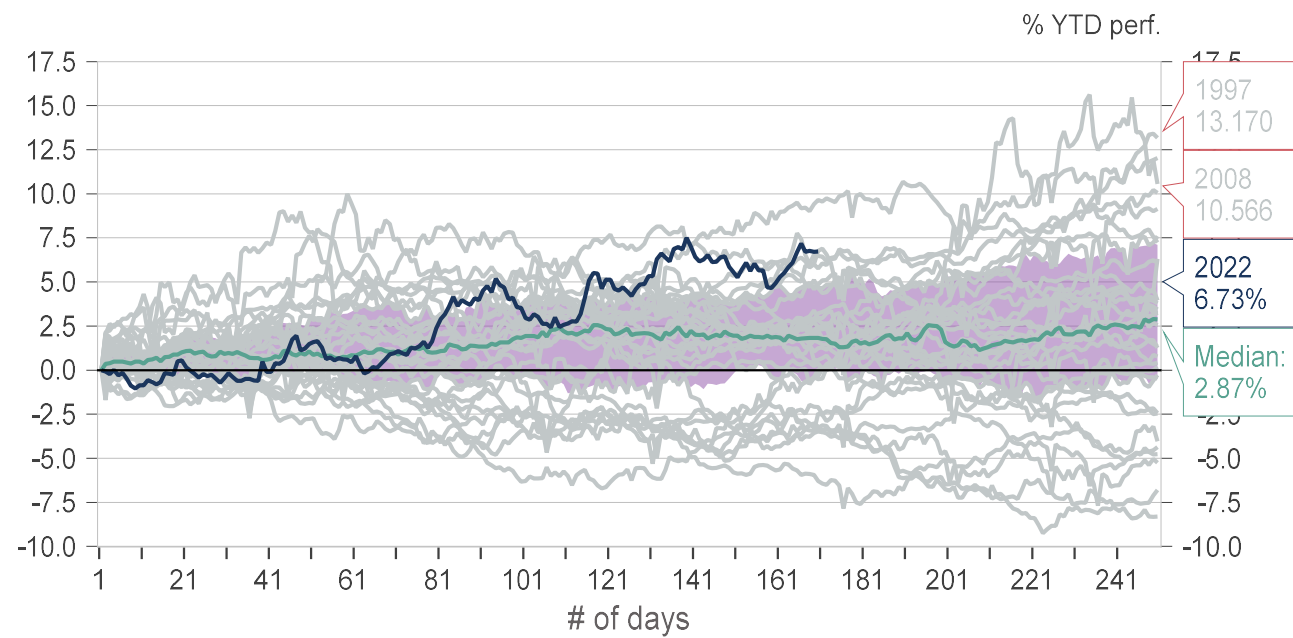
## Macro risk — USD

### Forex

USD rally not extensive or historic in size, yet

## Nominal broad dollar index

Source: Federal Reserve



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