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# Active Risk Allocation

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## Status

Setup, asset 2<sup>nd</sup> revaluation  
2022

Global recession 2023, 50/50

- Inflation remain sticky
- activity slowdown accelerate
- rising inventories spells new profit warnings

## Risk overview;

Short-term **Positive**

Medium-term **Negative**

### ☐ 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
  - UK fiscal chaos (watch 23/11 for u-turn - if government last)
- Global supply disruptions (post-covid imbalance, trade war, war)

### ☐ Indicators

- OPRA: Negative / Neutral (risk gauge for balance risk/risk free)
- OMRI: High / Positive (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

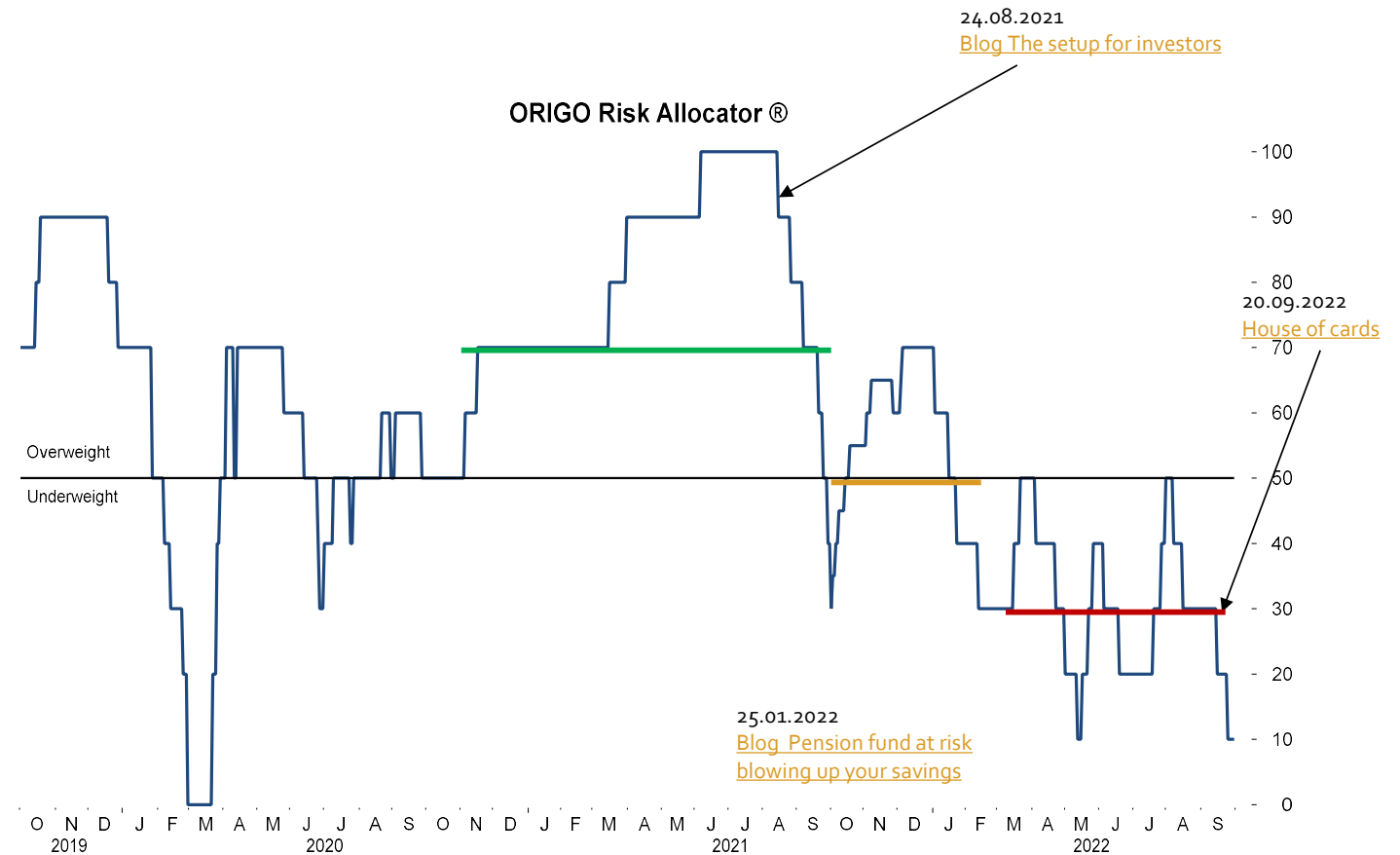


**Trend following**

Trends, direction and  
strength

# OPRA® Origo Portfolio Risk Allocator

Timeline, 2019 -



# OMRI® Origo Market Risk Indicator

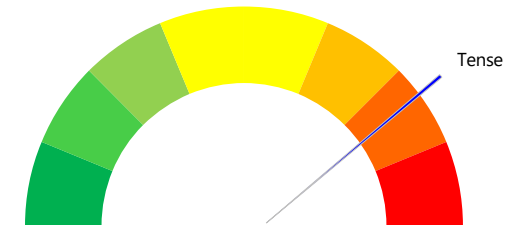
## Short-term risk gauge

Deterioration across the board to another high point setup for a “darkest before dawn” mini-risk rally.

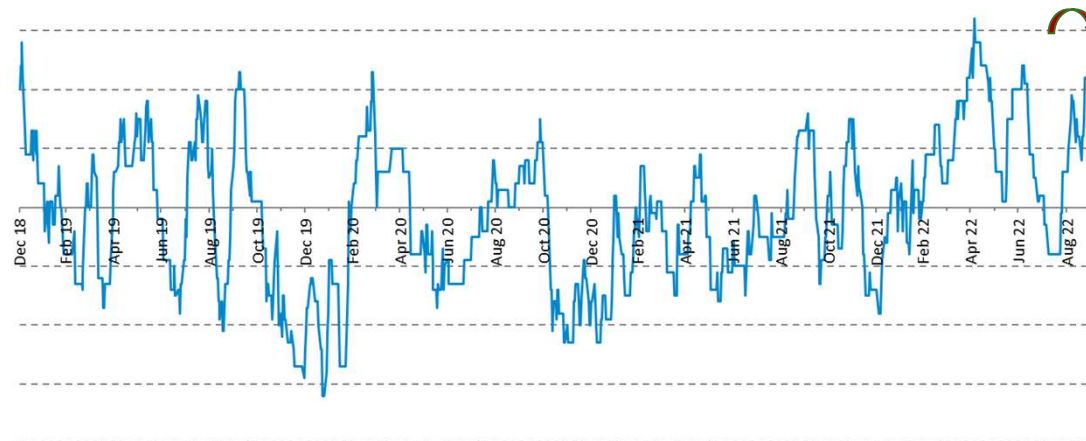


30 September 2022

Indicator	Sentiment	Last update
X-Asset correlation	High risk	26 Sep 2022
Economic Surprises	Neutral	26 Sep 2022
Financial Conditions	High risk	26 Sep 2022
Global Financial Stress	High risk	23 Sep 2022



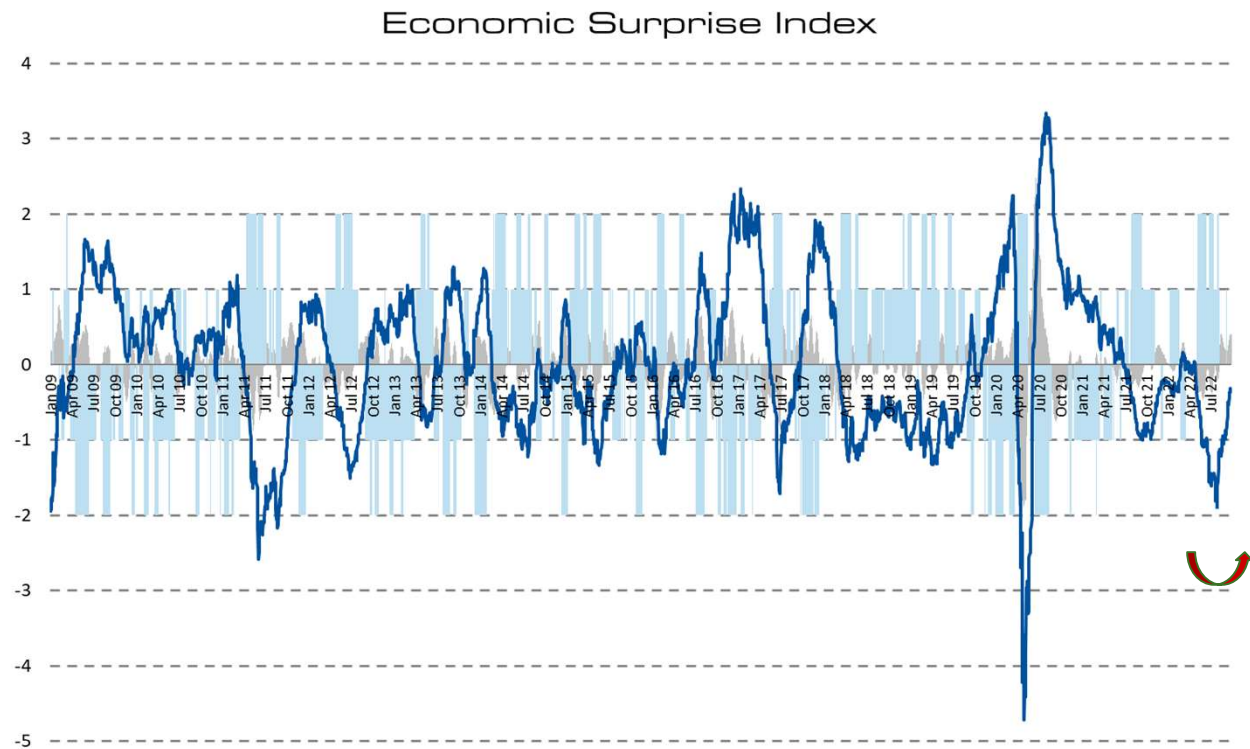
OMRI History





## Fundamentals

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



Real economic data showing more strength than economist' forecast.

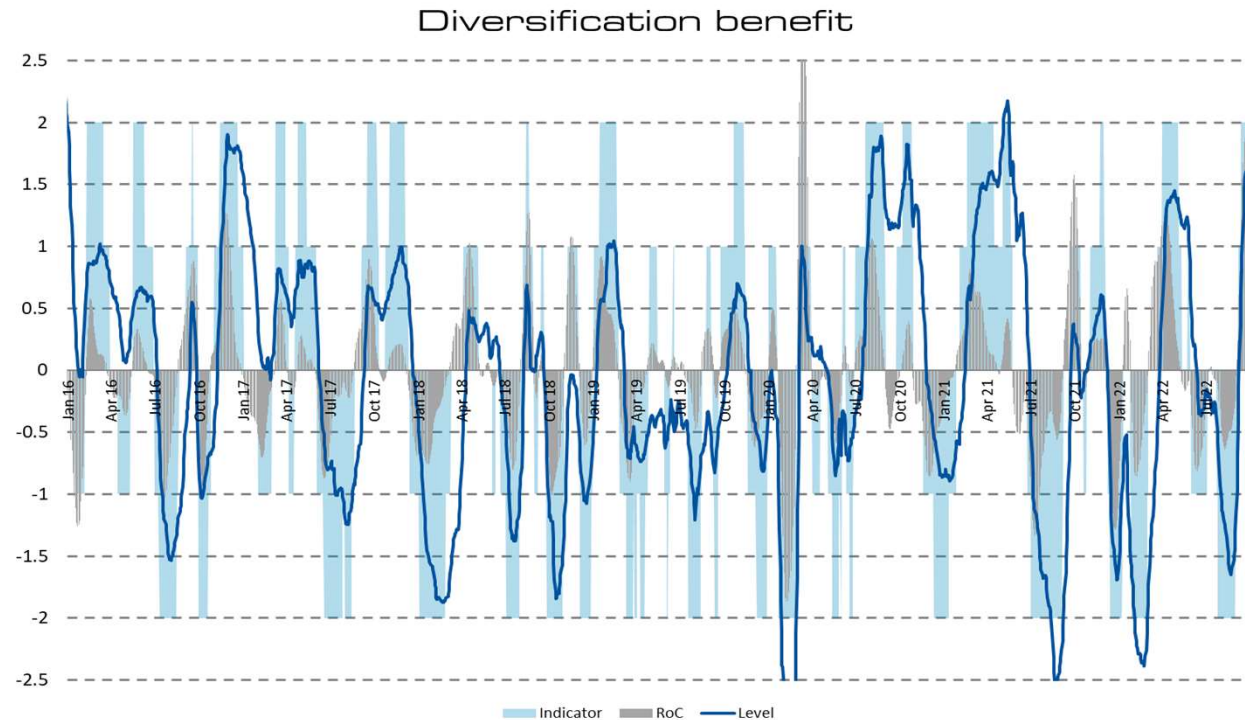
Bond (and delayed stock) summer rally, now a confirmed "bear trap". For now, market dynamic for that "positive" news are bad news, as that will confirm continued centralbank tightening.

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



## Volatility and Risk budgeting

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No “Markowitz benefits” in a broad based portfolio composition.

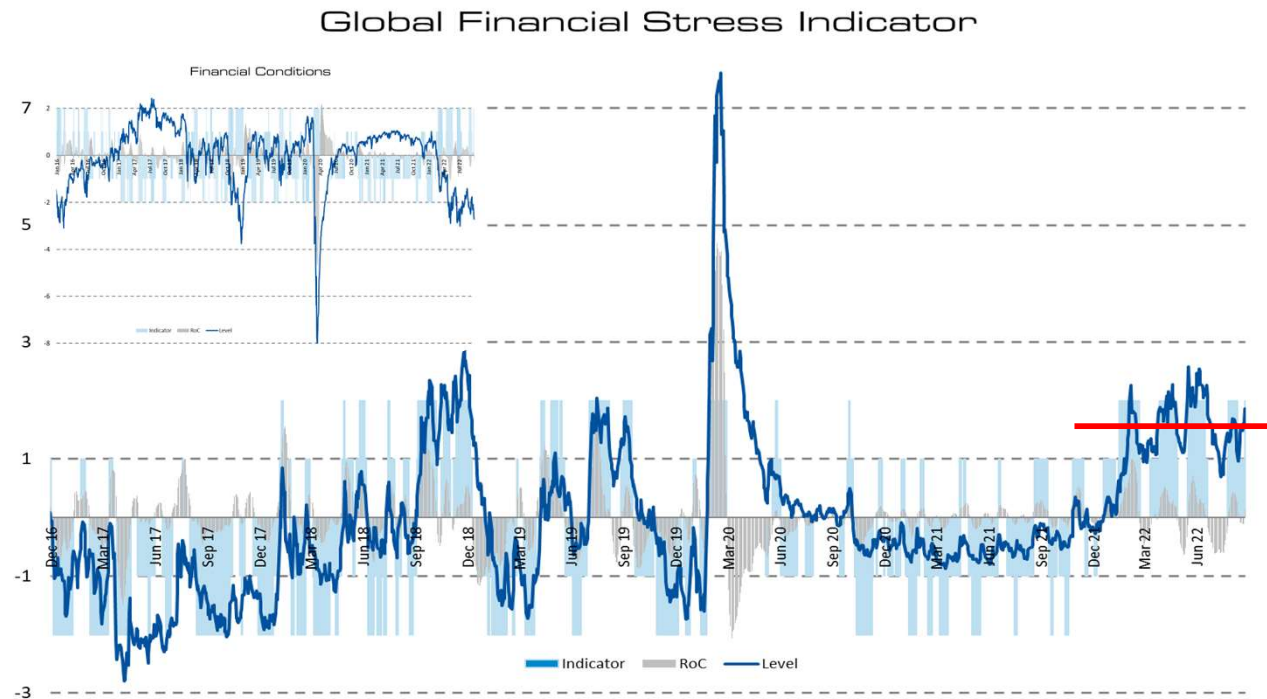
The 60/40 passive fixed combination is based on the assumption of constant negative correlations, despite this being more an exception than a rule over the past 10 years. When the diversification benefit is low, there is not much to be gained from diversifying. Cash and alternatives should then be meaningfully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





## Market intelligence

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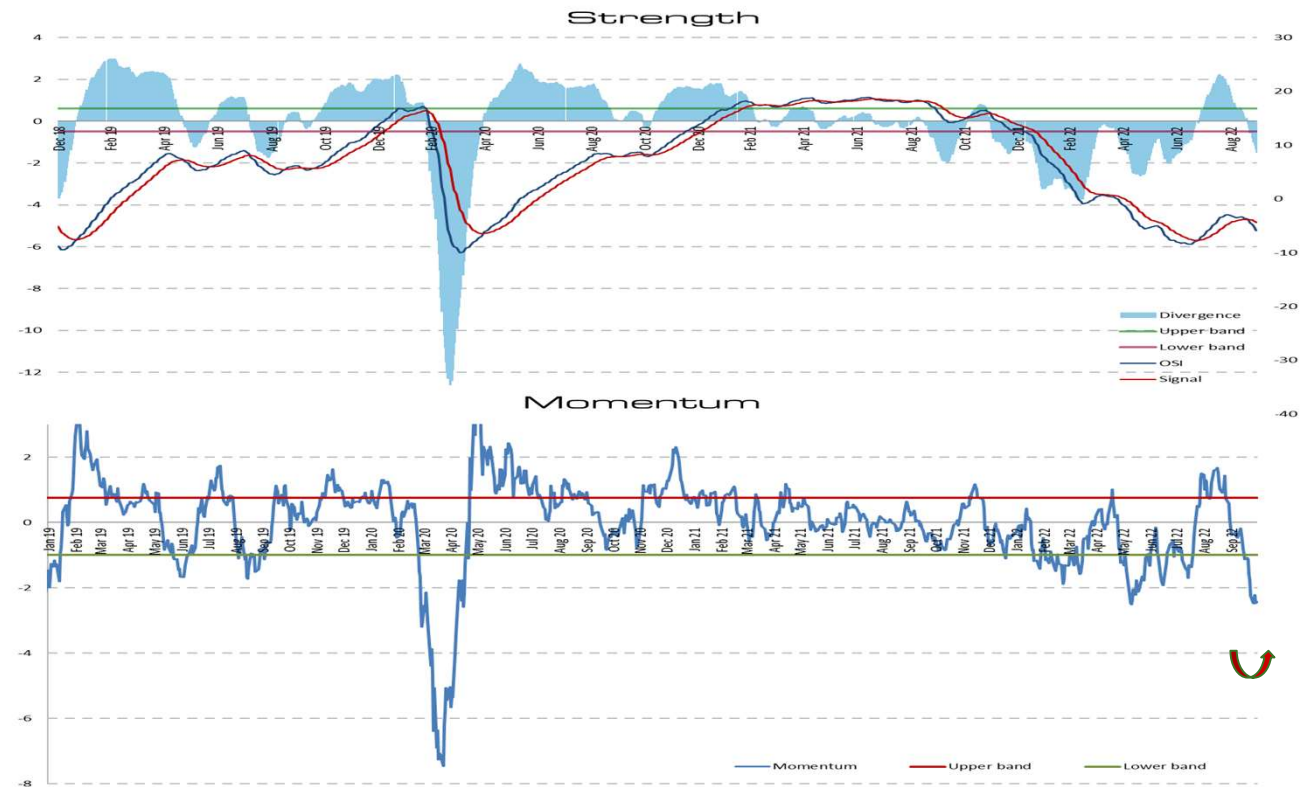
Persistently high level of stress since September 2022.

Following summer rally, market stress has again increased and this time spreading globally. Europe remain epicenter of deterioration in financial conditions, followed by China and US.

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, mini-rally after stocks breaking another year-low.  
Medium-term trend after summer resumed negative bear-trend.

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

## Current status



### **Macroeconomics**

Activity slowdown now accelerating, while CBs remain focused on sticky inflation fighting.

Risk rising for combined CB tightening and USD-effect leading to a over-tightening.

China housing bubble now crack.

Europe recession 2022 now a consensus.

Monetary tightening to continue.



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

Financial markets adapt to Powell's message for focus to ongoing inflation fighting. Forward rate curve shifting upwards, again.

"Sentiment" is the fastest and now only factor to indicate any short-term relief.



### **Technicals**

Medium-term trend in risk assets resume negative trend.

Short-term technicals keep switching between buy/sell, indicating a trading channel in a bear-market



### **Volatility and risk budgeting**

Portfolio risk high as assets move in synch – and now all are 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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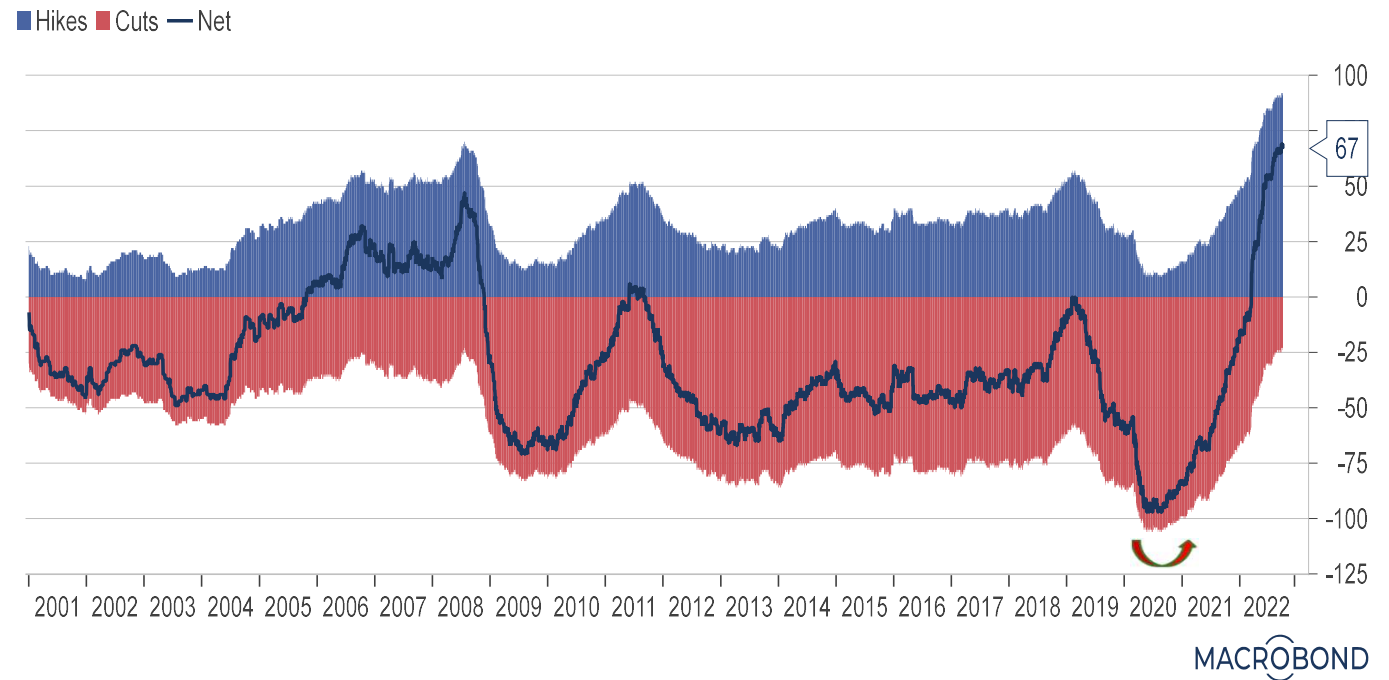
## Macro risk - centralbanks

### Rising risk over combined CB over-zealousness

A massive tightening cycle  
is unfolding. Reversing  
monetary policy since The  
Great Recession

## Central banks tighten monetary policy

Hikes vs cuts as most recent move (115 Central Banks)



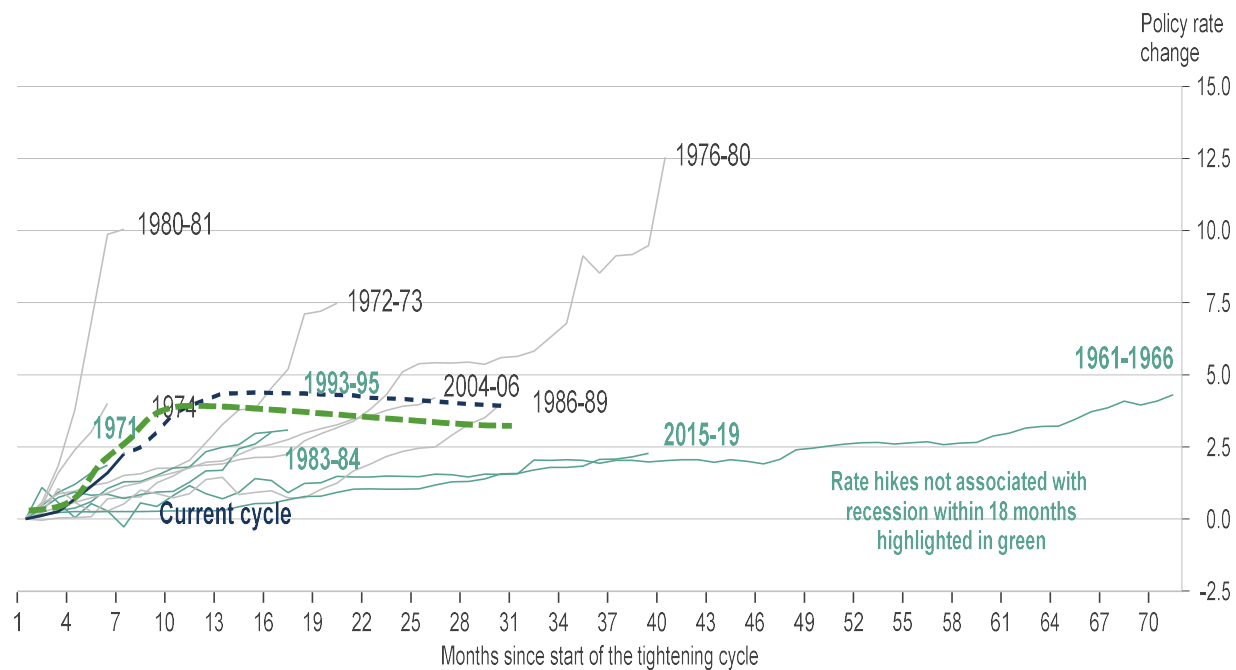
## Macro risk — Fed Funds

### FF hiking cycles

Rates expectation shifted  
towards higher for longer,  
again

### Fed funds (tightening cycles)

Dashed line illustrates Fed funds futures for the current cycle



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Macro risk —  
activity

US activity decelerating -  
fast

Activity remain quite  
resilient, but centralbank  
impact now point to ISM  
below 40

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

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



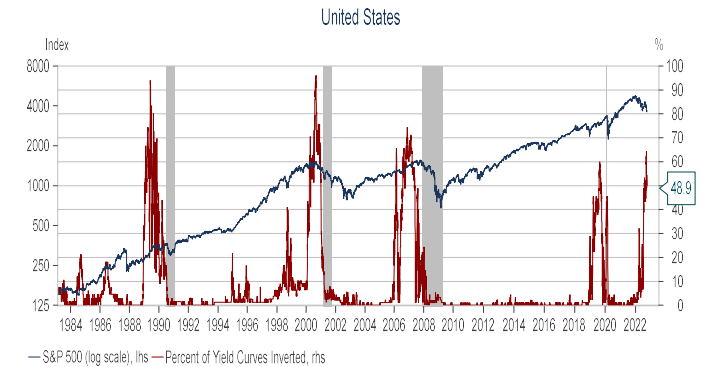
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## Macro risk — activity

### US recession – odds now passing 50%

However, US activity has latitude => Fed tightening will continue

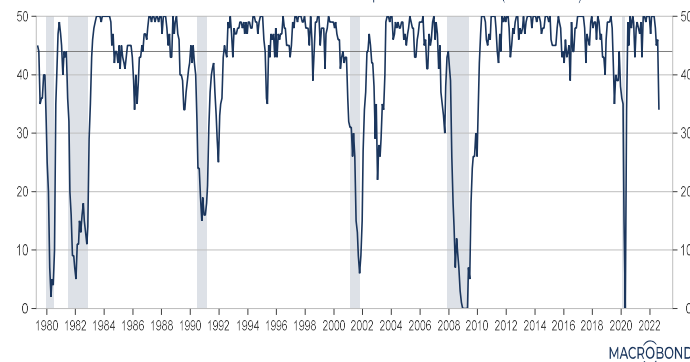
#### Rising number of inverted yield curves signal recession



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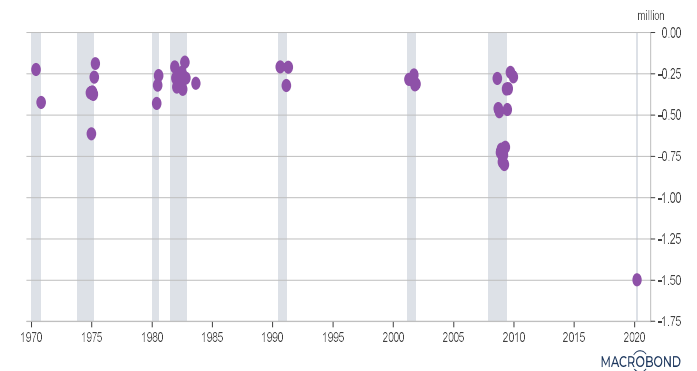
#### Number of US states with increased economic activity

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



#### Recession indicator - Non-farm payroll declines

Sahm rule

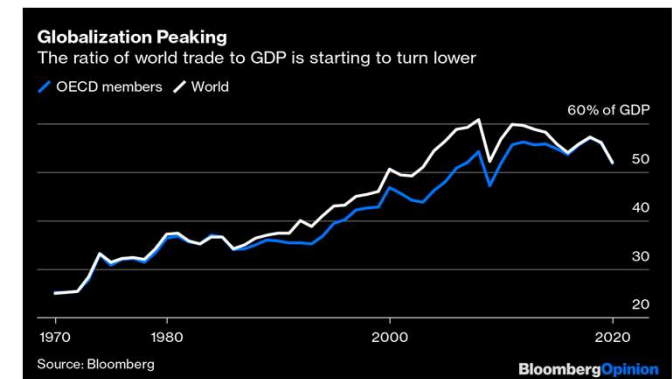
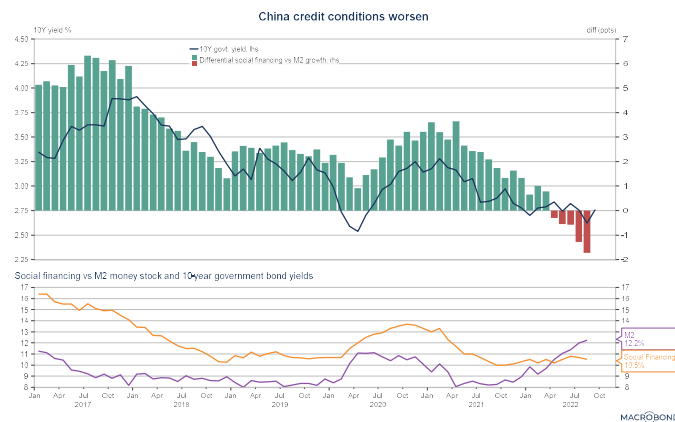
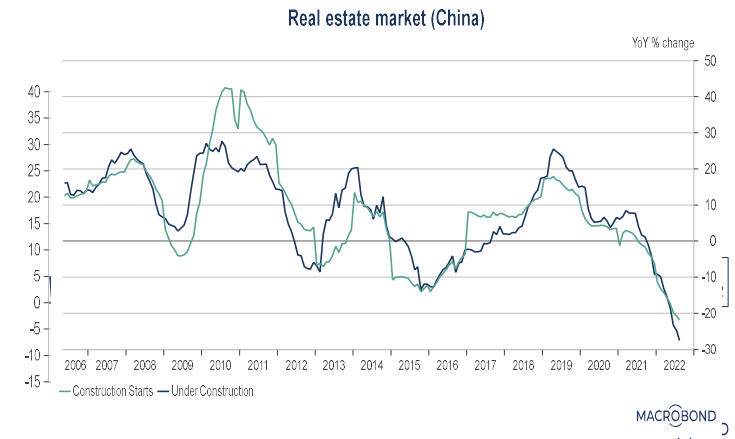
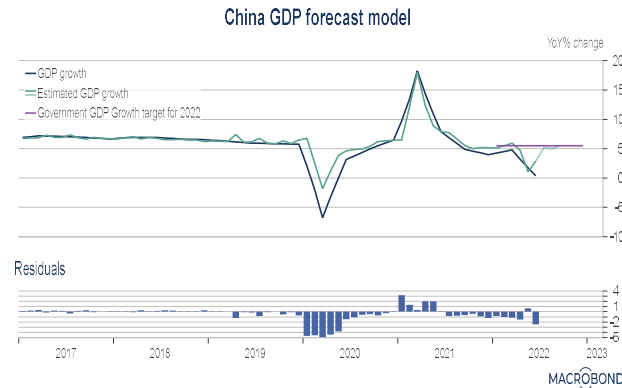




## Macro risk - China

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

- Zero-CoVID policy
- Tech crackdown
- Changing demographics
- Real estate deflation
- De-globalisation

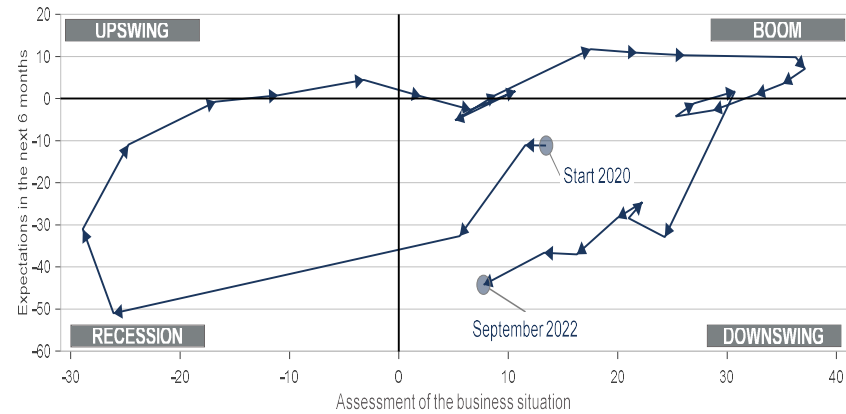


## Macro risk - Europe

Germany lead Europe into recession. Italy leading into crisis?

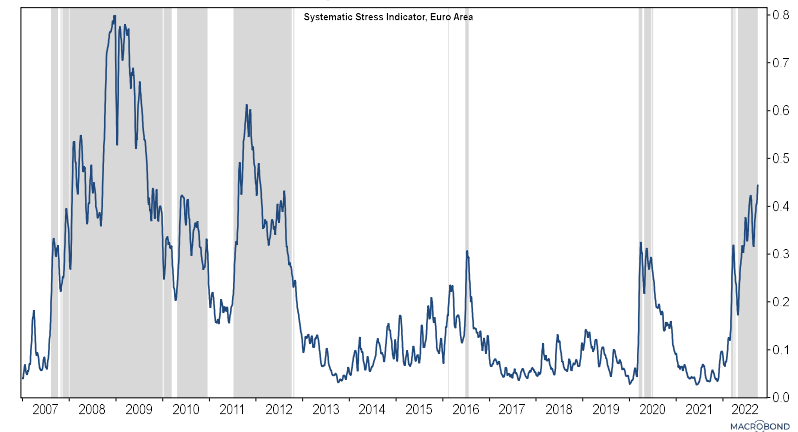


Germany: ifo business cycle clock  
2020-2022 cycle



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European Financial Stress

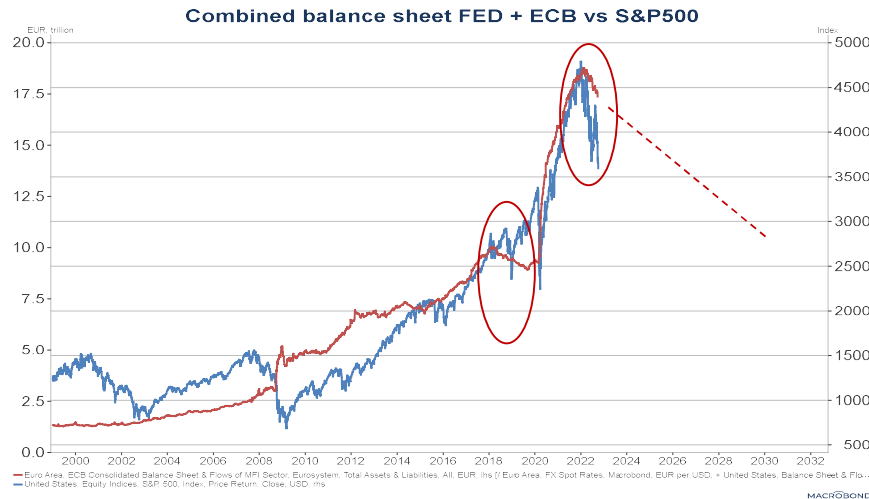




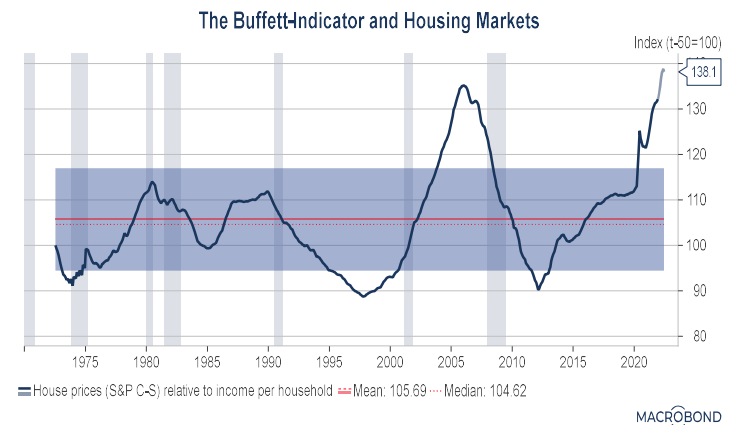
## Capital markets

### The big asset deflation - on track

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



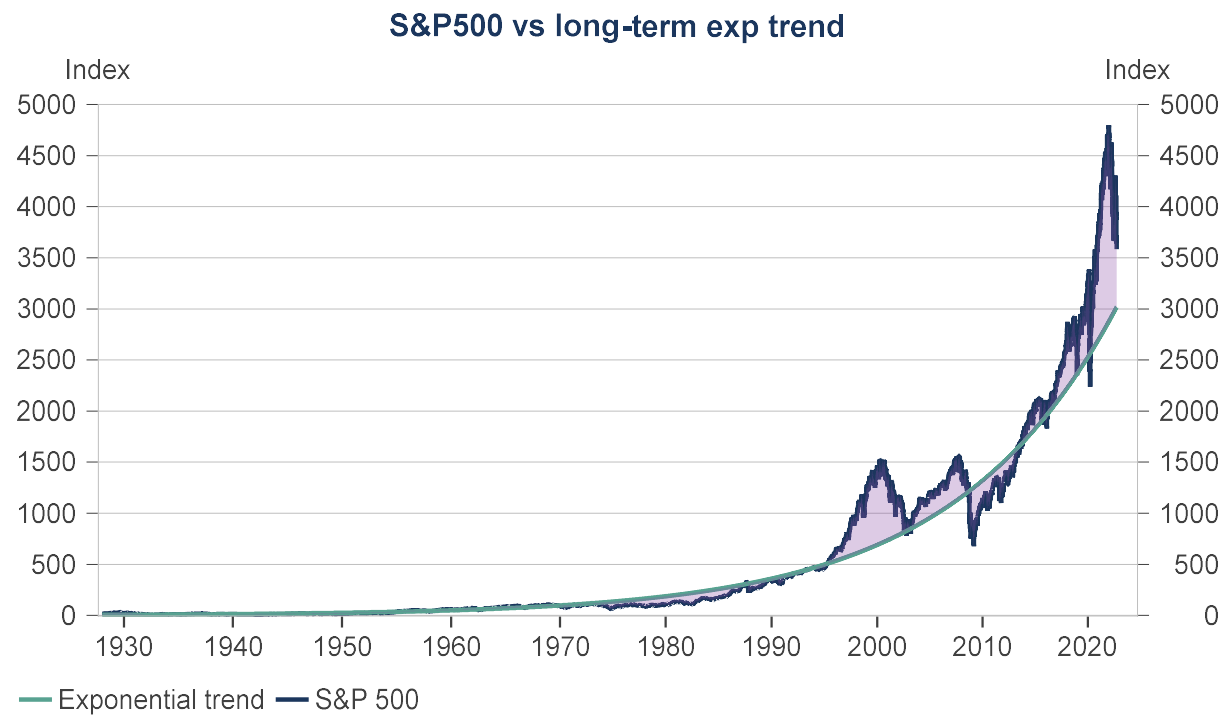
The correlation suggest a high risk of mis-allocation of unproductive capital, such as predominantly RE, high growth/no profit cpy's, crypto ...





Capital markets -  
stocks

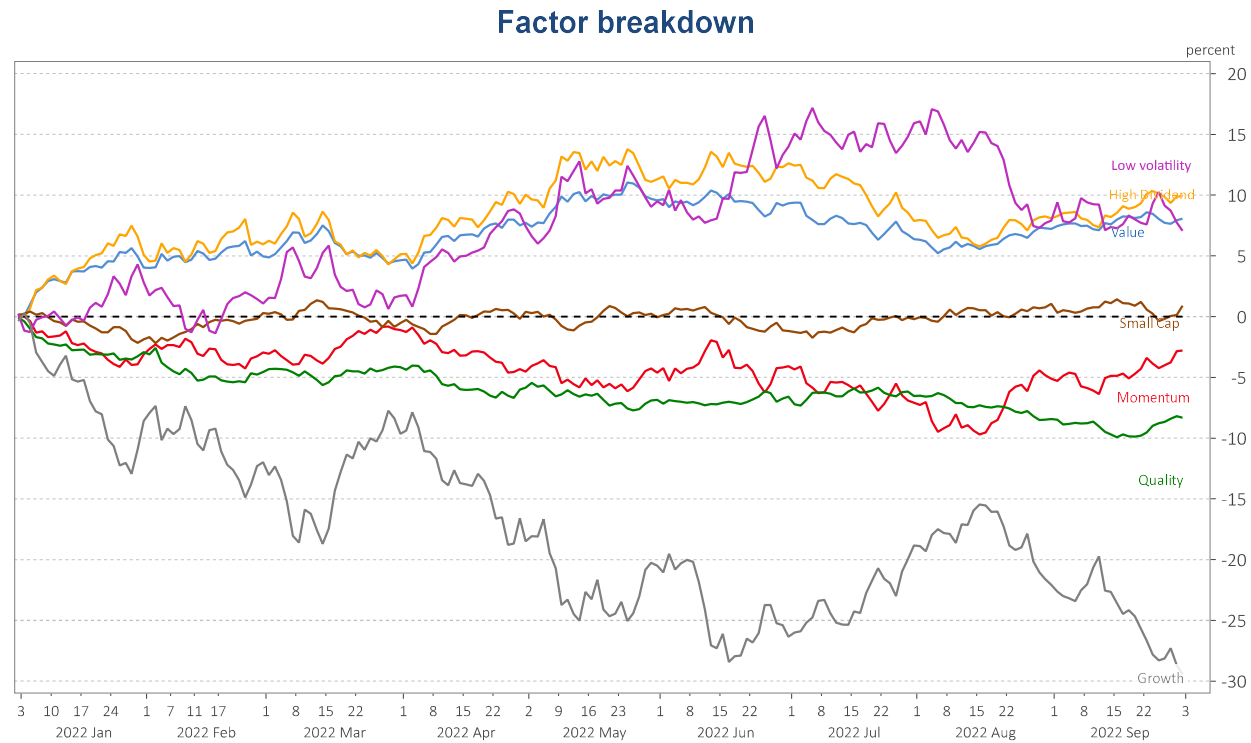
Still above trend



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## Capital markets - factor styles

Low vol factor  
outperformance.  
Growth factor bottom-fishing  
dynamics



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