# Capital Markets Snapshot

# **U.S. Economy**

- Consumer price inflation accelerated to 7.9% year-over-year in February, the highest level since January 1982. Gas, groceries and shelter were the biggest contributors to price increases, and auto prices eased. Real hourly earnings growth fell to -2.6% YoY.
- Revolving credit outstanding, which includes credit cards, fell \$219 million in January, the first decline since April 2021, as households paid down credit card balances which swelled during the holiday-shopping season. Non-revolving credit rose \$7.1B.
- Gas prices are up about \$1 per gallon over the year-to-date, and that pain at the pump will disproportionally hurt lower earners.

# **U.S.** Markets

- U.S. equities staged a relief rally over the last two weeks, led by small-cap equities (Russell 2000 +4.3%) and large-cap tech (NASDAQ 100 +4.2%). Momentum (+5.6%), small (+4.1%) and quality (+3.7%) were the top-performing long-only factors.
- The Federal Open Market Committee bumped up the fed funds range by 25 bps to 0.25-0.50% and signaled six more hikes by year-end. The Fed also cut its 2022 GDP growth forecast by 1.2% to 2.8% and increased its inflation estimate from 2.6% to 4.3%.
- The 10-2 spread narrowed to just 0.19%, sparking fears of inversion, which has been a reliable recession predictor.

# **International Economy**

- Russian forces made limited territorial gains in Ukraine and faced continued challenges from Ukrainian anti-aircraft defense systems, low morale, slowing momentum, and logistical issues.
- Chinese retail sales and industrial production grew 6.7% and 7.5%
   YoY in February. Many analysts viewed the data as influencing the
   PBOC's decision not to cut rates, but also saw an increase in
   unemployment as a signal that more support could come later.
- The breakout of the BA.2 Covid-19 subvariant helped push case growth back to records in China, where officials shut down Shenzhen, home to the world's fourth largest port, for a week.

#### **International Markets**

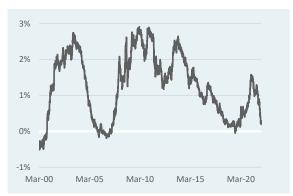
- European equities (MSCI Europe +9.1%) outperformed the global benchmark (MSCI ACWI +3.4%) as countries including Germany (MSCI Germany +11.2%) delivered near-complete recoveries from Ukraine-related selloffs. EM equities (-1.8%) underperformed.
- Chinese equities (-4.6%) oscillated wildly as investors weighed the regulatory and policy environments, the China-Russia relationship, and Covid-related shutdowns. President Xi pledged, for the first time, to reduce the economic impact of Covid-fighting measures.
- The Bloomberg German Treasuries Index fell -2.5% as yields retraced flight-to-quality-driven declines earlier in the month.

#### U.S. AVERAGE UNLEADED GAS PRICES



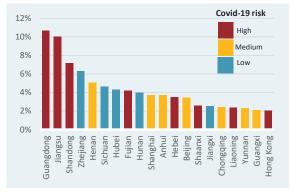
Source: American Automobile Association, as of 3/18/22

#### **10Y TREASURY YIELD MINUS 2Y YIELD**



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/18/22

### **GDP CONTRIBUTION PER CHINESE PROVINCE**



Source: BI, NBS, Health Commission of Guangdong Province, as of 3/16/22

#### **EUROPEAN EQUITIES – TWO-WEEK RETURNS**



Source: Bloomberg, MSCI, as of 3/18/22



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# **MARKET PERFORMANCE**

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S&P 500 TR USD Russell 2000 TR USD MSCI ACWI NR USD MSCI EAFE NR USD MSCI EM NR USD

#### **Fixed Income**

Bloomberg US Treasury US TIPS TR USD
Bloomberg US Treasury TR USD
Bloomberg Long Term US Treasury TR USD
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD
Bloomberg US Credit TR USD
Bloomberg High Yield Corporate TR USD
JPM EMBI Global Diversified TR USD

#### Other

Bloomberg Commodity TR USD Wilshire US REIT TR USD MSCI Currency Factor Mix ER USD

Last Two Weeks 3/7/2022 - 3/18/2022		М	TD	QTD		YTD	
Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev
3.17	28.84	2.13	26.84	-6.05	22.17	-6.05	22.17
4.34	30.80	1.97	30.97	-6.86	27.88	-6.86	27.88
3.36	28.08	0.61	26.07	-6.80	19.45	-6.80	19.45
6.18	28.74	-0.80	30.98	-7.26	23.97	-7.26	23.97
-1.76	45.04	-3.96	38.89	-8.59	25.39	-8.59	25.39

-0.84	11.98	-0.14	11.51	-1.33	8.98	-1.33	8.98
-2.45	5.28	-2.12	8.69	-4.61	6.85	-4.61	6.85
-4.81	15.81	-4.36	22.35	-9.66	17.63	-9.66	17.63
-2.14	6.01	-1.98	8.35	-5.16	6.39	-5.16	6.39
-2.10	9.80	-2.21	10.82	-7.13	7.87	-7.13	7.87
-1.03	8.10	-1.38	6.90	-5.06	5.32	-5.06	5.32
1.60	10.79	-0.63	11.90	-9.78	11.68	-9.78	11.68

-2.87	39.36	7.71	40.80	24.47	24.18	24.47	24.18
1.30	17.08	4.44	17.22	-6.04	19.34	-6.04	19.34
-0.14	3.43	-0.18	3.37	0.41	2.60	0.41	2.60

Source: Morningstar, data as of last available market close, Top/bottom two highlighted.

## **ECONOMIC DATA - RELEASED**

Date	Country	Event	Freq	Period	Surv(M)	Actual	Surprise
03/06/22	CH	Exports YTD YoY	M	Feb	14.0%	16.3%	0.6
03/07/22	US	Consumer Credit	M	Jan	\$24.250b	\$6.838b	-4.3
03/07/22	JN	Eco Watchers Survey Current SA	M	Feb	38.0	37.7	-0.1
03/08/22	US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	M	Feb	97.3	95.7	-1.7
03/08/22	US	Trade Balance	M	Jan	-\$87.3b	-\$89.7b	-1.2
03/10/22	US	CPI MoM	M	Feb	0.8%	0.8%	0.0
03/10/22	US	CPI YoY	M	Feb	7.9%	7.9%	0.0
03/10/22	US	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	M	Feb	6.4%	6.4%	0.0
03/11/22	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	M	Mar P	61.0	59.7	-0.7
03/14/22	RU	Exports	M	Jan	46.9b	45.9b	-0.2
03/14/22	CH	Retail Sales YTD YoY	M	Feb	3.0%	6.7%	3.6
03/15/22	GE	ZEW Survey Current Situation	M	Mar	-22.5	-21.4	0.2
03/15/22	US	PPI Final Demand YoY	M	Feb	10.0%	10.0%	0.0
03/16/22	US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	M	Feb	0.4%	0.3%	-0.2
03/16/22	US	FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound)	D	16-Mar	0.50%	0.50%	0.0

## **ECONOMIC DATA - NEXT TWO WEEKS**

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Date	Country	Event	Freq	Period	Prior	Surv(M)	Std Dev
03/21/22	GE	PPI YoY	M	Feb	25.0%	26.2%	1.3
03/23/22	UK	CPI YoY	M	Feb	5.5%	6.0%	0.1
03/24/22	EC	S&P Global Eurozone Services PMI	M	Mar P	55.5	54.2	1.7
03/24/22	US	Durable Goods Orders	M	Feb P	1.6%	-0.6%	1.0
03/24/22	US	S&P Global US Services PMI	M	Mar P	56.5	56.0	1.7
03/25/22	GE	IFO Business Climate	M	Mar	98.9	94.2	2.2
03/28/22	US	Advance Goods Trade Balance	M	Feb	-\$107.6b	-\$107.1b	3.3
03/29/22	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	M	Mar	110.5	107.8	2.1
03/31/22	US	Personal Income	M	Feb	0.0%	0.5%	0.1
03/31/22	US	PCE Deflator YoY	M	Feb	6.1%	6.4%	0.1
03/31/22	RU	Markit Russia PMI Mfg	M	Mar	48.6		
04/01/22	EC	CPI Estimate YoY	M	Mar	5.8%		
04/01/22	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	M	Mar	678k	450k	133.2
04/01/22	US	Unemployment Rate	M	Mar	3.8%	3.7%	0.2
04/01/22	US	Average Hourly Earnings YoY	M	Mar	5.1%	5.5%	0.1

Source: Bloomberg

