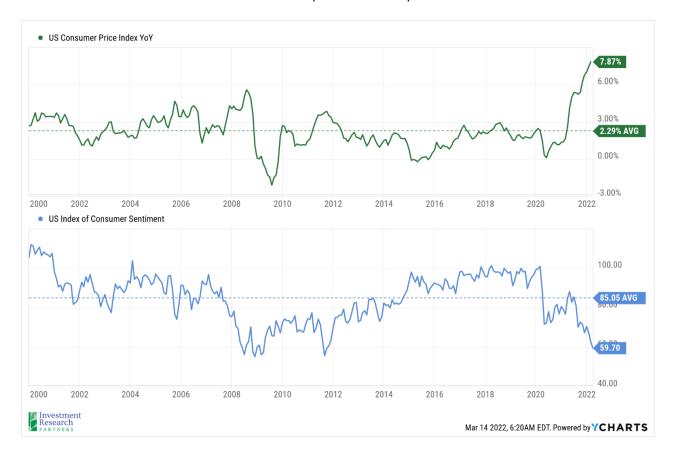


Weekly Investment Update

March 14, 2022

The conflict in Ukraine has entered its third week and the destruction it has caused to the country and citizens has only intensified. The United Nations now estimates that 2.7 million people have fled the country since the invasion.¹ With the escalation of violence the past few weeks, Russia now finds itself as a global pariah, as it has been effectively cut-off from the global economy by a unified front of Western countries. Concern over the war has weighed on risk assets since the invasion and most equity markets retreated again last week. The S&P 500 index, a proxy for large-cap US stocks, dropped 2.8 percent for the week, while the MSCI ACWI, a proxy for large-cap global stocks, fell 2.3%.

We expect another potentially volatile week in markets, as a few key events will occur. Investors will see whether Russia is able to pay its debt payments on Wednesday despite the heavy economic sanctions being levied against it. A failure to fulfill its obligations has the potential to trigger additional corporate defaults. In addition, the Federal Reserve meets this week to determine whether to begin raising interest rates to address sky-rocketing inflation.² The Consumer Price Index, a common measure of inflation, has increased to 7.9% year-over-year (green line below). Rising prices, along with concern over the situation in Ukraine, has pushed Consumer Sentiment to the lowest level since 2011 (blue line below).



¹ Source: 'How long, Lord?' archbishop implores at service for Poland's Ukrainians | Reuters

² Source: <u>It's Crunch Time for Traders Juggling Russia Default Risk, Fed - Bloomberg</u>



Prices & Interest Rates

Representative Index	Current	Year-End 2021	
Crude Oil (US WTI)	\$109.09	\$75.37	
Gold	\$1,987	\$1,828	
US Dollar	99.13	95.67	
2 Year Treasury	1.75%	0.73%	
10 Year Treasury	2.00%	1.52%	
30 Year Treasury	2.36%	1.93%	

Source: Morningstar, YCharts, and US Treasury as of March 12, 2022

Asset Class Returns

Category	Representative Index	YTD 2022	Full Year 2021
Global Equity	MSCI All-Country World	-11.9%	18.5%
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US Large Cap Equity	S&P 500	-11.5%	28.7%
US Large Cap Equity	Dow Jones Industrial Average	-8.9%	21.0%
US Small Cap Equity	Russell 2000	-11.7%	14.8%
Foreign Developed Equity	MSCI EAFE	-12.2%	11.3%
Emerging Market Equity	MSCI Emerging Markets	-11.7%	-2.5%
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond	-4.4%	1.5%
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Bond	-4.8%	-1.5%
Global Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg. Bond	-5.3%	-4.7%

Source: YCharts as of March 12, 2022

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