



# The Market Place

- Global equities rose +6.0% last week
- The Fed raised interest rates by 25 basis points ending the near-zero rates of the pandemic era
- Brent crude fell -4.2% over the week to \$107.9 a barrel
- Gold returned -3.4% to \$1921.6 per ounce

## US

US equities rose +6.2% last week

PPI for February came in at 0.8% month-on-month vs expectations of 0.9% while the numbers ex-Food and Energy increased 0.2% vs expectations of 0.6%

The Fed raised rates by 25 basis points and communicated a much tighter path of policy to come. Chair Powell signalled quantitative tightening could start as early as May

Retail sales for February came in at 0.3%, below 0.4% expected

The NAHB Housing Market Index dipped below consensus in March (79.0 vs 81.0 expected)

The Philadelphia Fed business outlook survey materially beat expectations, printing at 27.4 vs expectations of 14.5

Initial jobless claims for the week ending 12 March came in at 214k, slightly below the 220k expected

Housing starts (1769k vs 1700k expected) and building permits (1859k vs 1850k) also surprised to the upside

The Empire State Manufacturing Survey for March came in at -11.8 s expectations of +7.0 (readings over zero for the index indicate economic expansion)

## Europe

European equities returned +6.1% last week

Industrial production was flat for the month of January vs expectations of 0.2%

February CPI came in at 5.9% year-on-year vs expectations of 5.8%

German February PPI came in at 25.9% year-on-year vs expectations of 25.5%

## UK

UK equities returned +3.5% last week

The BOE hiked rates by 25 basis points, bringing the base rate back to its pre-pandemic level

The ILO unemployment rate for the three months to January was 3.9% vs expectations of 4.0%

## Asia / ROW

The benchmark Global Emerging Markets index returned +3.5% last week

Japanese equities rose +6.1% over the week

Chinese equities returned +5.1% last week as top economic ministers noted that the government would introduce policies to benefit markets after recent volatility

China's industrial output rose by more than expected at 7.5% year-on-year in February vs estimates of 4.0%

Chinese retail sales grew +6.7% year-on-year vs expectations of a 3.0% increase

The PBOC unexpectedly kept the one-year medium-term lending facility rate at 2.85%, resulting in a net injection of 100bn yuan

The Bank of Japan kept its interest rate targets unchanged but warned of heightening growth risks emanating from the Russian-Ukraine war

Japan's national CPI grew 0.9% year-on-year in February

# Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 18 Mar 2022	Month to date	YTD 2022	12 Months
Developed Market Equities					
United States	USD	6.2%	1.9%	-6.1%	15.1%
United Kingdom	GBP	3.5%	-0.4%	2.7%	15.8%
Continental Europe	EUR	6.1%	0.6%	-8.1%	7.3%
Japan	JPY	6.1%	1.8%	-4.1%	-2.9%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	4.0%	-1.7%	-7.0%	-14.3%
Australia	AUD	3.3%	4.8%	-0.6%	12.6%
Global	USD	6.0%	1.1%	-6.6%	9.0%
Emerging markets equities					
Emerging Europe	USD	5.6%	-60.0%	-72.1%	-69.4%
Emerging Asia	USD	3.8%	-3.6%	-9.5%	-18.3%
Emerging Latin America	USD	4.0%	5.8%	18.2%	13.8%
BRICs	USD	4.7%	-8.5%	-15.1%	-27.0%
China	USD	5.1%	-8.7%	-15.1%	-36.4%
MENA countries	USD	0.1%	3.9%	11.3%	33.0%
South Africa	USD	2.2%	5.9%	17.0%	8.9%
India	USD	4.9%	2.6%	-2.1%	14.9%
Global emerging markets	USD	3.5%	-4.0%	-8.6%	-14.8%
Bonds					
US Treasuries	USD	-0.8%	-1.2%	-4.4%	-2.2%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	-1.4%	1.7%	-1.5%	7.1%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	0.6%	-1.3%	-7.4%	-3.1%
US High Yield	USD	0.5%	-1.2%	-5.0%	-0.1%
UK Gilts	GBP	0.0%	-1.0%	-6.6%	-4.2%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	0.4%	-0.8%	-6.7%	-4.9%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	-0.4%	-0.8%	-4.1%	-5.0%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	0.1%	-0.7%	-4.7%	-4.8%
Euro High Yield	EUR	0.7%	-0.5%	-4.6%	-2.7%
Japanese Government	JPY	-0.2%	0.1%	-1.5%	-1.2%
Australian Government	AUD	-0.9%	-1.9%	-4.9%	-4.0%
Global Government Bonds	USD	-0.6%	-1.9%	-5.3%	-6.7%
Global Bonds	USD	-0.2%	-1.8%	-5.9%	-7.1%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	2.2%	-1.7%	-8.0%	-12.1%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	3.5%	-4.5%	-14.6%	-13.0%

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Property					
US Property Securities	USD	2.5%	2.1%	-6.5%	21.6%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	3.5%	1.2%	-8.6%	16.3%
Asia Property Securities	USD	3.5%	0.3%	-0.2%	-11.2%
Global Property Securities	USD	3.0%	1.6%	-5.1%	9.9%
Currencies					
Euro	USD	1.3%	-1.6%	-2.9%	-7.3%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	1.1%	-1.5%	-2.6%	-5.5%
Japanese Yen	USD	-1.6%	-2.8%	-3.5%	-8.5%
Australian Dollar	USD	1.5%	2.8%	1.9%	-4.9%
South African Rand	USD	0.9%	1.7%	6.7%	-1.2%
Swiss Franc	USD	0.1%	-0.5%	-2.3%	-0.6%
Chinese Yuan	USD	-0.3%	-0.7%	-0.1%	2.3%
Commodities & Alternatives					
Commodities	USD	-1.8%	10.0%	25.9%	58.8%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	-0.2%	8.9%	17.2%	46.0%
Oil	USD	-4.2%	10.2%	38.8%	70.6%
Gold	USD	-3.4%	1.7%	5.1%	10.8%
Hedge funds	USD	0.1%	-0.9%	-2.4%	-0.6%



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