

# The Market Place

- Global equities fell -1.4% last week
- President Macron is set to face far-right rival Marine Le Pen in the second and final stage of the French presidential election in two weeks' time
- Brent crude fell -1.5% over the week to \$102.8 a barrel
- Gold returned +1.1% to \$1947.5 per ounce

## US

US equities fell -1.2% last week

The composite PMI for March was revised down to 57.7 from its flash reading of 58.5

The ISM services index came in slightly below expectations at 58.3 vs 58.5 expected. It of course remains firmly in expansionary territory above 50

Weekly initial jobless claims for the week ending 2nd April fell to their lowest level since 1968 with just 166k initial claims

Factory orders for February showed a -0.5% contraction (vs -0.6% expected)

Final reading for durable goods orders in February showed a -2.1% decline (vs -2.2% preliminary reading)

Minutes of the March Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting were released where it was indicated that a 50bps rate hike would have happened in March had Russia not invaded Ukraine, policymakers are now ready to entertain a 50bps rate hike going forward

## Europe

European equities returned +0.1% last week

The composite PMI for the Euro Area came in at 54.9, revised upward from its flash reading of 54.5

Euro Area PPI for February came in at 31.4% year-on-year vs 31.6% expected, the fastest pace since the formation of the single currency

German factory orders contracted by a larger than expected -2.2% in February (vs -0.3% expected)

Euro Area retail sales grew by 0.3% in February vs 0.5% expected

German industrial production grew by 0.2% in February, in line with expectations

Euro Zone flash CPI came in at a fresh record high of 7.5%, its highest since the formation of the single currency and up from 5.9% in February

## UK

UK equities returned +2.1% last week

The composite PMI for March came in at 60.9 vs its flash reading of 59.7

Industrial production grew by 0.6% in February vs 0.3% expected whereas manufacturing production fell by -0.4% vs 0.4% expected

## Asia / ROW

The benchmark Global Emerging Markets index returned -1.5% last week

Japanese equities fell -2.4% over the week. Further easings of border restrictions failed to counteract weakening investor sentiment from an increasingly hawkish Fed and the financial ramifications of the war between Russia and Ukraine

Chinese equities returned -1.6% last week

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept policy rates on hold but highlighted that they would be "patient" in evaluating the outlook, opening the door to rate hikes in the coming months

Japanese household spending rose by 1.1% year-on-year in February, below market expectations of 2.7%

The Chinese Caixin services PMI dropped to 42.0, its lowest level since February 2020 and beneath the 49.7 expected as localised lockdowns take hold

China's PPI for March came in at 8.3% year-on-year, whilst CPI was up 1.5% year-on-year

Japan's current account swung back to surplus in February to 1.6trn yen following a -1.2trn yen deficit in January – the second largest deficit on record



# Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 08 Apr 2022	Month to date	YTD 2022	12 Months
<b>Developed Market Equities</b>					
United States	USD	-1.2%	-2.5%	-5.8%	10.6%
United Kingdom	GBP	2.1%	1.7%	7.1%	17.9%
Continental Europe	EUR	0.1%	-0.4%	-7.5%	5.2%
Japan	JPY	-2.4%	-3.6%	-3.7%	-0.5%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	-1.4%	-2.0%	-6.3%	-13.9%
Australia	AUD	-0.2%	-0.5%	1.0%	11.2%
Global	USD	-1.4%	-2.7%	-6.5%	5.5%
<b>Emerging markets equities</b>					
Emerging Europe	USD	-2.7%	-3.6%	-71.6%	-67.6%
Emerging Asia	USD	-1.6%	-2.1%	-9.1%	-18.1%
Emerging Latin America	USD	-3.8%	-1.8%	24.6%	17.3%
BRICs	USD	-1.1%	-1.0%	-12.0%	-24.0%
China	USD	-1.6%	-2.5%	-13.1%	-34.2%
MENA countries	USD	1.9%	2.0%	16.1%	33.5%
South Africa	USD	-2.0%	-2.9%	18.3%	7.2%
India	USD	0.7%	1.5%	1.6%	18.8%
Global emerging markets	USD	-1.5%	-1.8%	-7.4%	-14.2%
<b>Bonds</b>					
US Treasuries	USD	-1.7%	-1.9%	-7.0%	-5.7%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	-1.4%	-2.1%	-5.1%	2.3%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	-2.4%	-2.4%	-9.8%	-7.4%
US High Yield	USD	-1.3%	-1.4%	-6.2%	-2.9%
UK Gilts	GBP	-1.6%	-1.0%	-8.5%	-7.6%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	-1.0%	-0.6%	-7.4%	-6.9%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	-1.3%	-1.1%	-6.9%	-8.1%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	-0.7%	-0.3%	-5.7%	-6.4%
Euro High Yield	EUR	-0.5%	-0.3%	-4.6%	-3.4%
Japanese Government	JPY	-0.2%	0.1%	-1.9%	-1.7%
Australian Government	AUD	-0.8%	-0.9%	-7.4%	-7.0%
Global Government Bonds	USD	-2.0%	-2.3%	-8.5%	-10.3%
Global Bonds	USD	-2.7%	-2.4%	-8.9%	-10.6%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	-1.8%	-2.2%	-9.1%	-13.5%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	-2.3%	-5.2%	-18.4%	-16.8%



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<b>Property</b>					
US Property Securities	USD	-1.2%	-0.6%	-3.4%	23.1%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	-0.7%	-1.1%	-9.6%	10.6%
Asia Property Securities	USD	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.3%	-10.1%
Global Property Securities	USD	-1.1%	-1.1%	-3.3%	9.9%
<b>Currencies</b>					
Euro	USD	-1.5%	-2.6%	-3.9%	-8.8%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	-0.6%	-0.9%	-3.4%	-5.2%
Japanese Yen	USD	-1.5%	-2.0%	-7.4%	-12.2%
Australian Dollar	USD	-0.4%	-0.7%	2.9%	-2.5%
South African Rand	USD	0.3%	-1.0%	9.0%	-0.9%
Swiss Franc	USD	-0.8%	-1.2%	-2.0%	-1.1%
Chinese Yuan	USD	0.0%	-0.3%	0.1%	2.9%
<b>Commodities &amp; Alternatives</b>					
Commodities	USD	1.5%	-1.2%	27.5%	61.2%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	3.3%	1.5%	19.8%	48.9%
Oil	USD	-1.5%	-9.4%	29.6%	62.6%
Gold	USD	1.1%	0.8%	7.4%	10.8%
Hedge funds	USD	-0.1%	0.0%	-1.3%	0.1%

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