



# The Market Place

- Global equities fell 2% last week
- All major indices saw declines last week on the back of interest rate hikes and disappointing economic data
- Brent crude fell 3.6% to \$73.85 a barrel
- Gold fell 1.9% to \$1921.2 per ounce

## US

US equities fell 1.4% last week

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen sees diminishing risk for the US to fall into recession, and suggested that a slowdown in consumer spending may be the price to pay for finishing the campaign to contain inflation

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell continues to say returning US inflation to 2% is crucial to support the long-term health of the US economy, and that more interest-rate increases may be needed this year

US weekly jobless claims came in at 264k (vs. 259k expected) over the week ending June 17 2023

## Europe

European equities fell 2.8% last week

Flash Eurozone Composite Purchasing Managers' Output Index fell to a five-month low of 50.3 from 52.8 in May

European Central Bank (ECB) Vice President Luis de Guindos says the ECB is "entering the final stretch" of its tightening cycle

## UK

UK equities fell 2.3% last week

The Bank of England hiked its policy rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 5%. That's the highest bank rate since 2008, surprising investors who viewed a 25bps hike as more likely, even after the upside inflation surprise the previous day

UK GfK Consumer Confidence in June was -24, versus an estimated -26, improving more than expected, and reaching its strongest level in 17 months despite elevated inflation and soaring interest rates

## Asia / ROW

Global emerging market equities fell 3.6% last week

Japanese equities fell 1.5%

Chinese equities fell 6.7% as signs of an economic recovery stalled

Flash Purchase Managers Indices (PMI) for Japan showed the composite PMI slowing down relative to May to 52.3. Meanwhile, Australia's flash reading came in at 50.5

An adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said there have been no indications the Wagner mercenary group is retreating from conflict areas in the country after its leader Yevgeny Prigozhin agreed to go into exile



# Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 23 June 2023	Month to date	YTD 2023	12 Months
<b>Developed Market Equities</b>					
United States	USD	-1.4%	4.1%	13.9%	15.9%
United Kingdom	GBP	-2.3%	0.4%	1.7%	9.6%
Continental Europe	EUR	-2.8%	0.4%	10.1%	18.1%
Japan	JPY	-1.5%	6.3%	21.3%	25.7%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	-4.1%	2.9%	2.8%	1.5%
Australia	AUD	-2.1%	0.1%	2.8%	13.8%
Global	USD	-2.0%	3.7%	12.6%	15.8%
<b>Emerging markets equities</b>					
Emerging Europe	USD	-2.6%	6.6%	12.6%	39.7%
Emerging Asia	USD	-4.1%	2.8%	4.0%	0.1%
Emerging Latin America	USD	-0.6%	12.6%	19.2%	30.7%
BRICs	USD	-4.4%	4.8%	-0.9%	-4.2%
China	USD	-6.7%	4.0%	-5.5%	-14.8%
MENA countries	USD	-0.4%	3.2%	3.1%	-2.6%
South Africa	USD	-8.1%	7.9%	-6.9%	-5.2%
India	USD	-0.3%	2.4%	5.2%	16.4%
Global emerging markets	USD	-3.6%	3.8%	4.9%	2.6%
<b>Bonds</b>					
US Treasuries	USD	0.2%	-0.3%	2.2%	-1.1%
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US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	0.2%	0.3%	3.2%	1.6%
US High Yield	USD	-0.8%	0.8%	4.6%	6.6%
UK Gilts	GBP	0.6%	-0.3%	-3.5%	-15.1%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	0.2%	-0.7%	-0.5%	-7.1%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	0.6%	0.1%	3.0%	-4.2%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	0.3%	-0.2%	2.3%	-0.1%
Euro High Yield	EUR	-0.5%	0.6%	4.4%	6.5%
Japanese Government	JPY	0.2%	0.5%	3.1%	0.3%
Australian Government	AUD	0.3%	-2.1%	1.4%	2.2%
Global Government Bonds	USD	-0.2%	0.1%	1.3%	-2.6%
Global Bonds	USD	0.0%	0.5%	2.5%	-0.9%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	-1.5%	2.7%	4.1%	5.7%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	0.5%	2.2%	3.3%	4.4%



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<b>Property</b>					
US Property Securities	USD	-4.8%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-6.1%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	-3.2%	-4.2%	-1.0%	-1.8%
Asia Property Securities	USD	-4.3%	1.4%	-7.4%	-10.1%
Global Property Securities	USD	-4.7%	0.0%	-2.3%	-7.2%
<b>Currencies</b>					
Euro	USD	-0.4%	2.3%	1.6%	3.6%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	-1.0%	2.5%	5.0%	3.9%
Japanese Yen	USD	-1.4%	-2.9%	-8.9%	-6.3%
Australian Dollar	USD	-2.7%	3.4%	-2.0%	-2.9%
South African Rand	USD	-3.1%	5.3%	-9.2%	-14.8%
Swiss Franc	USD	-0.5%	1.8%	2.6%	7.0%
Chinese Yuan	USD	-0.7%	-0.9%	-3.9%	-6.7%
<b>Commodities &amp; Alternatives</b>					
Commodities	USD	-2.3%	5.3%	-6.4%	-10.6%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	-0.9%	9.6%	4.2%	2.0%
Oil	USD	-3.6%	1.6%	-14.0%	-32.9%
Gold	USD	-1.9%	-2.2%	5.3%	5.0%
Hedge funds	USD	-0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	1.1%

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