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# 2022 Bear Market That No One Saw Coming

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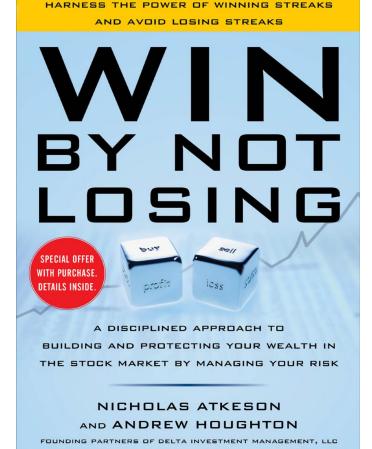
- We believe there are periods in market cycles to be fully invested and there are other periods not to be fully invested
- ✤ As such, we believe it is necessary to be proactive in managing money
- ✤ As active managers, we follow market-tested, proven investment disciplines
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- During bearish cycles, we seek to preserve capital by reducing exposure to risk assets
- We believe diversification in both asset type and asset allocation methodology strengthens portfolio performance through the full investment cycle

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# The Hidden Risks of "Safe" Assets

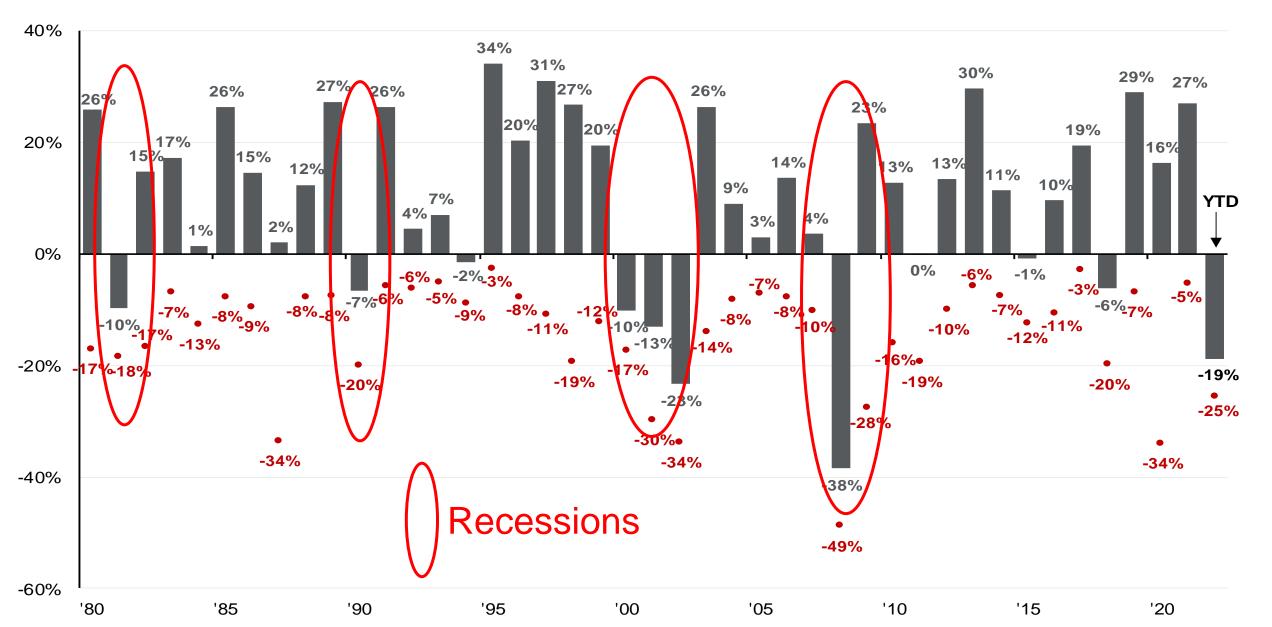
April 6, 2018

Dear Nick,

Money managers often advise clients who would like more safety in their portfolios to increase the weighting of bonds versus stocks. Historically, bonds have experienced lower volatility than stocks. Volatility (standard deviation) is one way risk is measured in finance.

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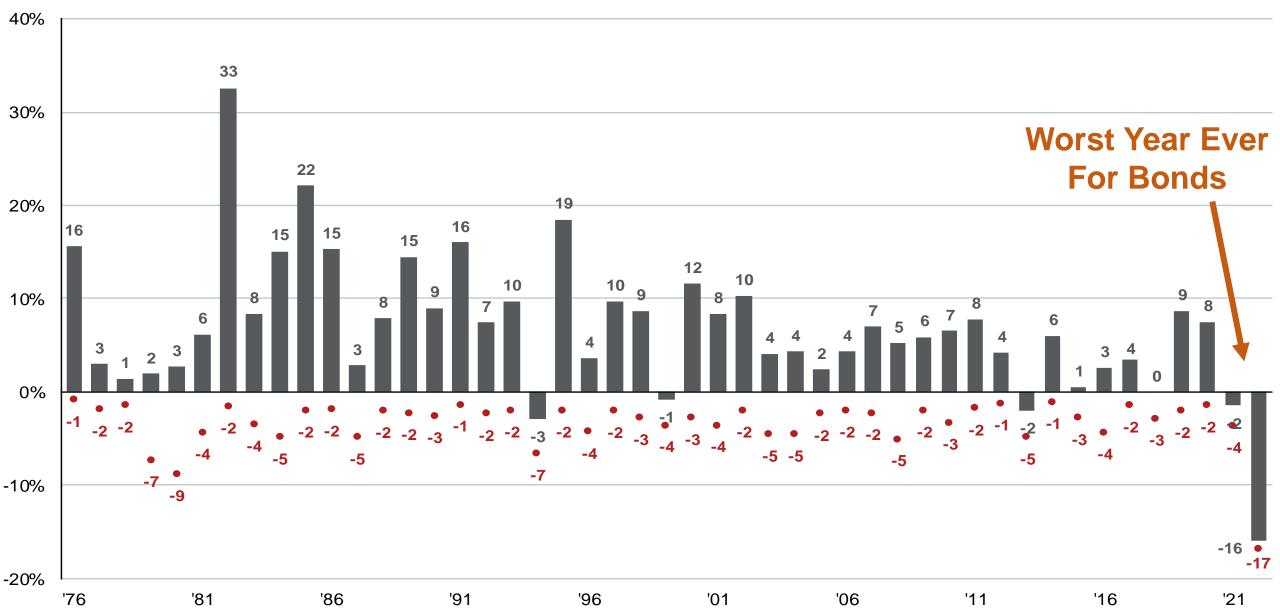
### Are We In A Recession in 2022 S&P 500 Intra-Year and Calendar Year Returns



### **Bloomberg US Agg. Annual Returns and Intra-Year Declines**

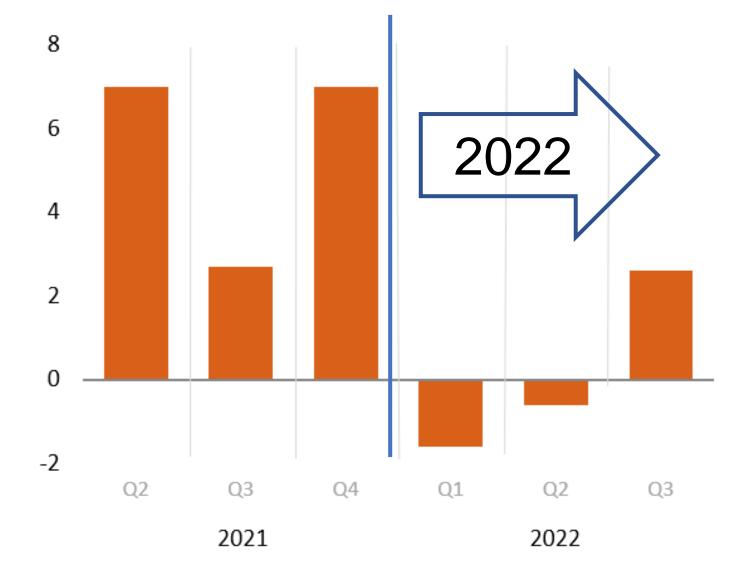
#### Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 3.1%, annual returns positive in 42 of 46 years



### **REAL GDP**

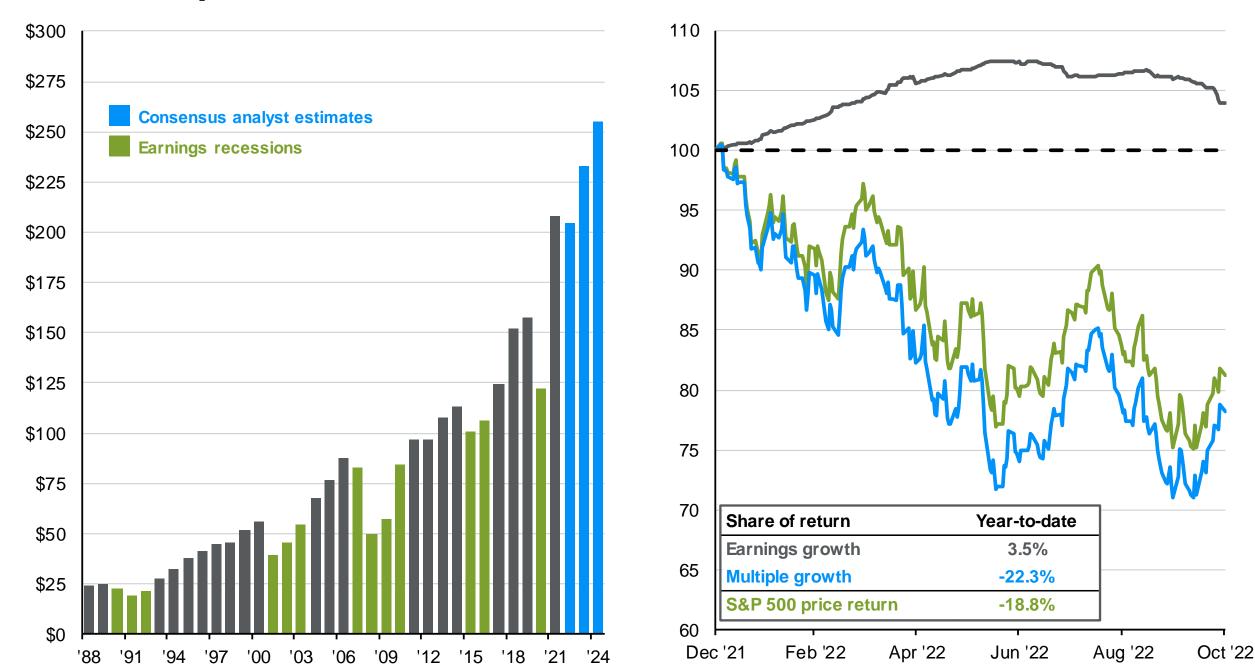
Real GDP: Percent change from preceding quarter



U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Seasonally adjusted annual rates

#### Corporate Profits and Sources of Return as of 10/31/2022

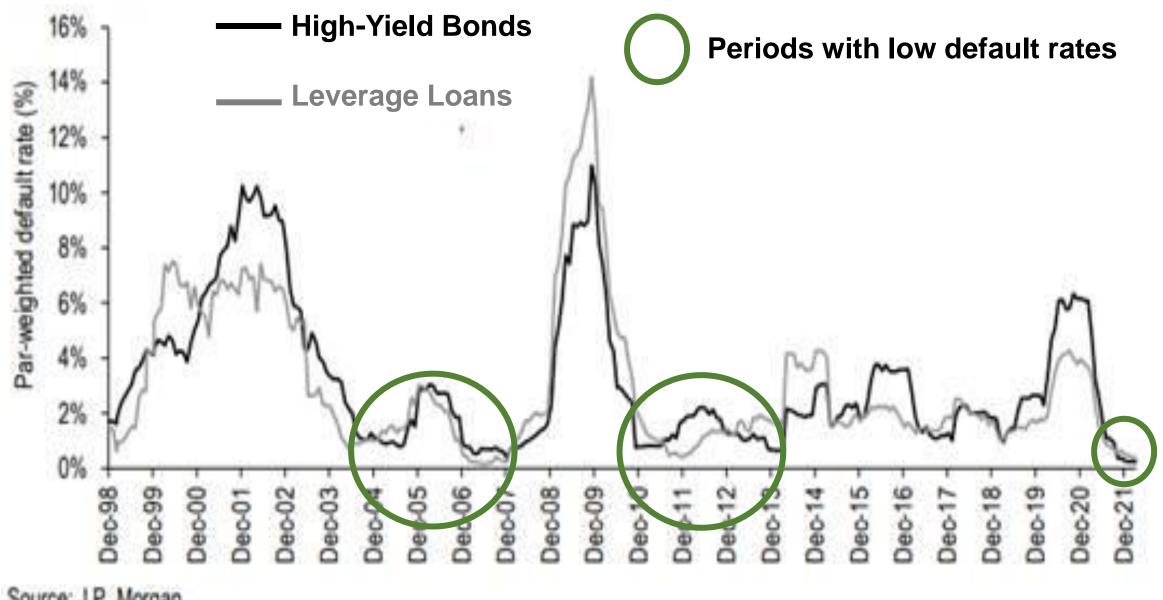


#### High Yield Spreads and Stock Market Cycles

<sup>25</sup> Notes: Green and Red numbers show S&P 500 Total Return by calendar year from 1994 through 2021 YTD. Loss in 2018
<sup>20</sup> occurred in fourth quarter. Intra-year loss in 2020 during Covid was -34%. Calendar year gain in 2020 was 18.4%.
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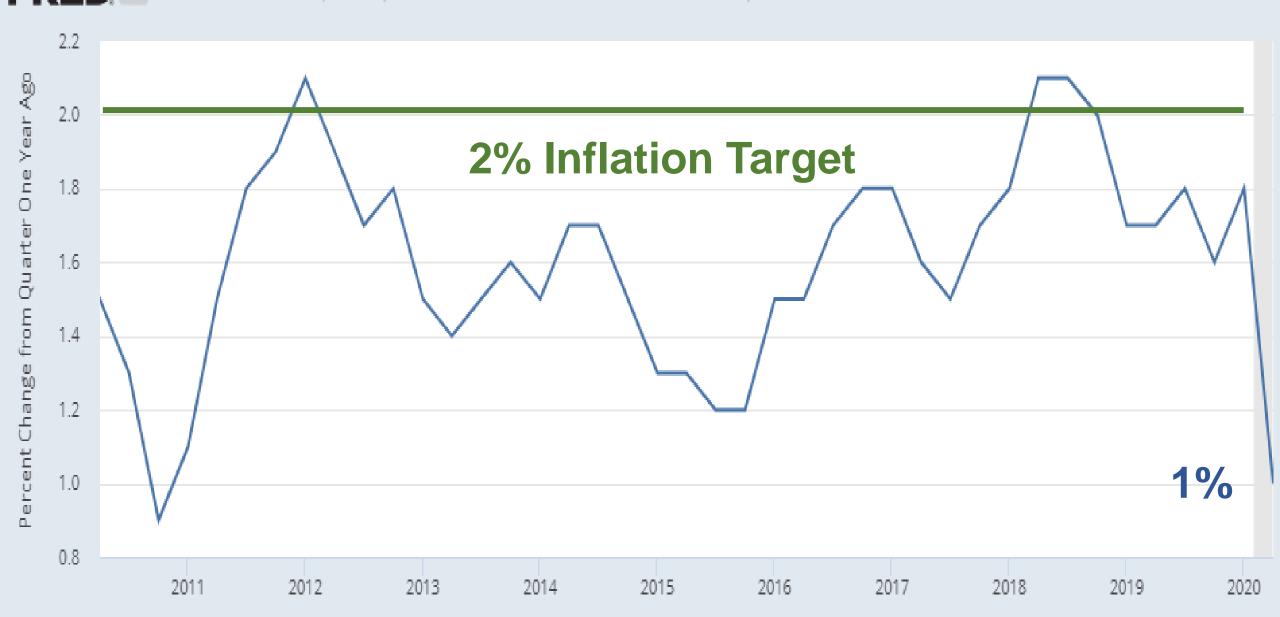
### **High-Yield Bond and Loan Default Rates**



Source: J.P. Morgan.

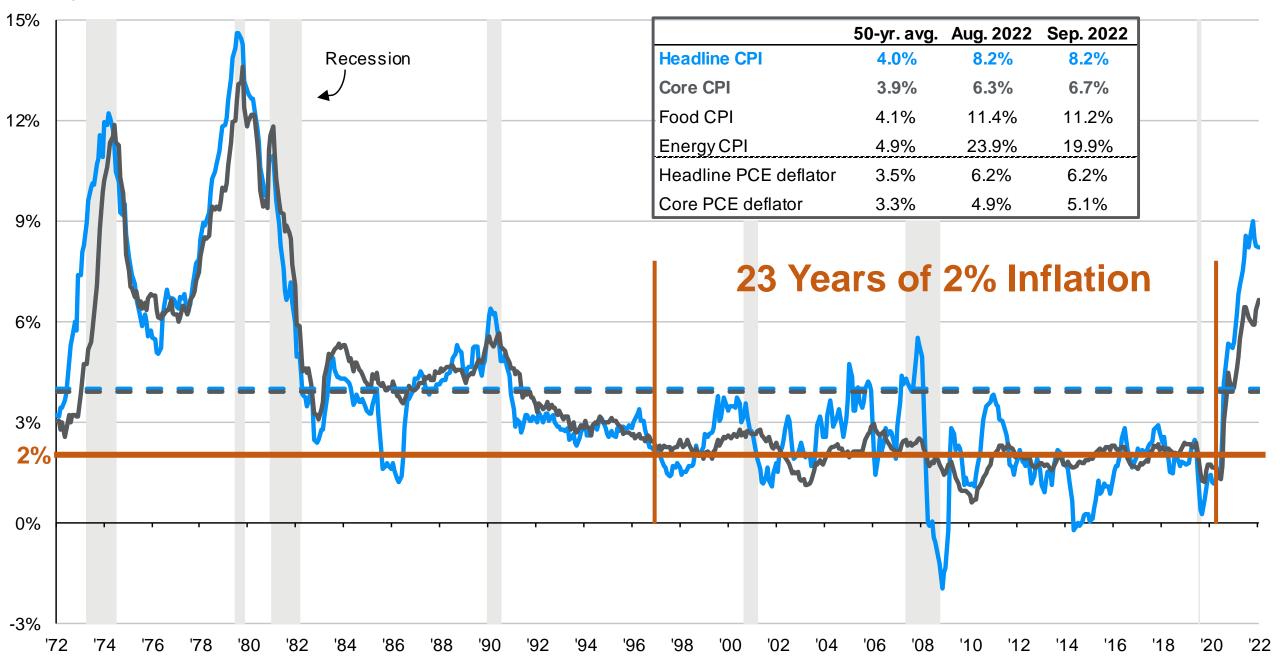
### **Core PCE (Inflation), 10-Years**

FRED 📈 — Personal Consumption Expenditures Excluding Food and Energy (Chain-Type Price Index)



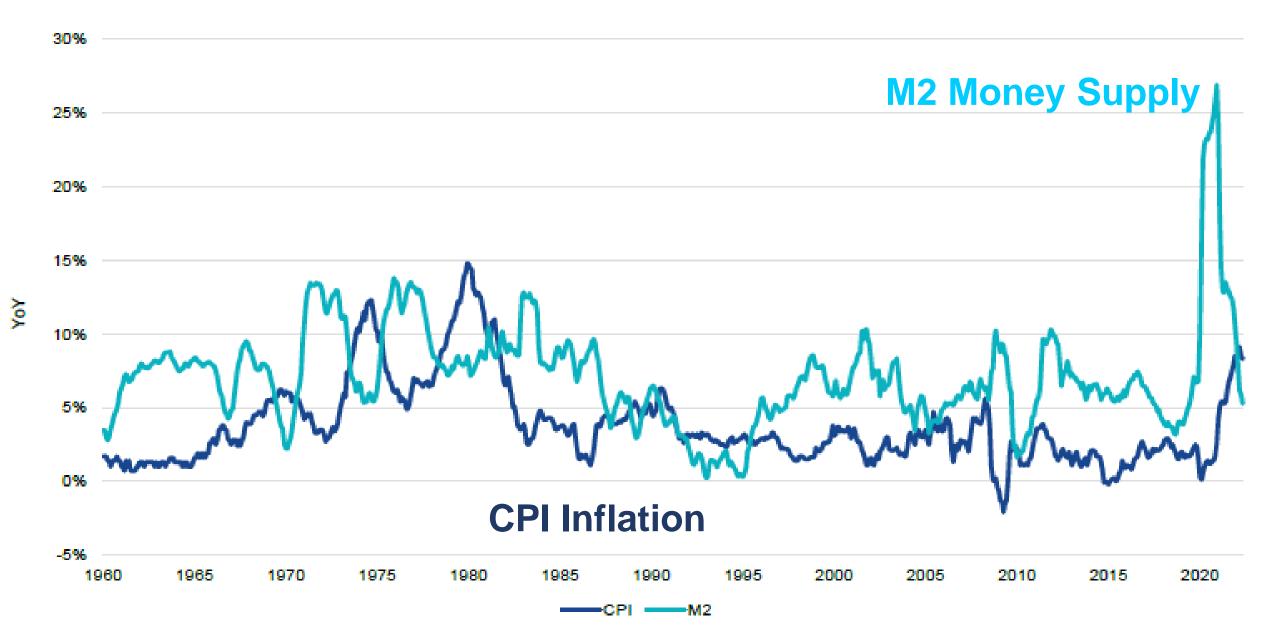
#### **CPI and core CPI**

% change vs. prior year, seasonally adjusted

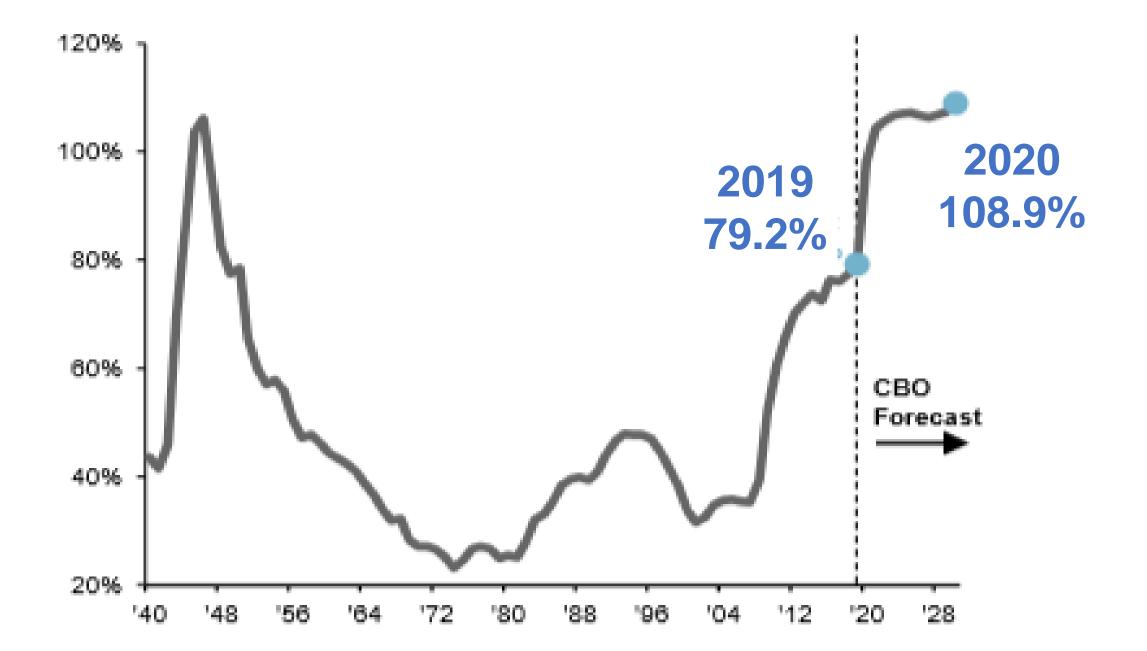


### **Inflation and Money Supply**

#### CPI vs. M2 Yearly Growth



#### Federal Debt, % of GDP, 1940-2030

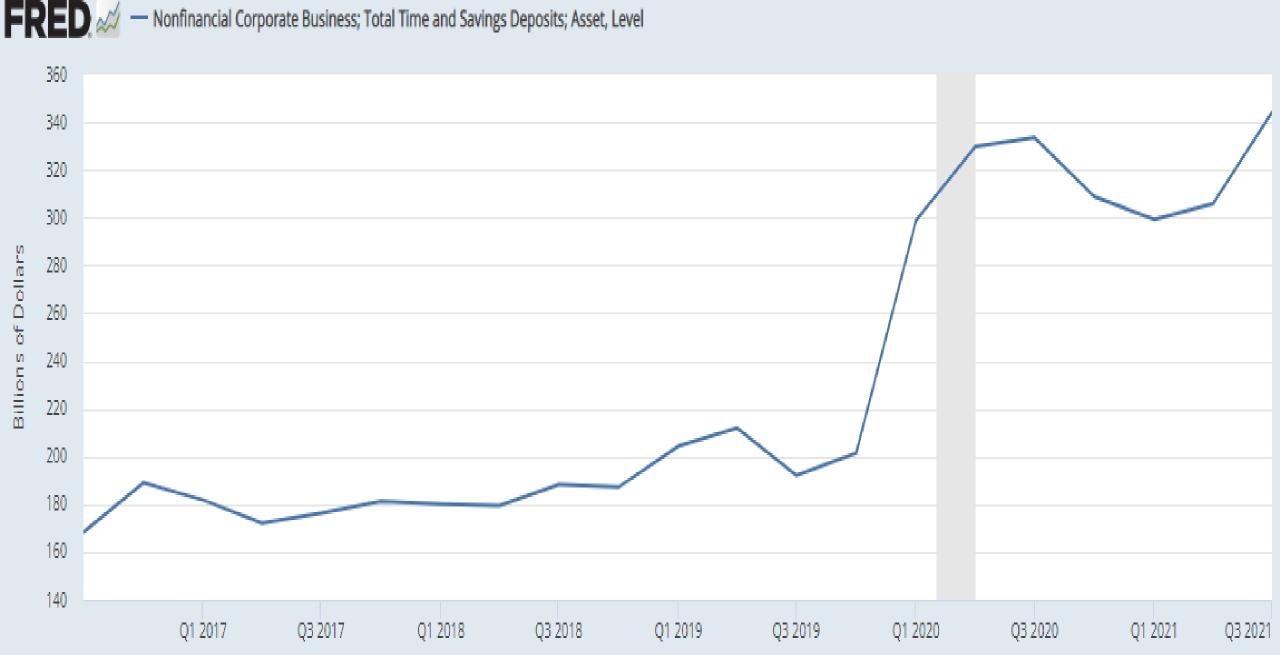


#### **Personal Savings Rate**



### **Corporate Cash in the Bank**

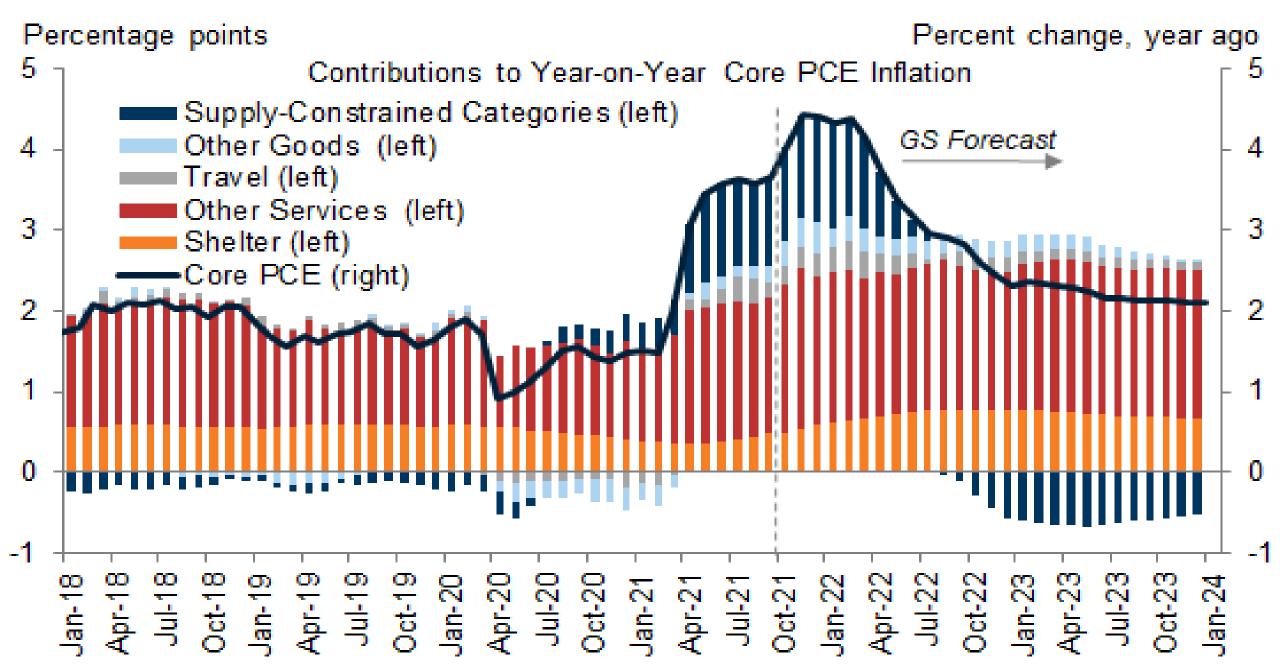
- Nonfinancial Corporate Business; Total Time and Savings Deposits; Asset, Level



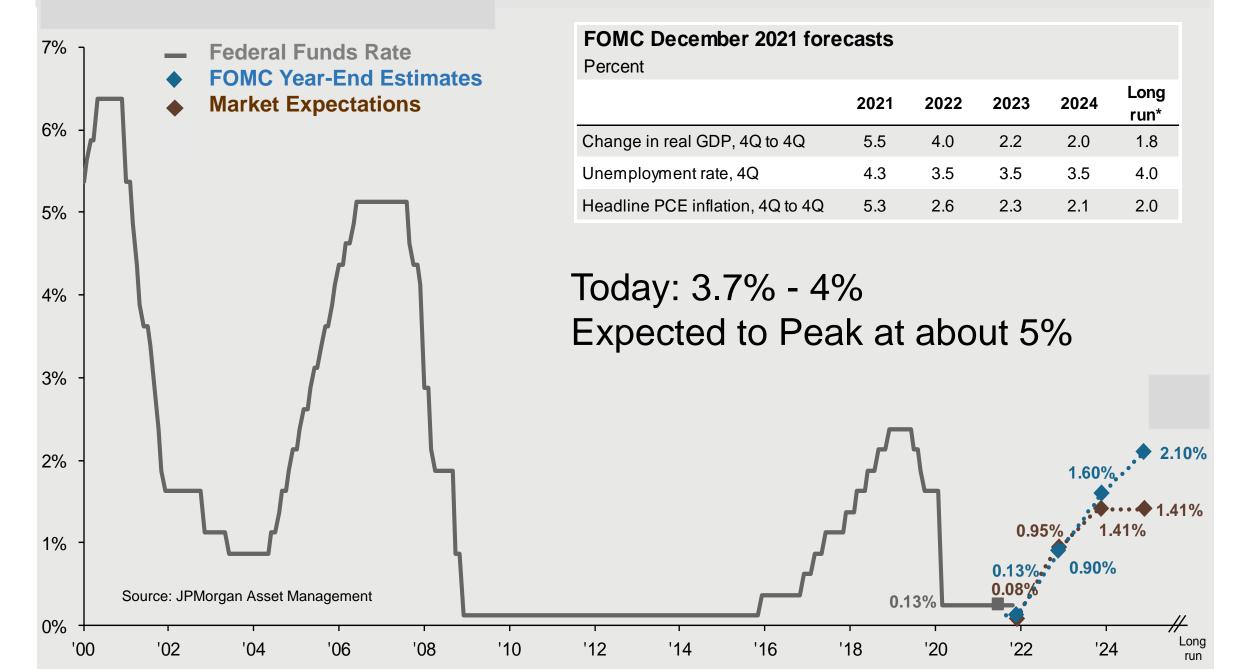
Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell - Fall 2021

Inflation will be transitory as it is concentrated in parts of the economy with supply chain bottlenecks. When the supply chain reopens, inflation will ass.

### **Inflation Migrates Back Towards 2%**



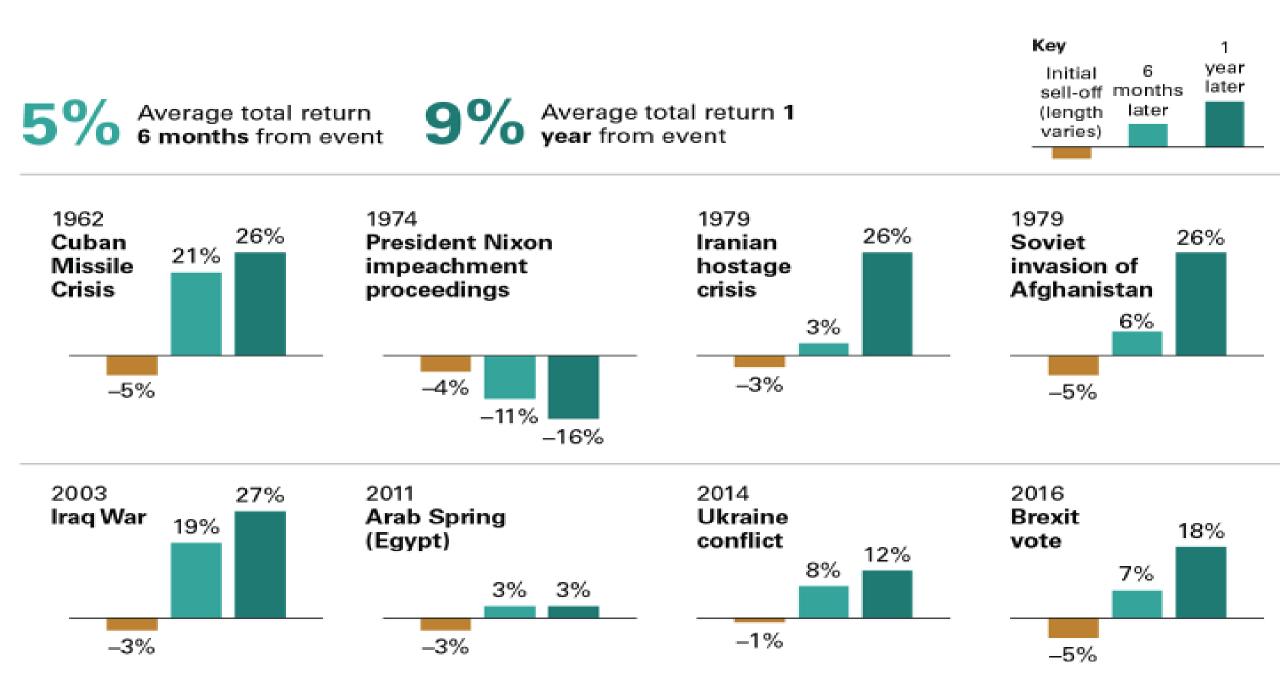
#### **Federal Funds Rate Expectations December 2021**



Inflation Was Supposed to be Transitory

- Supply Chain was supposed to reopen faster than it did
- China was supposed to give up on Zero-Covid long ago
- Russia was not expected to invade Ukraine. Regional conflict typically does not last long.
- Filling the system with money just at a time when supply became constrained, the job market was exceptionally strong, excess cash in personal and business accounts was in the trillions of dollars and as the service economy went back to work in the wake of Covid proved to be incredibly inflationary.

#### **Geopolitical sell-offs are typically short-lived**

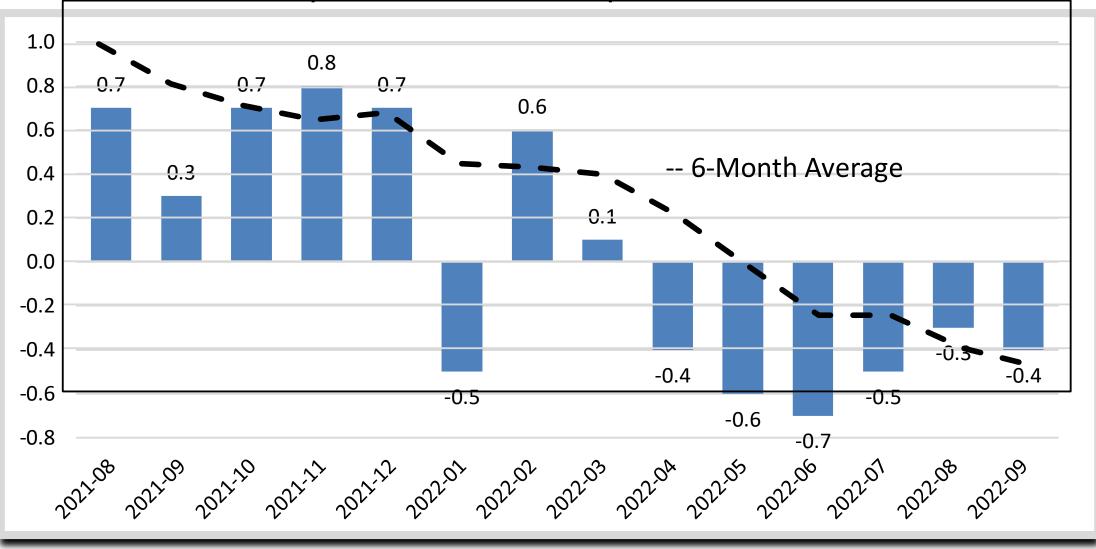


#### S&P 500 YTD 2022



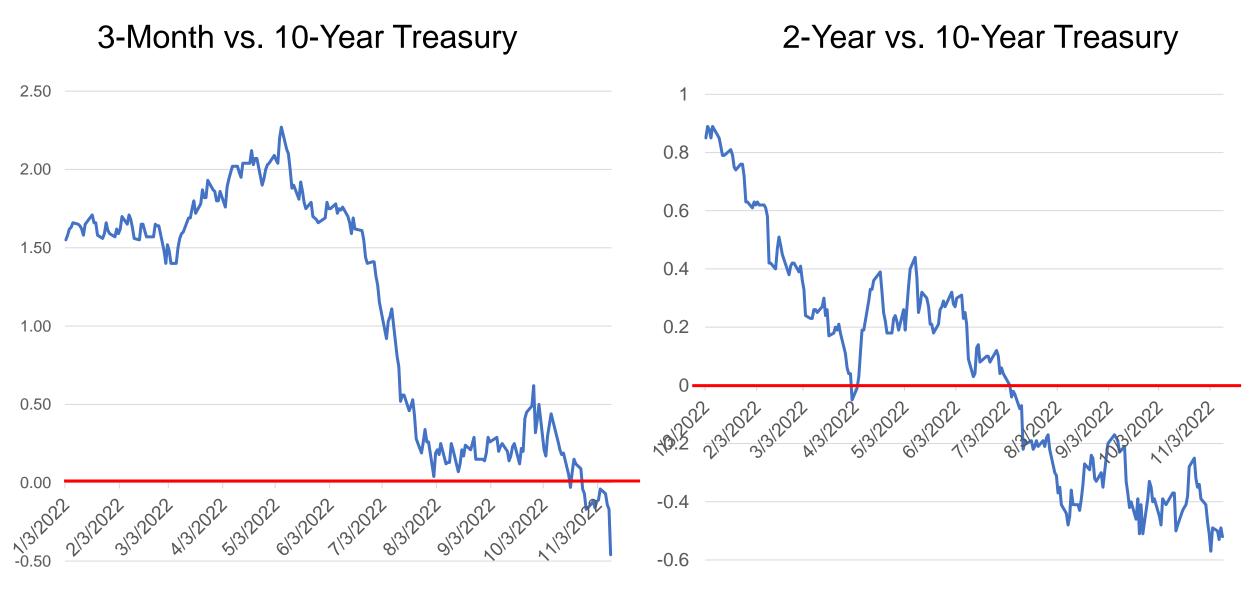
# Leading Economic Index % Change Monthly

September 2021 – September 2022



Source: The Conference Board – last update 10/20/2022

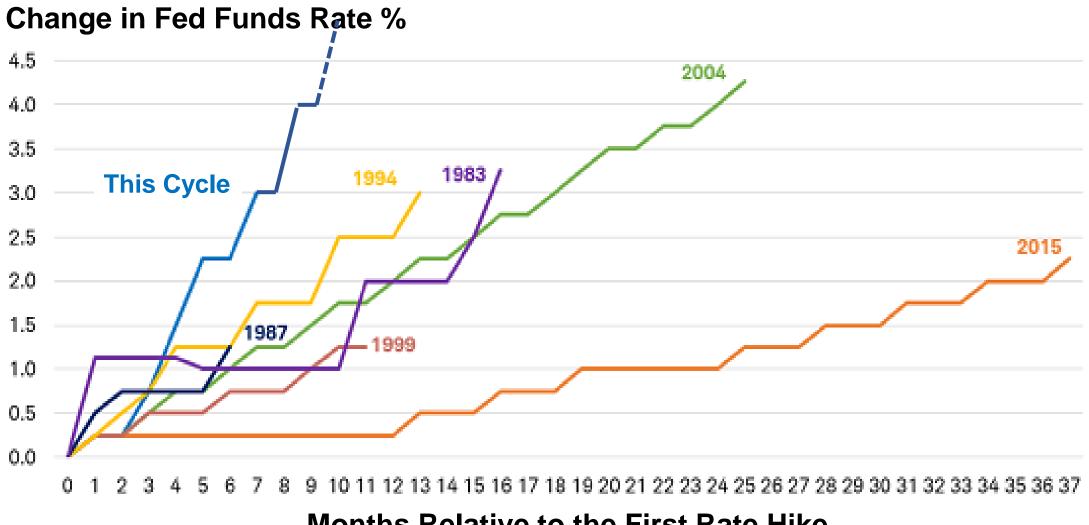
#### **Yield Curves Inverted**



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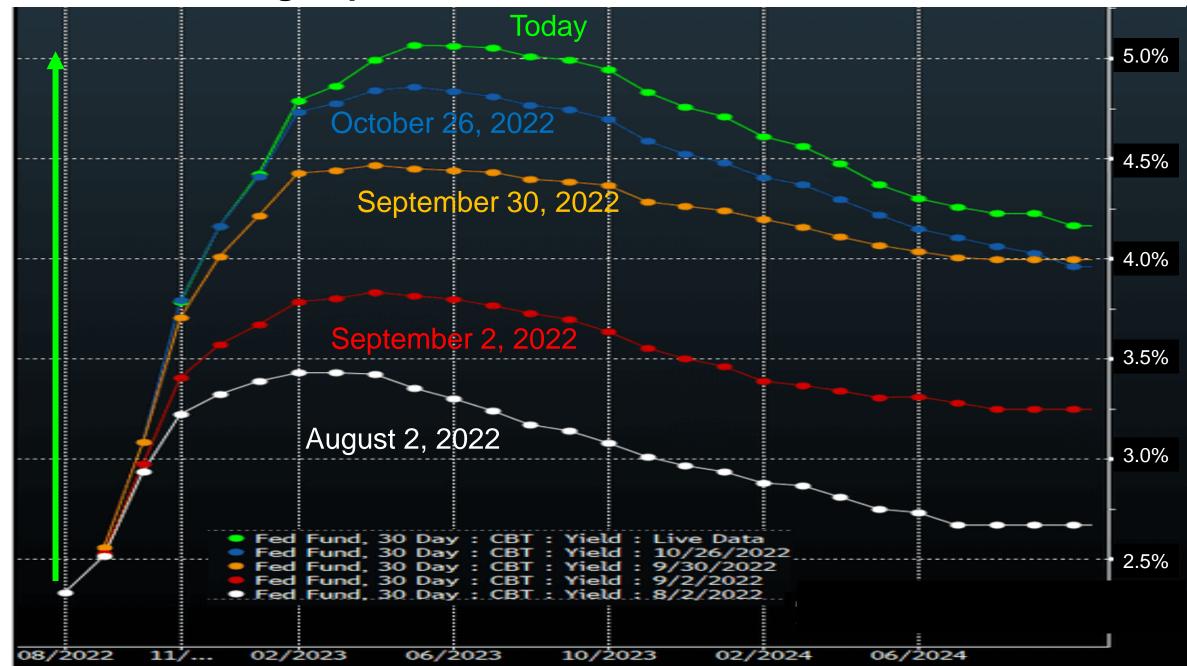
### Fed Funds Rising at Fastest Pace Ever



#### Months Relative to the First Rate Hike

Note: Data is short-term interest rate targeted by the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee as part of its monetary policy. Source: Bloomberg, Federal Funds Target Rate – Upper Bound (FDTR Index), using monthly data.

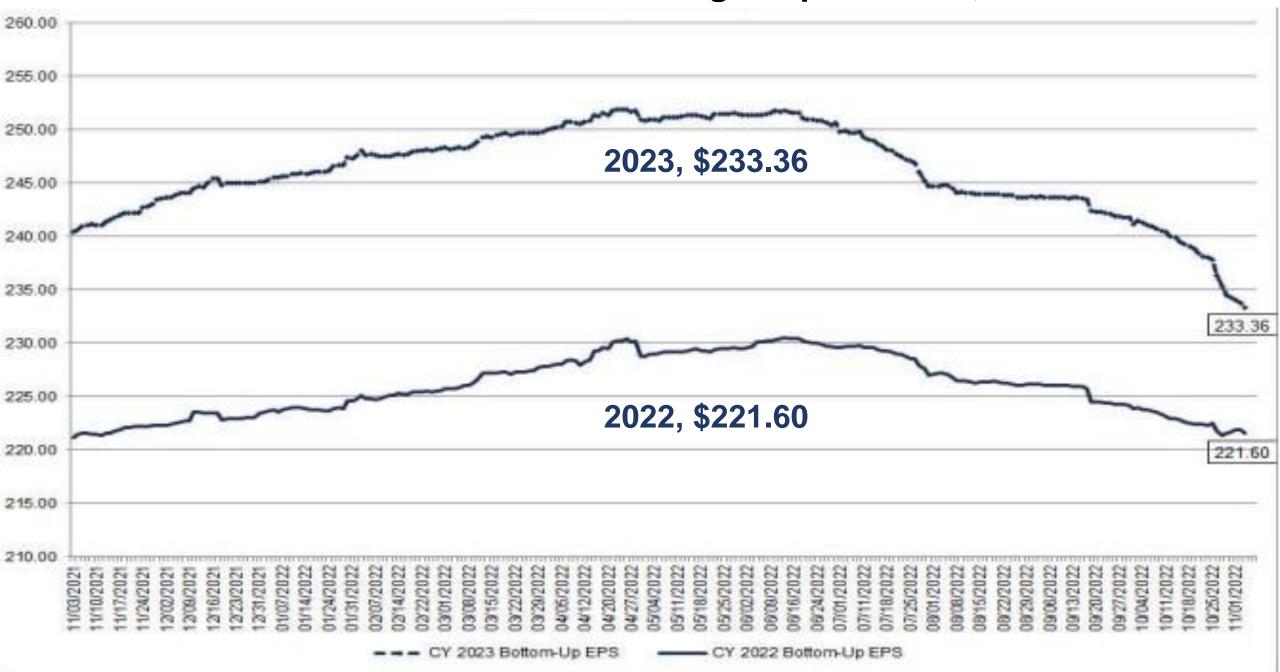
#### **Rising Expectations For Terminal Fed Funds Rate**



#### Expectations for Q4 2022 Earnings Growth Rate Y/Y



#### S&P 500 CY 2022 and 2023 Earnings Expectations, FactSet



# Institutional Investors Survey

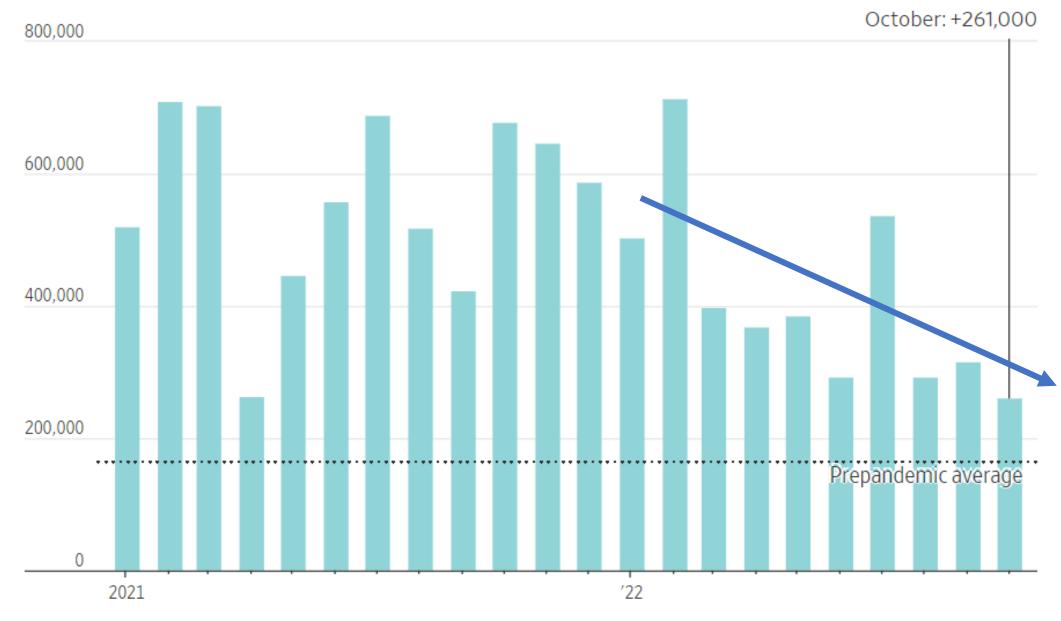
As of 11/01/2022



Peak Fed Funds Rate ~5%

Recession in Spring 2023

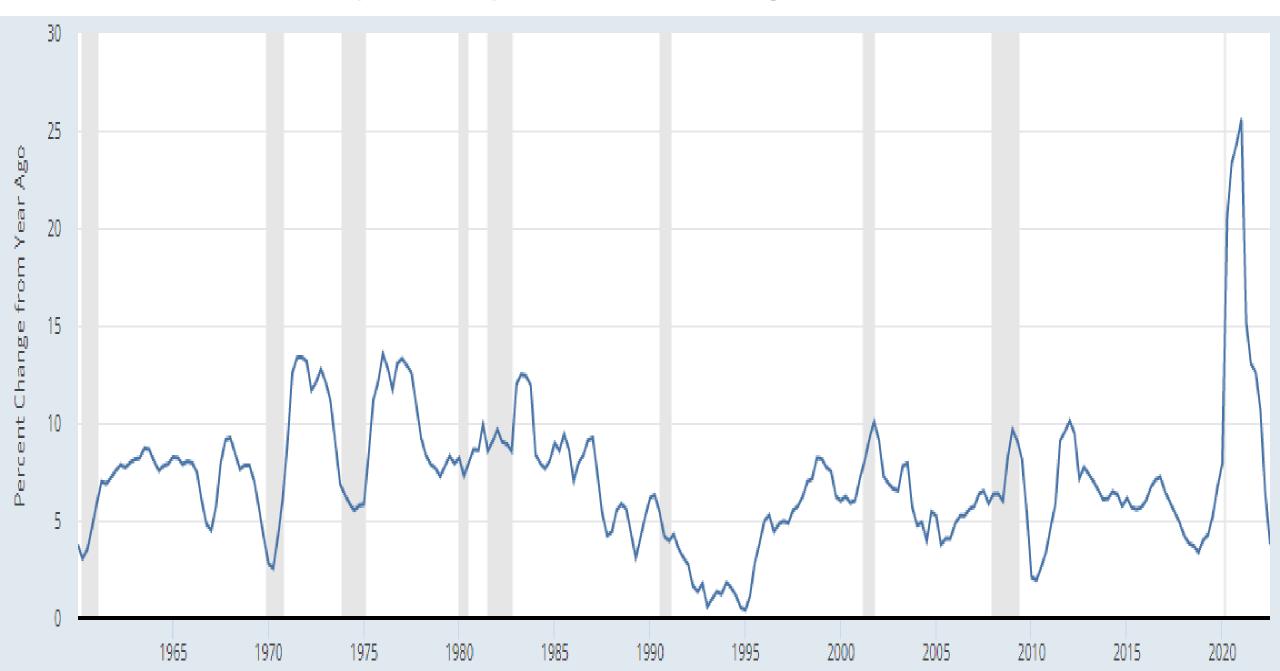
#### Nonfarm payrolls, monthly change

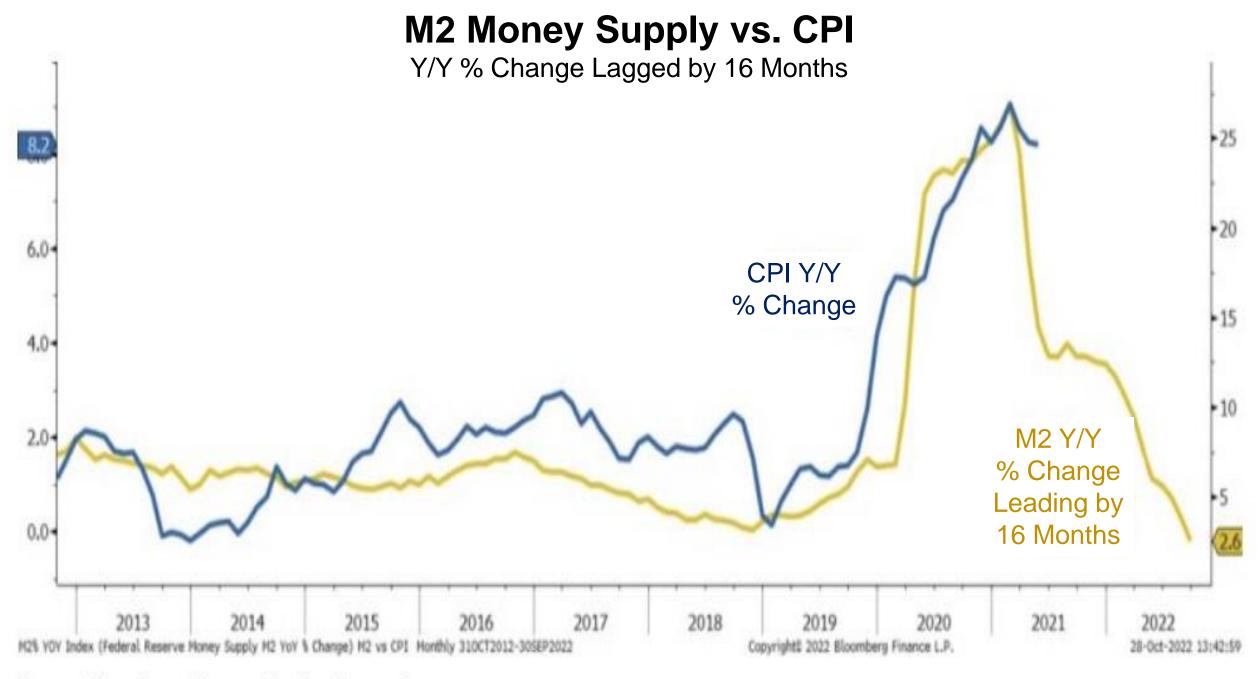


Note: The prepandemic average is the average monthly change in 2019. Data are seasonally adjusted. Source: Labor Department

### And Now For Some Good News

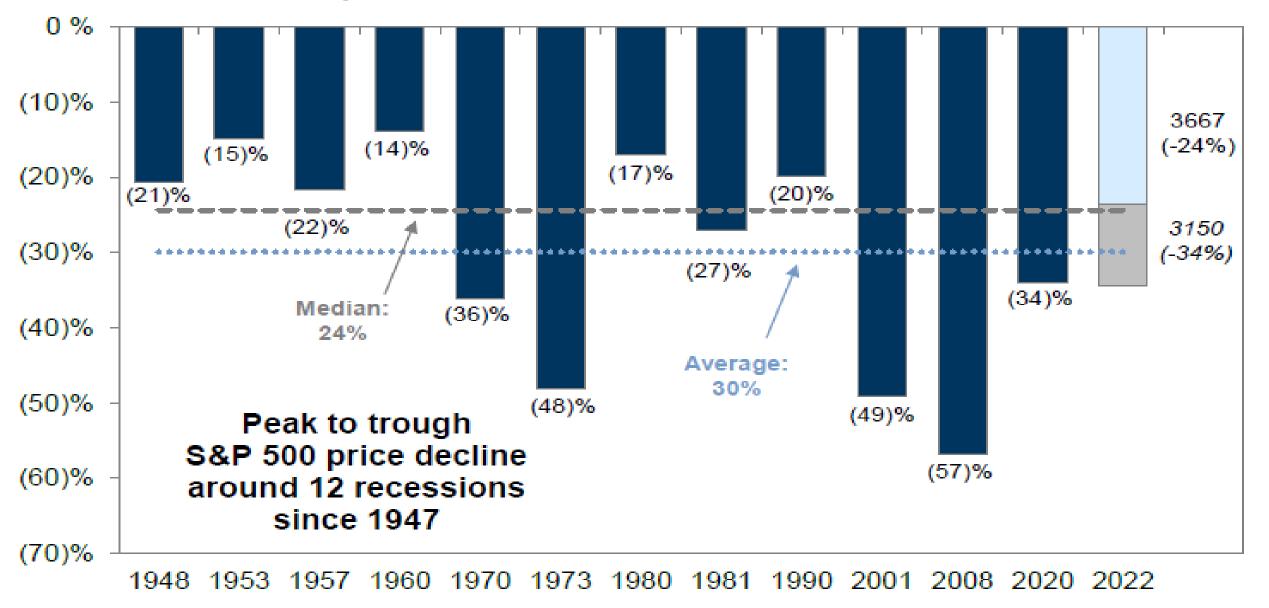
#### M2 Money Supply Percent Change Year-Over-Year





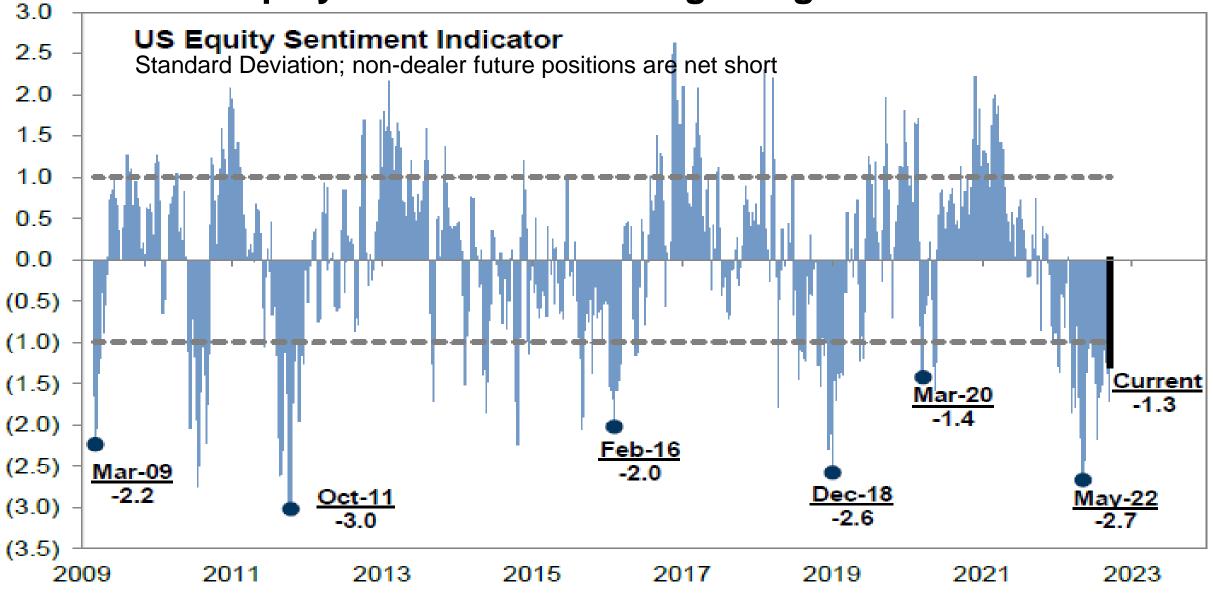
Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

#### Peak to Trough S&P 500 Declines in Recessions Since 1947



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

# **Equity Investor Positioning is Light -- Bullish**



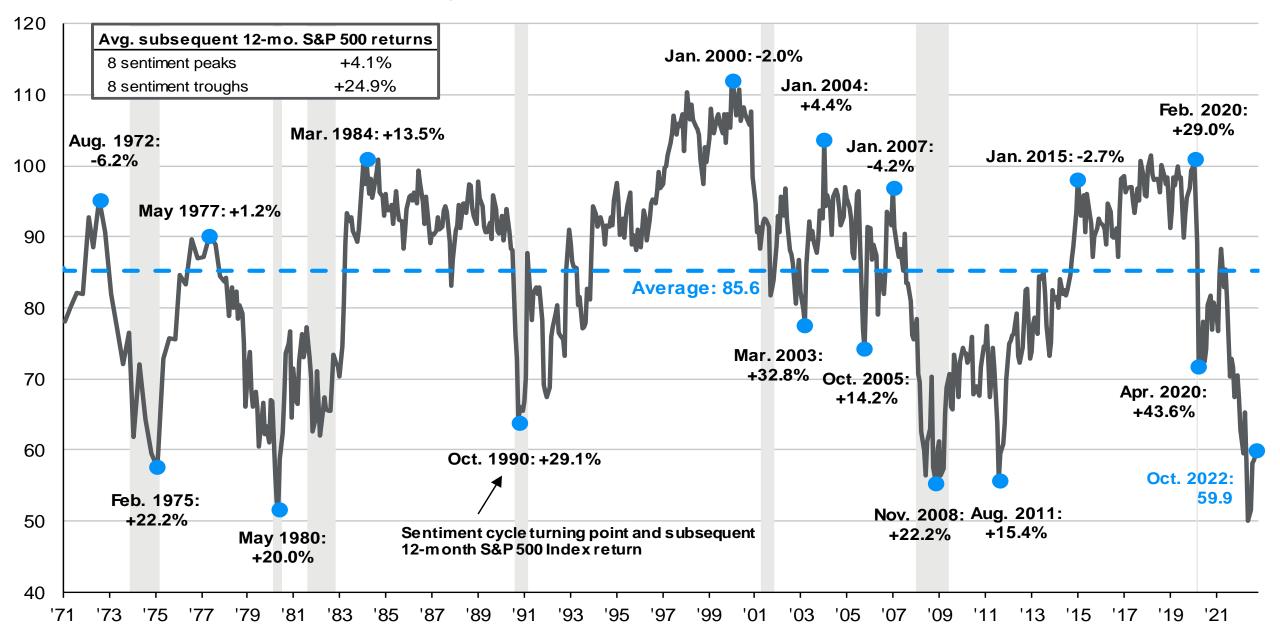
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# Supply Chain Correcting – Vendor Lead Times mid-Atlantic



## **Consumer Confidence and the Stock Market**

#### Consumer Sentiment Index and subsequent 12-month S&P 500 returns



Year	Returns 6m following election	Returns 6-12m following election	Split govt	Fed	Recession			
1950	16.8%	-0.5%		?				
1954	18.6%	12.3%	Yes	Hikes				
1958	12.0%	-0.8%	Yes	Hikes				
1962	19.0%	4.9%		Hikes				
1966	15.9%	-2.6%		Cuts				
1970	23.2%	-8.6%	Yes	Cuts	Yes			
1974	18.0%	0.6%	Yes	Cuts	Yes			
1978	5.7%	0.7%		Hikes				
1982	18.1%	1.5%	Yes	Cuts	Yes			
1986	20.0%	-15.7%	Yes	On hold				
1990	21.1%	3.4%	Yes	Cuts	Yes			
1994	12.4%	13.0%	Yes	Hikes				
1998	19.9%	1.7%	Yes	On hold				
2002	2.1%	12.6%		Cuts				
2006	9.0%	-2.1%	Yes	On hold				
2010	13.7%	-8.8%	Yes	On hold				
2014	3.8%	0.6%	Yes	On hold				
2018	4.7%	6.7%	Yes	Hikes				
2022				Hikes				

**6-Month Performance** # Up-Dn = **18-0** Avg % Chg = **15.18%** Med % Chg = **16.23%** From 11/8 close: up 3.8% **12-Month Performance** 

# Up-Dn = **11-7** 

Avg % Chg = 1.05%

# S&P 500 Total Returns Following 25% Drawdown (%)

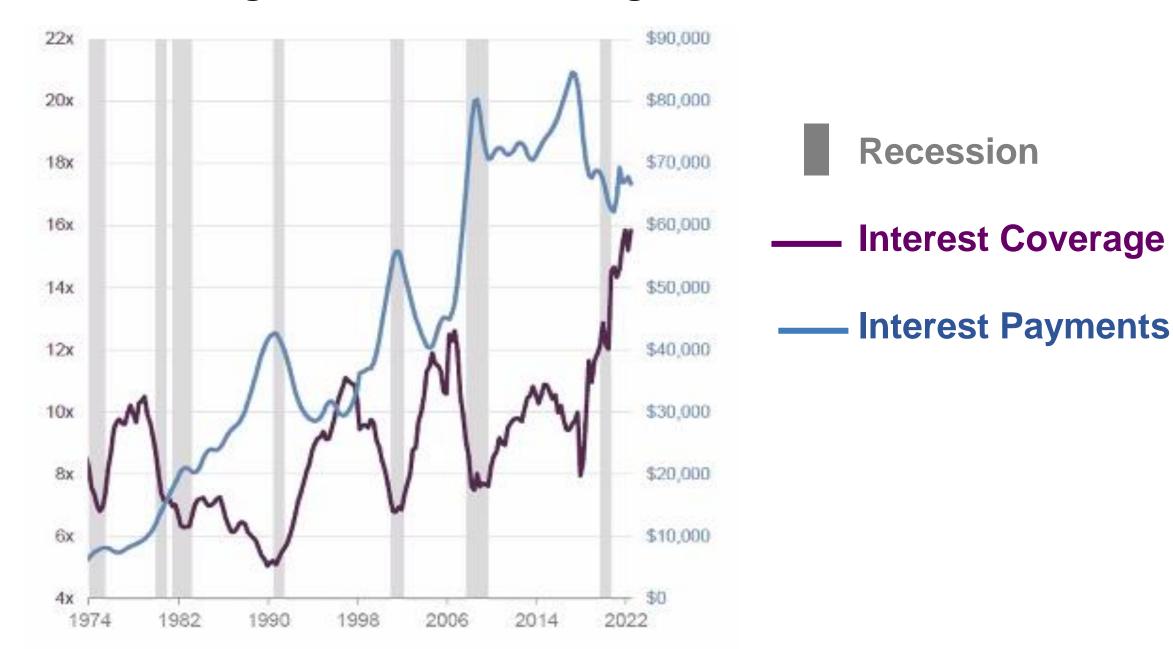
25% Drawdown Period	Peak-to-Trough Drawdown	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year		
Dec 1961–Jun 1962	-28	34	70	100	178		
Nov 1968–Apr 1970	-36	35	47	28	100		
Jan 1973–Apr 1974	-48	1	23	44	189		
Nov 1980–Aug 1982	-27	61	108	272	485		
Aug 1987–Oct 1987	-34	28	55	119	471		
Mar 2000–Mar 2001	-49	2	1	24	37		
Oct 2007–Sep 2008	-57	-5	11	65	209		
Feb 2020–Mar 2020	-34	62	-	-	_		
Jan 2022–Sep 2022	-25	_	_	_	_		
Average	-38	27	45	93	238		

# HY CREDIT DEFAULTS – There were zero new defaults

or distressed transactions in Oct; first time since 2018.

- HY bond default rate is 1.59% vs. 3.2% long-term
- average. Recovery rates remain at record highs,
- ~56.5% vs. they 25-year average of 39.9%. I flag as
- several investors have expressed concerns about risk
- markets cracking and so far, it's not in Credit. 11/2

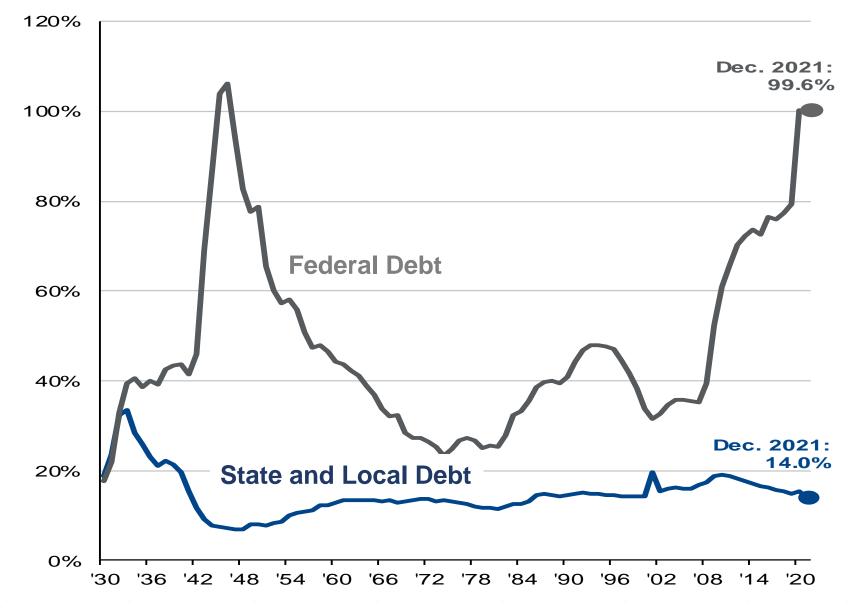
### **Highest Interest Coverage Ratio Since 1967**



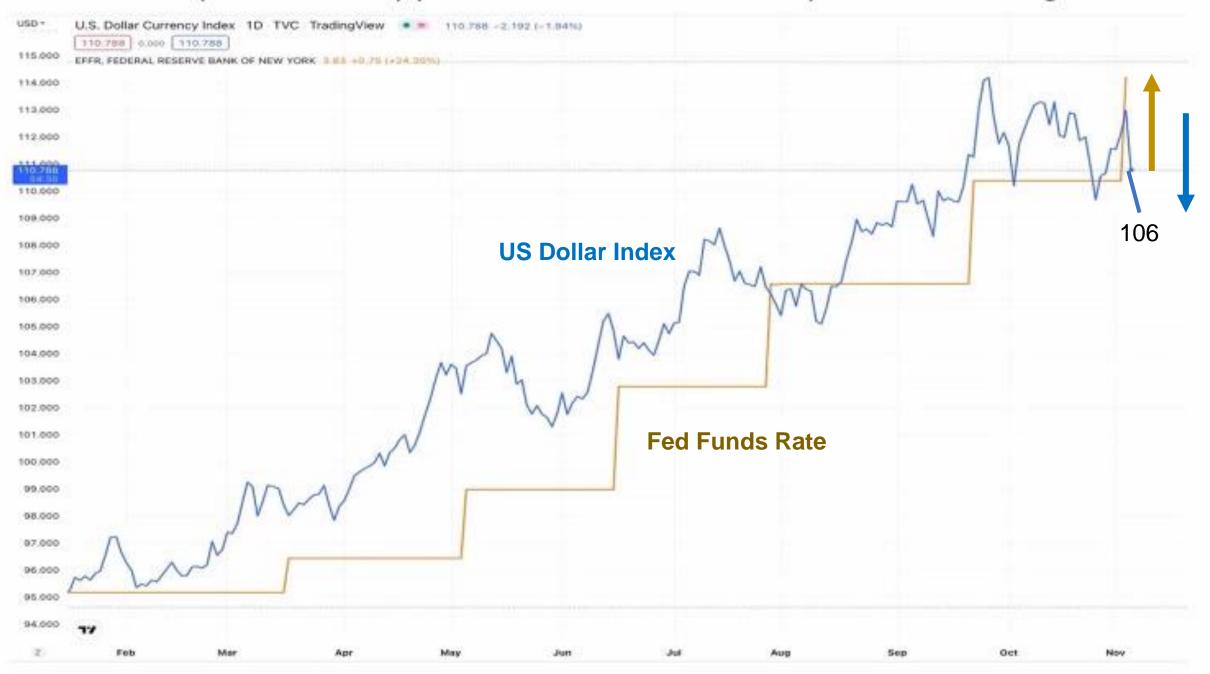
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AAA CLO ( $\Delta$ = +101bps)					116	•			217	+4	230
Agency CMBS 8.5 Yr+ (∆ = +47bps)			43	8 🔶					90	• •	95
B Loans (Δ = +236bps)				4	44 🔶				680 4	• •	730
AA CLO (Δ = +124bps)					172	•		29	6 🔶	•	399
Non-agency AAA CMBS ( $\Delta$ = +78bps)		7	2 🔶					150	•	•	260
Investment Grade Corporates ( $\Delta$ = +60bps)			9	2 🔶				152 🔶		+	199
Asset Backed Securities, AA-BBB Rated ( $\Delta$ = +116bps)			1	65 🔶				281 🔶		+	480
Agency RMBS (OAS) (Δ = +39bps)		1994 - 19	81 🔶				7	0 🔶		+	103
High Yield Corporates (∆ = +199bps)	283	+				4	82 🔶			٠	740

#### State, Local and Federal Net Debt

1930 – 2021 % GDP



### Has the DXY (Dollar index) peaked out? 110 is an imp level - leading indicator



# **Implications of Weaker Dollar**

- 60% of IT revenue come from overseas. Positive for the NASDAQ.
- Positive for commodities
- Positive for emerging markets. China coming out of zero Covid and trading below book value.

# **1973-1974 Reference Point**

Fed policy had tightened through 1973/74 in response to inflation, oil shocks...Fed funds 5.5% to 13%

Fed first cut July 1974 as GDP turned negative

Fed sustained pivot began Dec'74 as Fed funds dropped from 9.25% to 4.75% despite inflation being 12%

- 1) GDP turned deeply negative,
- 2) stock market losses from high reached 40%, and
- 3) unemployment rate climbed from 5.6% to 6.6% in month of Dec'74

Following 12-months S&P500 rose 31%

### **Investment Concepts For Discussion Only**

Defined Outcome ETFs: Innovator and First Trust example: BNOV; 30% Cap, 9% buffer PNOV; 21% Cap, 14.5% buffer

JEPI and JEPQ: Stock portfolios with ~12% and 15% yield

High Yield Municipal Bonds example: HIMYX

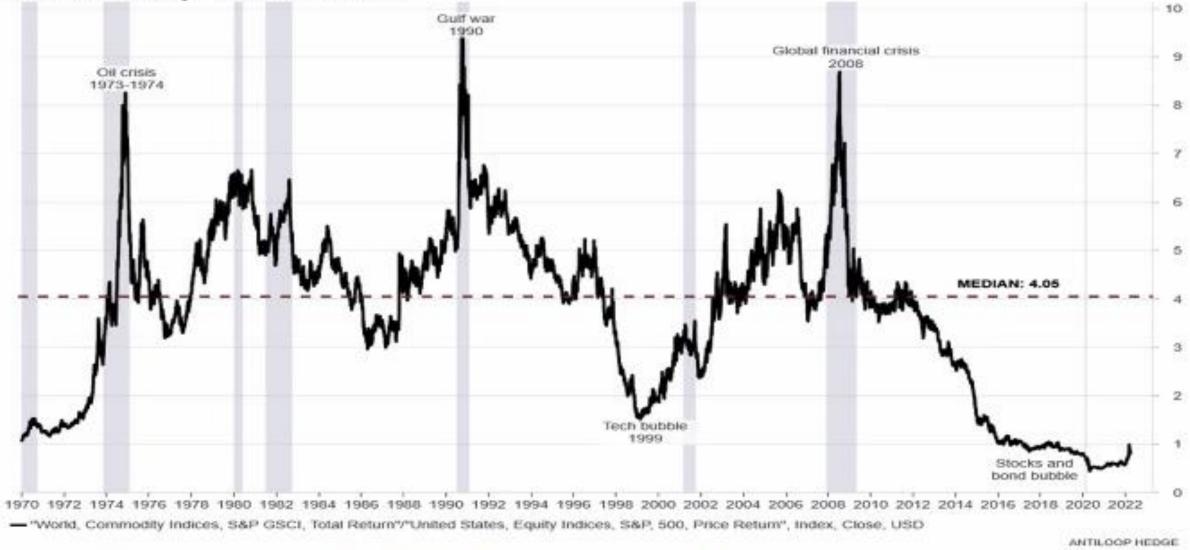
Commodities: example: FFGIX, NBCM

#### Diversified Equities: RSP, NASDAQ 100

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### Commodities are extremely cheap – Ratio ~ 0.90

#### GSCI Commodity Index/S&P 500 ratio



#### Commodities - Live Quote Price Trading Data (tradingeconomics.com)

One EV battery contains

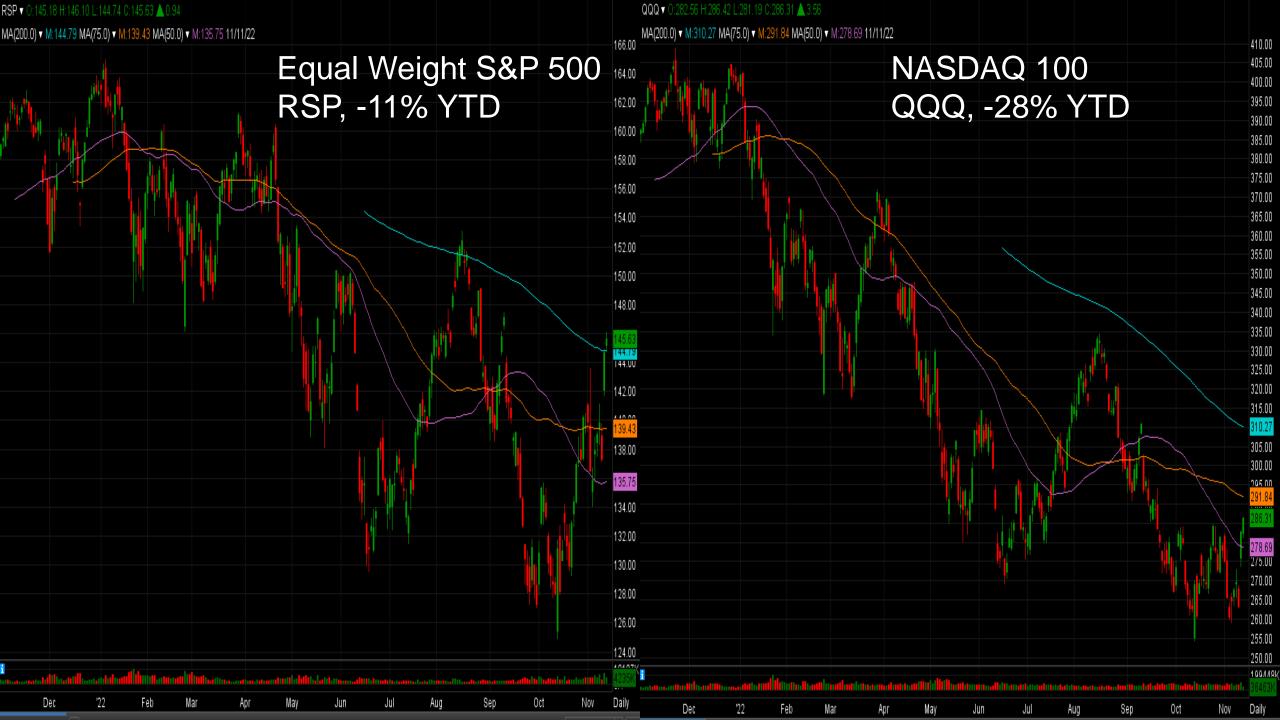
25 pounds of lithium 60 pounds of nickel 44 pounds of manganese 30 pounds of cobalt 200 pounds of copper 400 pounds of aluminum, steel and plastic

Metal mining companies need to process

25,000 pounds of brine for the lithium 30,000 pounds of ore for the cobalt 5,000 pounds of ore for the nickel 25,000 pounds of ore for the copper

The process is extremely energy and metal intensive





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