

# House View

**Q1 2023**

US Stagflation  
Peaking Inflation  
Central Banks Policy  
Market Volatility  
Geopolitical Risks

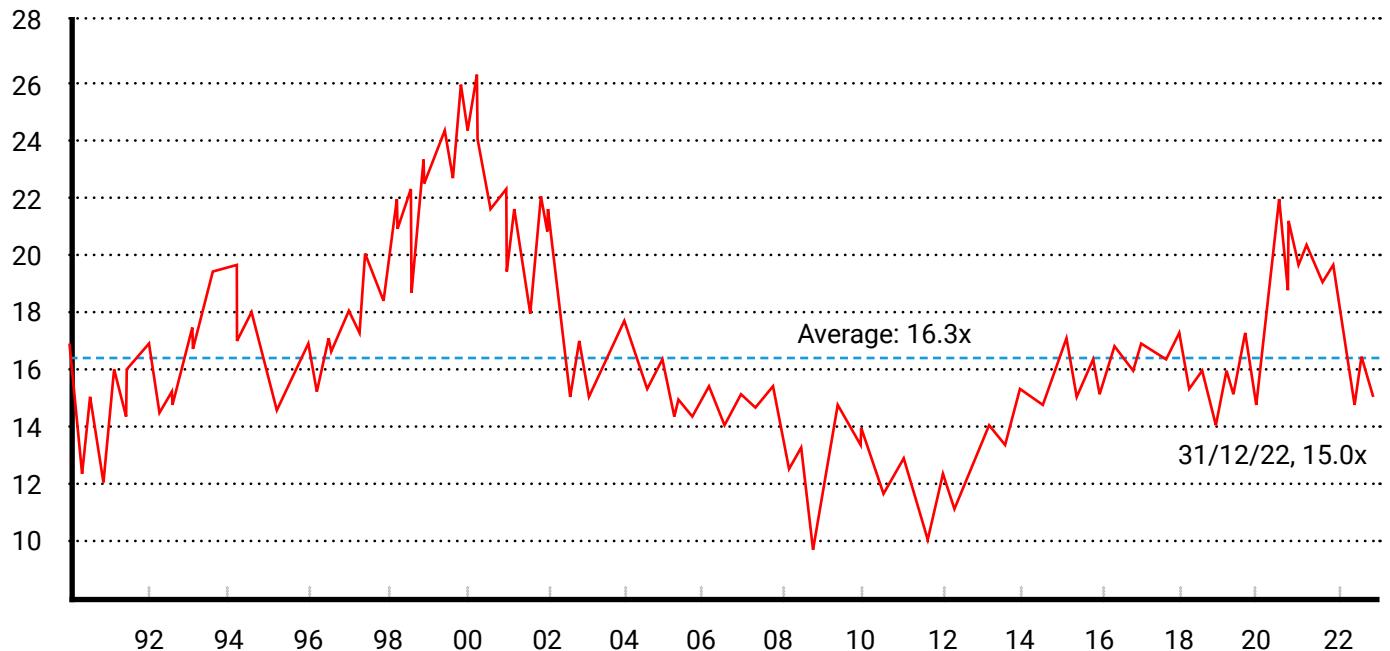
**STAG  
INFLATION**



# Key Highlights

- The US economy is experiencing a period of stagflation, the Eurozone most likely a mild recession (a mild winter would help), and China has to solve its COVID issues implementing new policies and regulatory measures.
- Inflation has peaked and should come down in the main advanced economies. Tighter monetary policy and decelerating growth will help to moderate inflation.
- Higher wages and housing costs are still the biggest concern revolving inflation.
- Geopolitical issues remain a major cause of concern. The conflict in Ukraine, tensions between China and Taiwan, and the presidential transition in Brazil represent the greatest risks.

## MSCI World Forward P/E Ratio





# Macroeconomic View

## World

INFLATION

RATES

RECESSION

- In the past, aggressive tightening always led to deflation and recessions. Will this time be different?
- Tighter monetary policy, higher interest rates, high energy prices, weak real household income growth, and declining confidence are expected to weigh negatively on the global economic growth.
- The major Asian emerging market economies are expected to account for three quarters of global economic growth.
- Major central banks risk tightening monetary policy excessively into 2023, creating downside risks to the consensus soft-landing scenario.

## Europe

INFLATION

RECESSION

- The war in Ukraine, high energy and raw material prices continue to weigh on the EU economy.
- A short, mild recession through the winter seems unavoidable.
- ECB will hike rates, with market expectations at 3%.

## USA

INFLATION

RECESSION

RATES

- The US economy is resilient, but signs of a slowdown have emerged. Too early to predict a recession.
- US labour market is still solid, but corporations are starting to reduce workforce to preserve margins.
- Consumer's confidence is deteriorating, and savings are falling.
- The FED signalled a slower pace of rate hikes, the terminal rate should be around 5%.
- Housing market activity is likely to stay low with high mortgage rates.

## Emerging Markets

CHINA

- The Chinese growth model is still in transition and structurally declining.
- The abandonment of the zero-COVID policy should stimulate consumption and economic growth.
- Fiscal policy support and political willingness to sustain the economy will push GDP growth to 5%.

## Upside on Base Scenario

- US economy more resilient and disinflation without earnings revision.
- De-escalation of the Ukraine - Russia conflict.
- China macro improving.
- Warm winter.

## Downside on Base Scenario

- Nuclear accident.
- Deep recession with social - political consequences.
- Geopolitics risks.
- Oil price spike.



# Market View

## Liquidity

### Tactical 3 Months

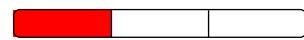
Liquidity



- Use tactically as dry powder.

### Strategic 12 Months

Liquidity



## Fixed Income

### Tactical 3 Months

Investment Grade



High Yield



- Crossover segment offers risk reward ratio (watch out for duration). Avoid single B to BB- segments.
- Yield spike to be seen as opportunity for short duration IG.

### Strategic 12 Months

Investment Grade



High Yield



## Equities

### Tactical 3 Months

USA



Europe



Switzerland



Emerging Markets



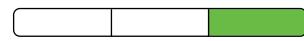
- EPS cuts are likely if activity continues to weaken.
- 2023 EPS expectations look too high.
- Energy, Healthcare and Staples should outperform.

### Strategic 12 Months

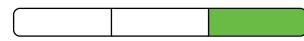
USA



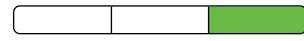
Europe



Switzerland



Emerging Markets



## FX

### Tactical 3 Months

EUR/USD



EUR/CHF



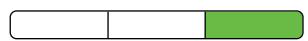
USD/CHF



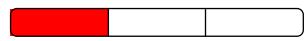
- USD peaking in the next quarters.

### Strategic 12 Months

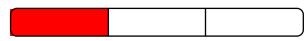
EUR/USD



EUR/CHF



USD/CHF



## Gold

### Tactical 3 Months

Gold



- Nice to have as a partial hedge to equity exposure.
- Negative real rates and geopolitics supportive in the medium term.

### Strategic 12 Months

Gold



## Oil

### Tactical 3 Months

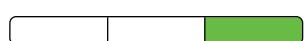
Oil



- Geopolitics and Supply concerns will support prices

### Strategic 12 Months

Oil





# Insights & Calendar

## World Indices

As of 31/12/22

	3 Month	YTD
DJIA	● 15.4%	● 8.8%
S&P 500	● 7.1%	● 19.4%
NASDAQ	● 0.3%	● 32.9%
Nikkei 225	● 0.6%	● 9.3%
Euro Stoxx 50	● 14.3%	● 11.7%
SMI	● 4.5%	● 16.7%

## Commodities

As of 31/12/22

	3 Month	YTD
Crude Oil WTI	● 0.97%	● 6.7%
Natural Gas	● 61.3%	● 17.1%
Gold	● 9.8%	● 0.3%
Silver	● 25.9%	● 2.8%
Copper	● 10.7%	● 13.9%

## Rates 10 Years

As of 31/12/22

Perf.      Perf.

	Actual	3M BPS	YTD BPS
USA	3.87%	● 4	● 235
Germany	2.56%	● 46	● 274
Italy	4.70%	● 20	● 353
Spain	3.65%	● 37	● 253
UK	3.67%	● 40	● 271
Japan	0.41%	● 18	● 33

## Currency / Crypto

As of 31/12/22

	3 Month	YTD
CHF vs USD	● 6.8%	● 1.3%
USD vs EUR	● 8.4%	● 6.2%
CHF vs EUR	● 2.3%	● 4.8%
GBP vs EUR	● 0.8%	● 5.1%
BTC vs USD	● 14.9%	● 64.3%
ETH vs USD	● 10.0%	● 67.5%

## January

### January 19, 2023

ECB Lagarde Speaks



## February

### February 1, 2023

CPI (YoY)



FED Interest Rate



### February 2, 2023

BoE Interest Rate



ECB Interest Rate



## March

### March 15, 2023

FED Interest Rate





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