

Live webinar

Ukraine war: economic, policy and market implications

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Geopolitics & Economics



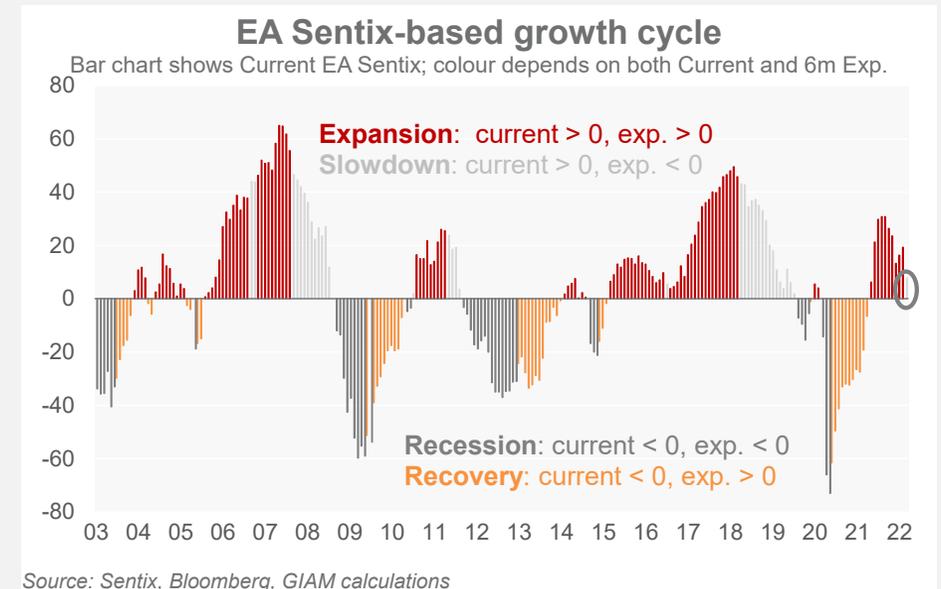
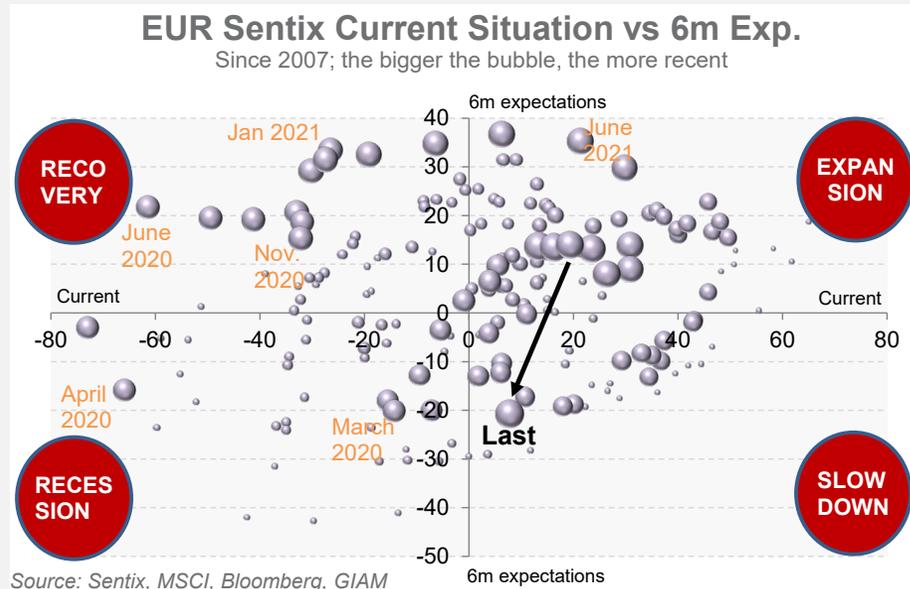
Three scenarios

Central scenario still holding for now

Assumptions	Base case (tentative probability 60%)	Risk view (tentative probability 25%)	Upside (tentative probability 15%)
Political/military outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia occupies large parts of Ukraine but conflict continues for weeks/months. Western sanctions continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy losses on both sides continue. Crisis broadens: Russia threatens other parts of Europe or wins China support Nuclear or chemical threats. Western sanctions and Russian retaliation extended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia returns to diplomacy, securing neutralisation of Ukraine (no NATO/EU membership, accepts Crimea annexation). Putin loses support of oligarchy/is replaced.
Sanctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanctions maintained and extended to Russian oil exports. Russian retaliations disrupts commodity trade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWIFT bans extended to entire banking sector. Wider bans on Russian exports incl. oil & gas. US pressure via secondary sanctions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ceasefire; very gradual unwinding of sanctions.
Energy/commodity prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower energy supply. NS2 not operational. Oil to rise to \$130-150/bl. Commodity and freight prices remain high. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe disruptions and reduced supply raise oil price to over \$170/bl. Sharply rising prices for agriculture (wheat) and to a lesser extent metals (aluminium, palladium etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy normalisation with moderate energy, wheat and metal supply disruption Energy prices drop to pre-war levels (Brent Crude ~\$80-90/bl).
Global/US/ European growth & inflation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy/commodity prices and supply disruption raise inflation. Recovery continues but at slower pace esp. in Europe. CBs continue normalisation. ECB more cautious than Fed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halting of global recovery or Europe driving into recession. ECB maintains QE. Less ambitious Fed hikes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued global recovery with elevated inflation esp. in US. Fed hikes rates consistently; ECB ends QE in summer with two rate hikes (Sept and Dec).
Russia risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deep recession, worse than 1998 (-5.5% GDP). Distressed, high risk of default. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sovereign default on risk of missed interest payments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defaults ease as Russia regains global market access, normalising commodity exports.

Ukraine crisis shifting EA into « slowdown » phase of the cycle

Investors already pricing a sharp slowdown



Investors' 6-month ahead EA growth expectations have crashed to levels similar to spring 2020! This **smells of panic and capitulation about the EA economic outlook**. Will not be as bad unless we shift to full-blown crisis scenario.

- Expectations about the global economic outlook has not dropped as much, 6m global Sentix now slightly negative.
- **We cut our 2022 EA growth forecasts to 2.2%**, which is low given the 1.9pp carry over from 2021.
- Amazingly, ECB staff has cut EA growth forecast by only ½ point, to 3.7%. ECB inflation forecasts too low (5.1%).

→ **ECB forecasts not realistic = room for policy surprise**. One could think of separating tools (rate hikes to tackle inflation but liquidity for the economy) but for now ECB sticking to sequence (ending QE, then hikes).

Forecast overview

Financial Market Forecasts

Government Bonds	Current	3M	Cons. Q2 2022	6M	Cons. Q3 2022	12M	Cons. Q1 2023
10-Year Treasuries	1.86	2.00	2.03	2.10	2.12	2.25	2.28
10-Year Bunds	0.10	0.30	0.21	0.40	0.28	0.50	0.46
10-Year BTPs	1.53	1.90	–	2.05	–	2.20	–
10-Year OATs	0.56	0.75	–	0.85	–	0.95	–
Peripheral Spread							
GIIPS	116	125	–	130	–	135	–
Credit Spreads (IG Corp. / EM Gvt.)							
BofaML Non-Financial	156	150	–	140	–	130	–
BofaML Financial	167	165	–	155	–	145	–
BofaML EM (USD)	428	420	–	395	–	380	–
Forex							
EUR/USD	1.09	1.09	1.12	1.10	1.15	1.12	1.16
USD/JPY	116	116	116	115	116	114	117
EUR/GBP	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.84	0.86
EUR/CHF	1.01	1.00	1.05	1.02	1.07	1.05	1.08
Equities*							
S&P500	4,217	4,200 (0.0%)	-	4,303 (2.8%)	-	4,380 (5.3%)	-
MSCI EMU	128.2	124 (-1.4%)	-	128.4 (2.7%)	-	134 (7.6%)	-
FTSE	7,038	7,000 (0.7%)	-	7,170 (4.2%)	-	7,330 (7.9%)	-
SMI	11,252	11,000 (0.1%)	-	11,322 (3.2%)	-	11,600 (6.0%)	-
TOPIX	1,771	1,735 (-0.8%)	-	1,797 (2.9%)	-	1,860 (7.4%)	-

Source: Datastream, Bloomberg, GIAM calculations; Closing prices as of March 09, 2022 *numbers in brackets denote total returns incl. expected dividend payouts

Macro Forecasts

Growth	2021	2022		2023		2024
		forecast	Δ vs. cons.	forecast	Δ vs. cons.	
US	5.7	2.7	- 1.0	2.1	- 0.4	1.7
Euro area	5.3	2.2	- 1.7	1.6	- 0.9	1.6
Japan	1.7	2.5	- 0.3	1.8	0.0	0.8
China	8.1	5.0	0.0	5.1	- 0.1	5.2
World	6.3	3.1	- 1.1	3.3	- 0.2	3.2

Inflation	2021	2022		2023		2024
		forecast	Δ vs. cons.	forecast	Δ vs. cons.	
US	4.7	7.3	2.1	2.2	- 0.4	2.6
Euro area	2.6	6.2	2.3	2.5	0.8	2.0
Japan	- 0.3	1.6	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.8
China	0.9	2.5	0.3	2.1	- 0.2	2.0
World	3.5	6.4	1.7	3.7	0.7	2.8

Key Rates**	2020	2021	2022		2023	
			forecast	cons.***	forecast	cons.***
US	0.25	0.25	1.25	1.40	2.00	2.10
Euro area	- 0.50	- 0.50	- 0.25	- 0.33	0.25	0.05
Japan	- 0.10	- 0.10	- 0.10	- 0.10	0.00	- 0.08
China	3.85	3.80	3.55	n.a.	3.60	n.a.

Source: Datastream, Generali Insurance Asset Management S.p.A. Società di gestione del risparmio as at end of February 2022. ** Year-end forecasts; Fed: FFR upper bound, ECB: deposit rate, BoJ: Policy Rate Balance, China: Loan Prime Rate 1Y; ***Mean forecasts BBG

Decoupling across the ocean

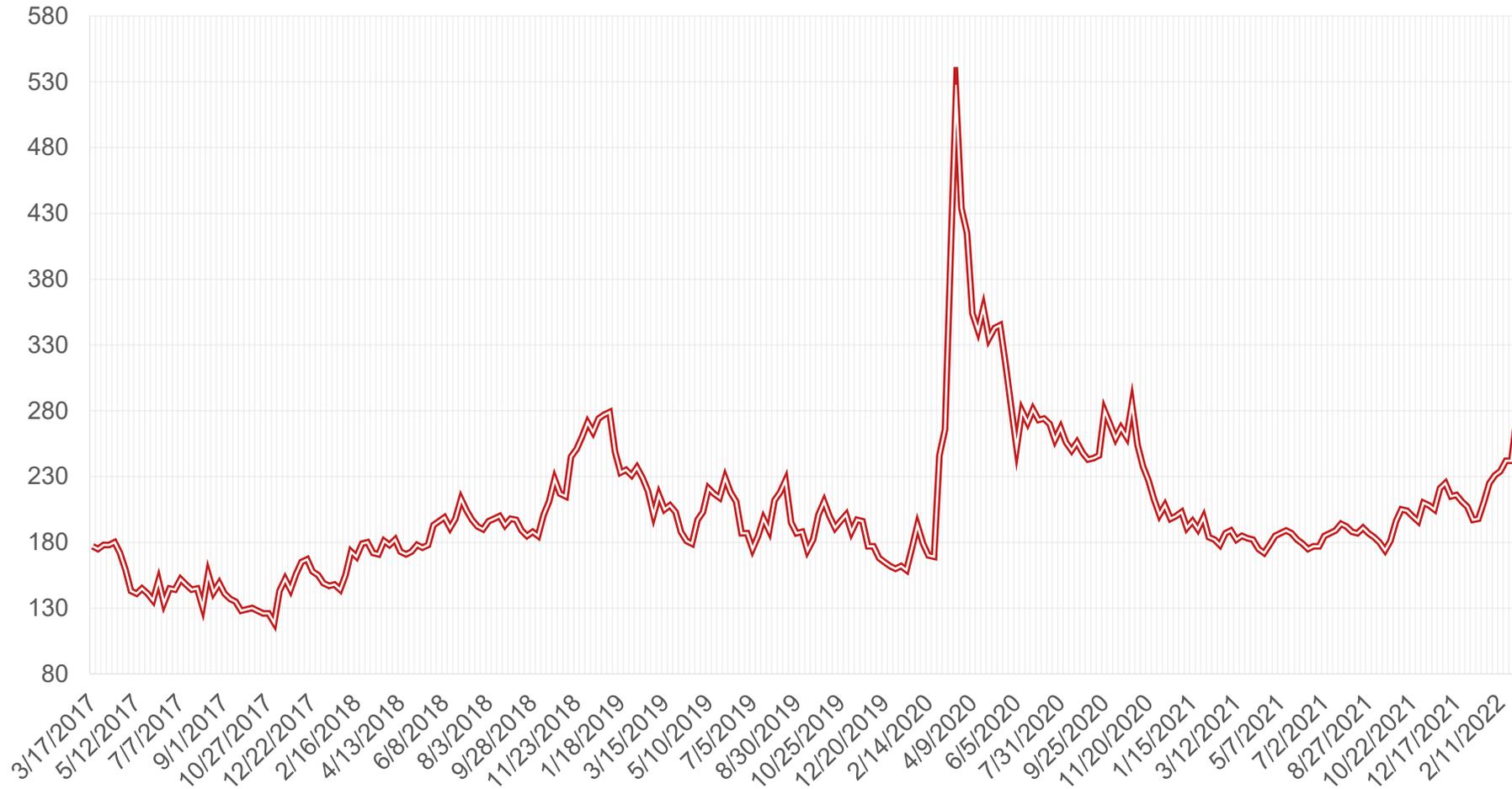
BB-Bs US vs Eur Spread differential



We see room for the divergence between US and Euro credit to keep going with the former overperforming the latter. Stagflation fears in Europe, high oil prices, which support US HY, plus fears of a policy mistake by the ECB don't bode for a quick reversal as yet.

Decompression will likely progress

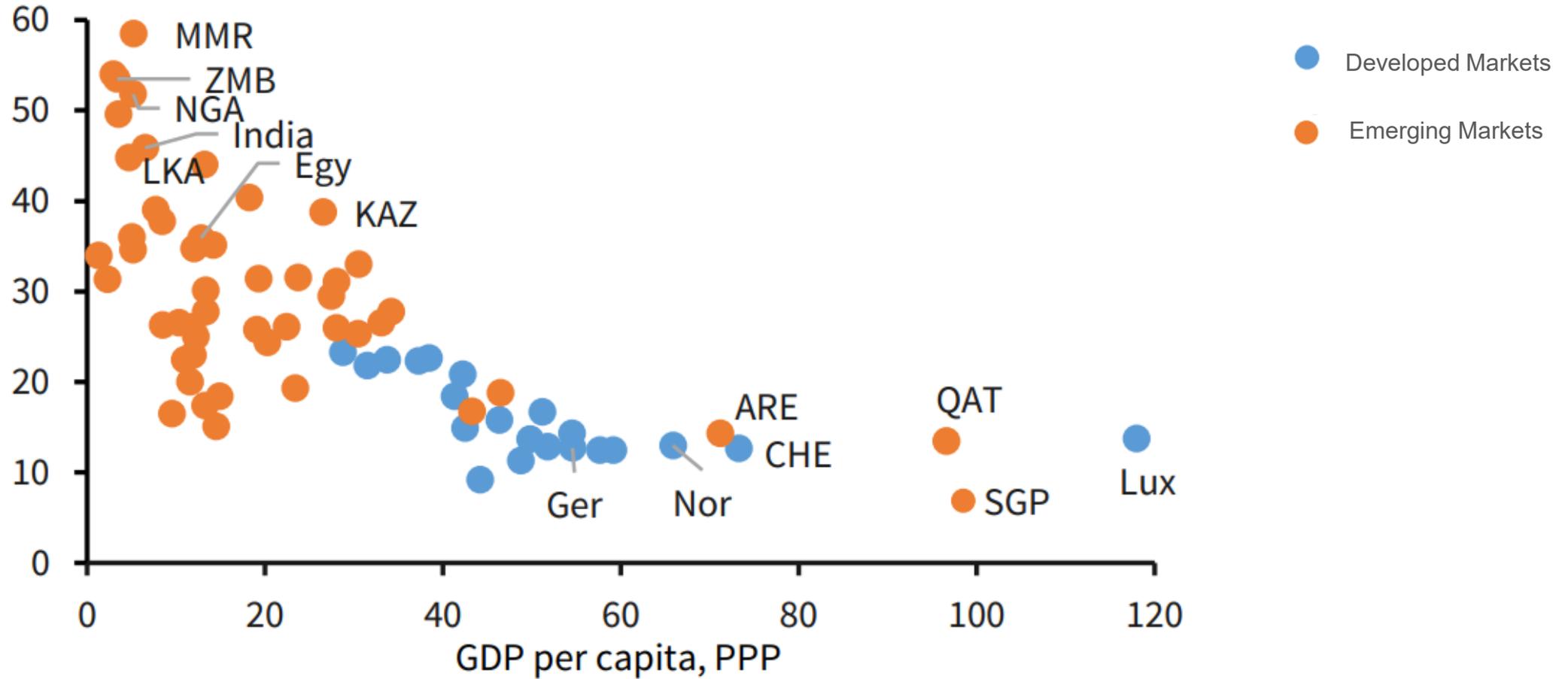
BB-Bs Eur vs BBB Eur Spread differential



The stagflation narrative will intensify. Fears of raising default rates driven by burdensome energy costs will likely pressure speculative grade spreads, especially the European ones, adding further fragility alongside outflows risks.

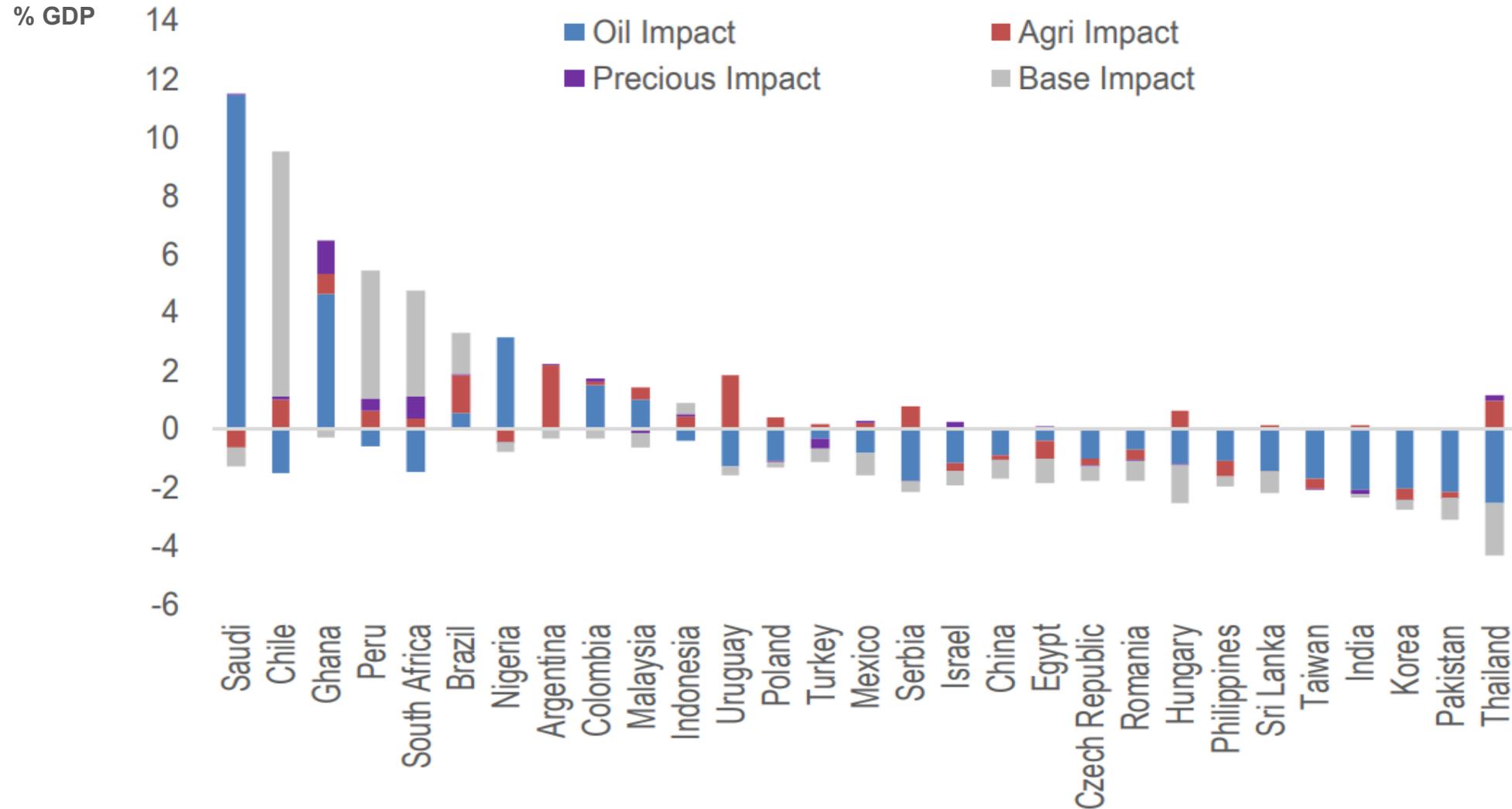
Spike in food prices will weigh more heavily on poorer countries

Weight of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages in CPI, %



Source: Barclays Research, as at end of February 2022

Terms of trade impact is magnified by export/import mix



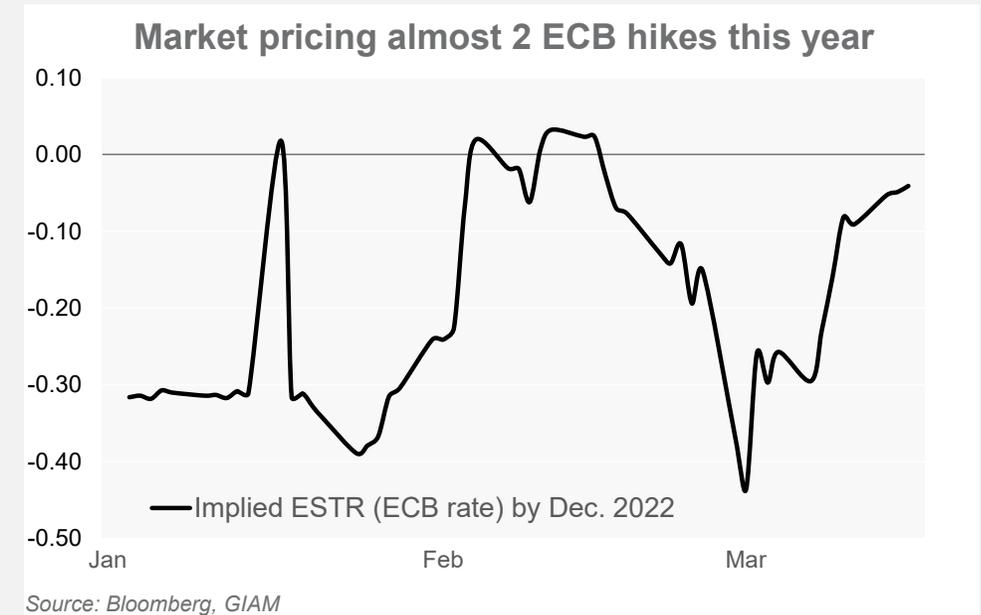
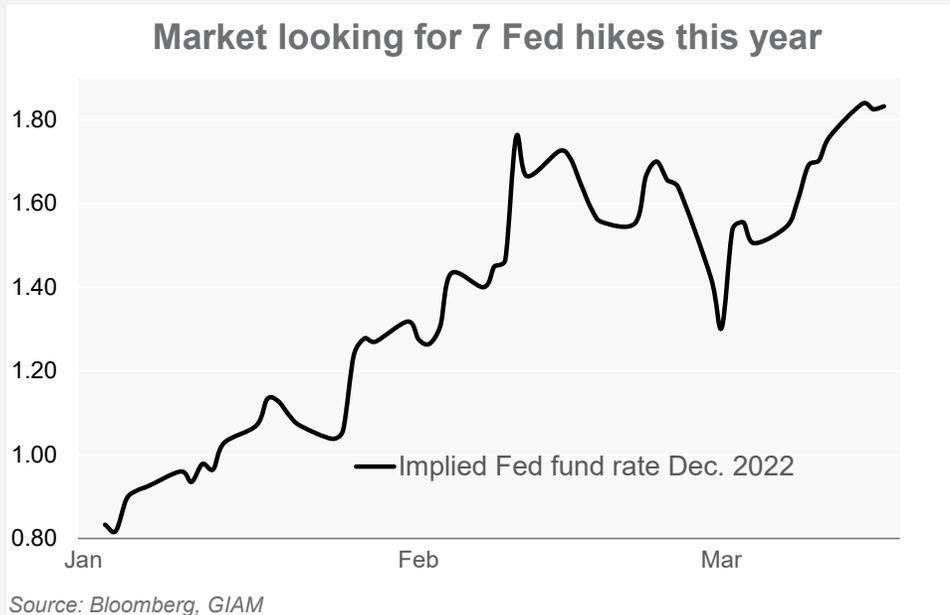
Source: J.P. Morgan, Bloomberg Finance L.P., Haver Analytics, ITC Trademap as at end of February 2022

Central banks policy & markets implications



What policy response?

Central banks torn between high inflation and weaker growth; inflation prevails for now



- **Monetary policy:**

- ✓ US inflation will likely peak well above 8% in May/June. EA inflation may peak near 6.5% this summer.
- ✓ EA growth more impacted than US.

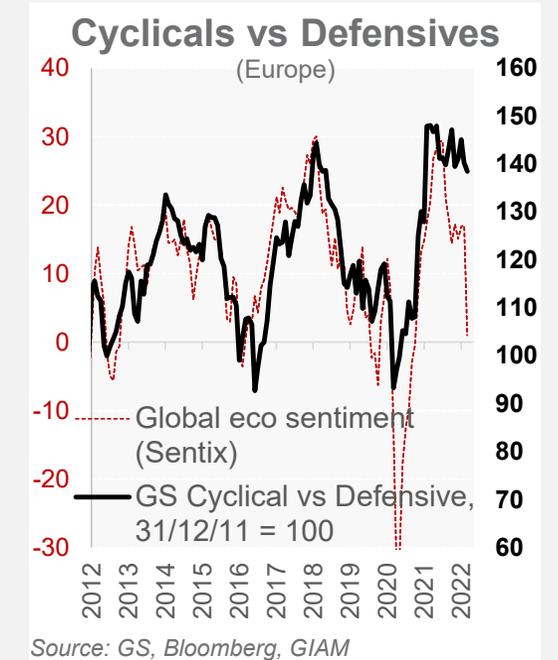
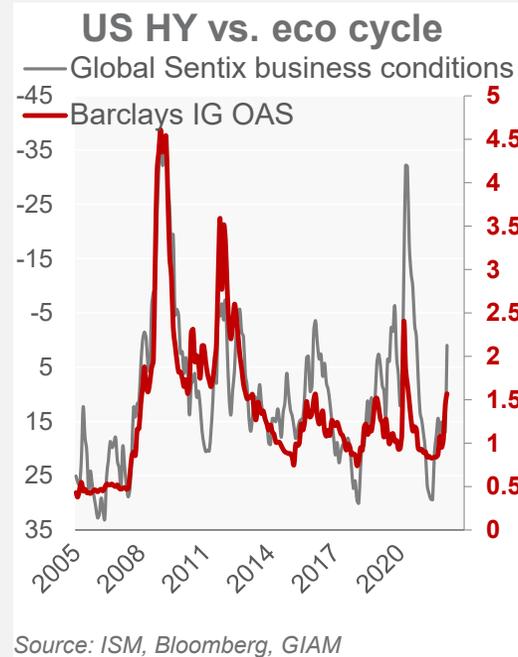
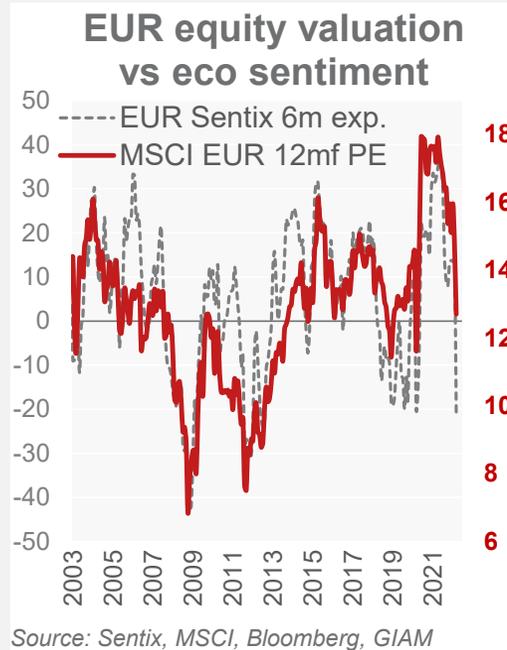
- **Markets too hawkish?** Forwards price near 2 ECB hikes in 2022; we see just one. Market pricing 7 Fed hikes in 2022, we see 5.

- **Fiscal policy** is being used, to reduce pain on consumer and business, despite the high debt load. But NGEU-2 for army, energy & agriculture looks unlikely (lack of joint resources). European architecture will not be reformed easily.

→ **Policy firepower much more constrained than in 2020. Central bank puts largely gone for now.**

What is priced in risky assets?

No rush to buy the dips; CBs and limited fiscal leeway will limit bounce; reduce cyclicality



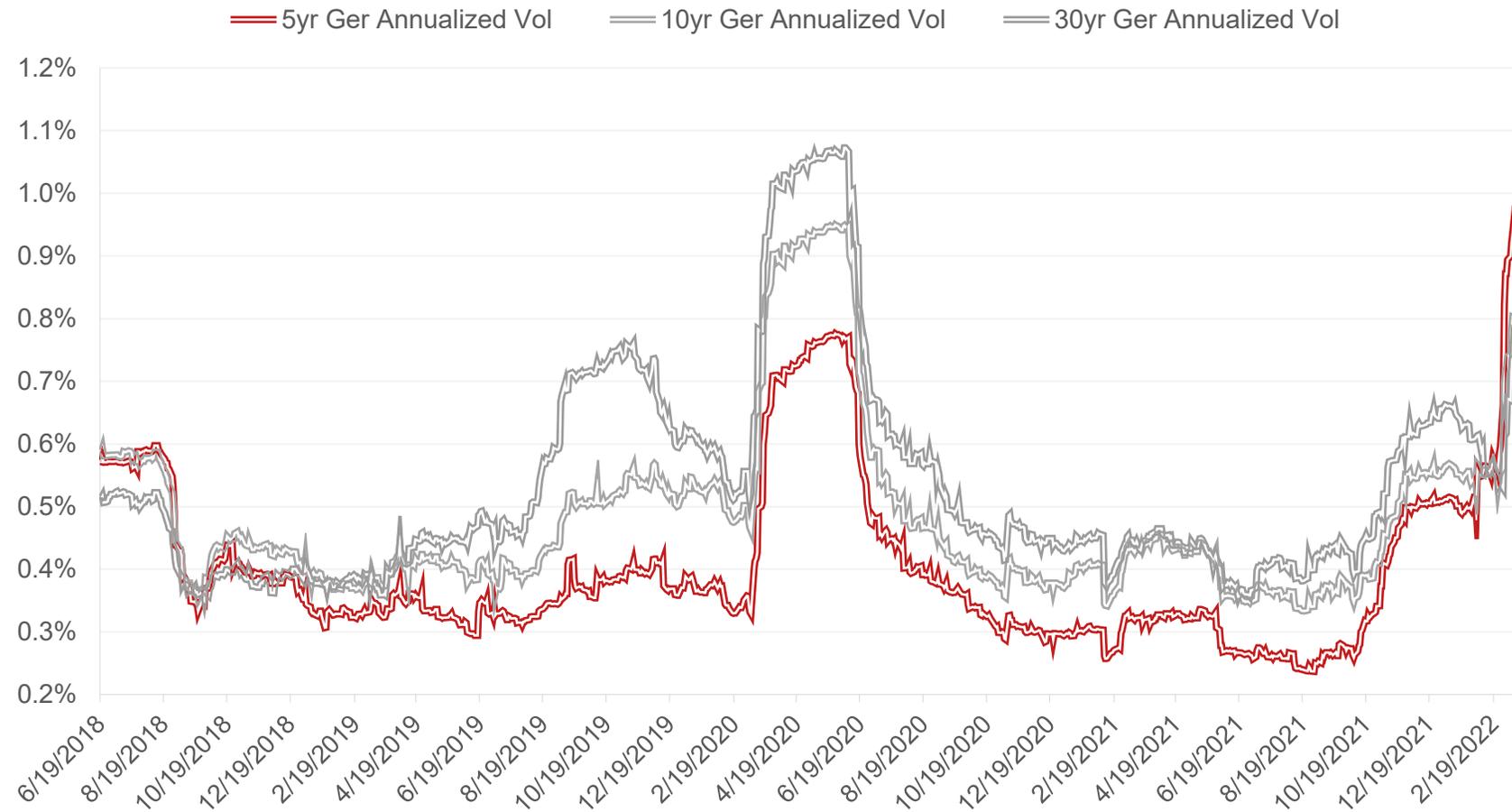
- Differentiate **risk premium** (temporary risk aversion) and **cyclicality** (more durable risk). Geopolitical events historically more threatening / long-lasting for markets when combined to energy shock (Arab-Israel war which led to the 1973 oil embargo)

→ **No rush to buy the dips.**

- Sharp deterioration in investor sentiment (Sentix) on EA economic growth looks exaggerated relative to our central scenario. That said asset prices have not adjusted as fast.
- Graph 3. Global slowdown suggests **reducing the cyclicality of portfolios.**

Still a bumpy road for rates

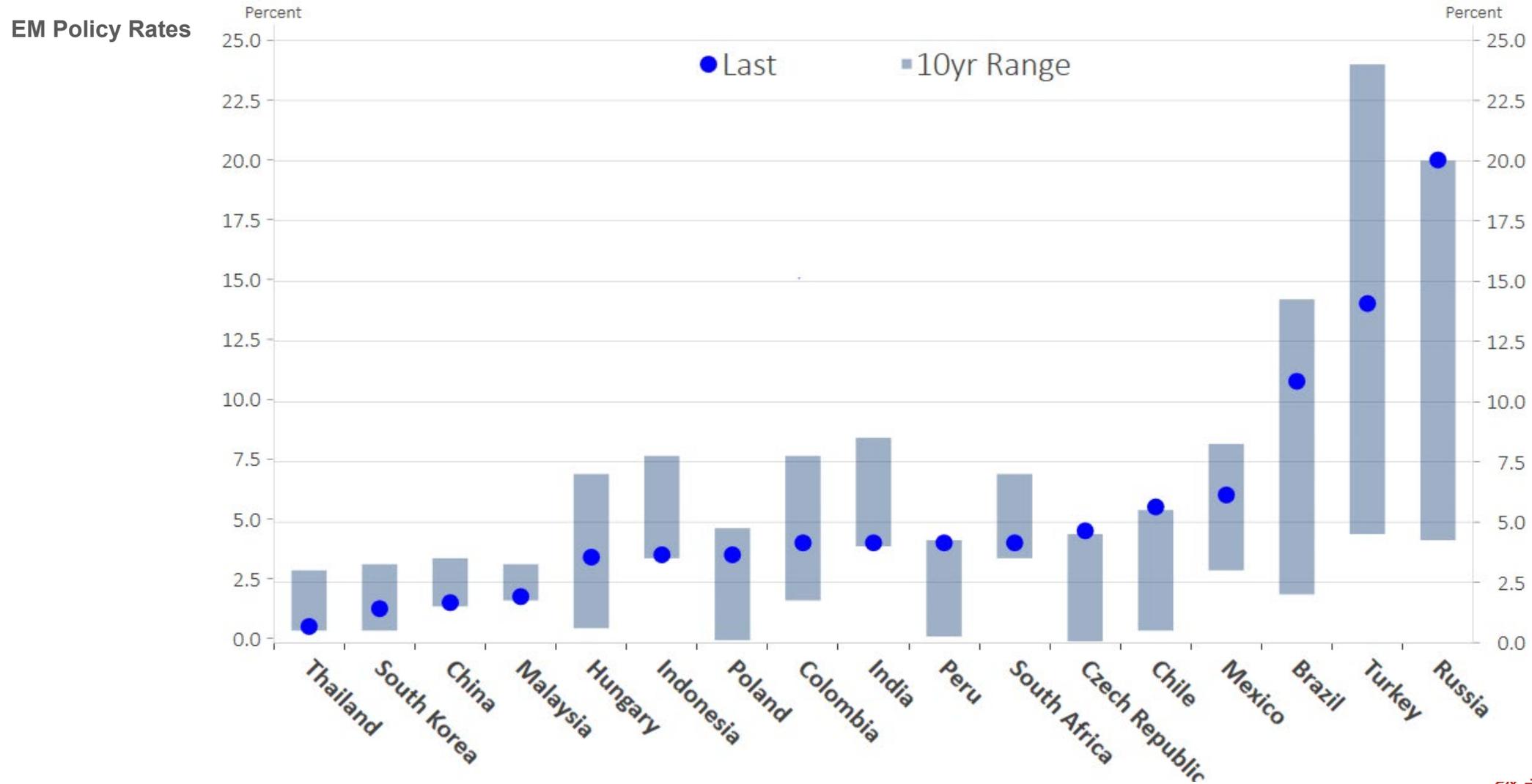
Expect further volatility



With the ECB said to be data dependent, so will be the market. Therefore, we expect that rates will continue to be one of the main sources of volatility for the time being, as the next inflation prints will likely be eye-catching while growth scare will intensify. On inflation prints side, we believe markets still need to fully gauge the spillover of energy dynamics from headline CPI into core CPI and the bottlenecks several supply chains face due to sanctions on Russia. Interestingly, rates volatility across different bucket of the curve has dramatically changed with the 5yr now much more volatile than the 30yrs for the first time in five years. In this context, we remain prudent on duration and we think that the longer end of the curve is probably the safest spot for the time being as the dichotomy between CBs actions and global growth will become apparent.

Latam and Eastern Europe have led the way in normalizing monetary policy

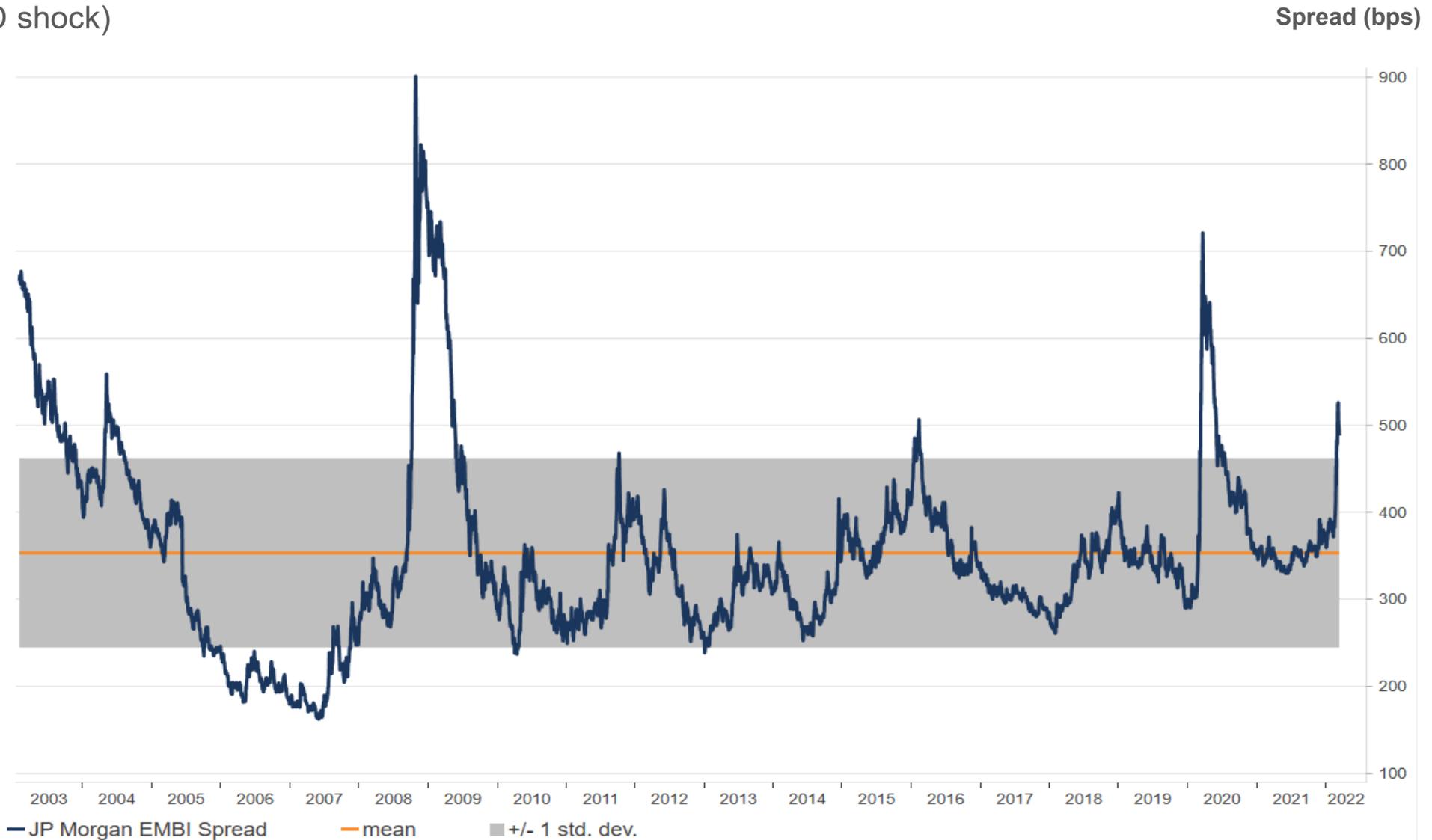
Rate hikes from Asia are slow given lack of inflationary pressures



Source: Aperture Investors, Macrobond as at end of February 2022

EM credit spreads are at widest levels seen in decades

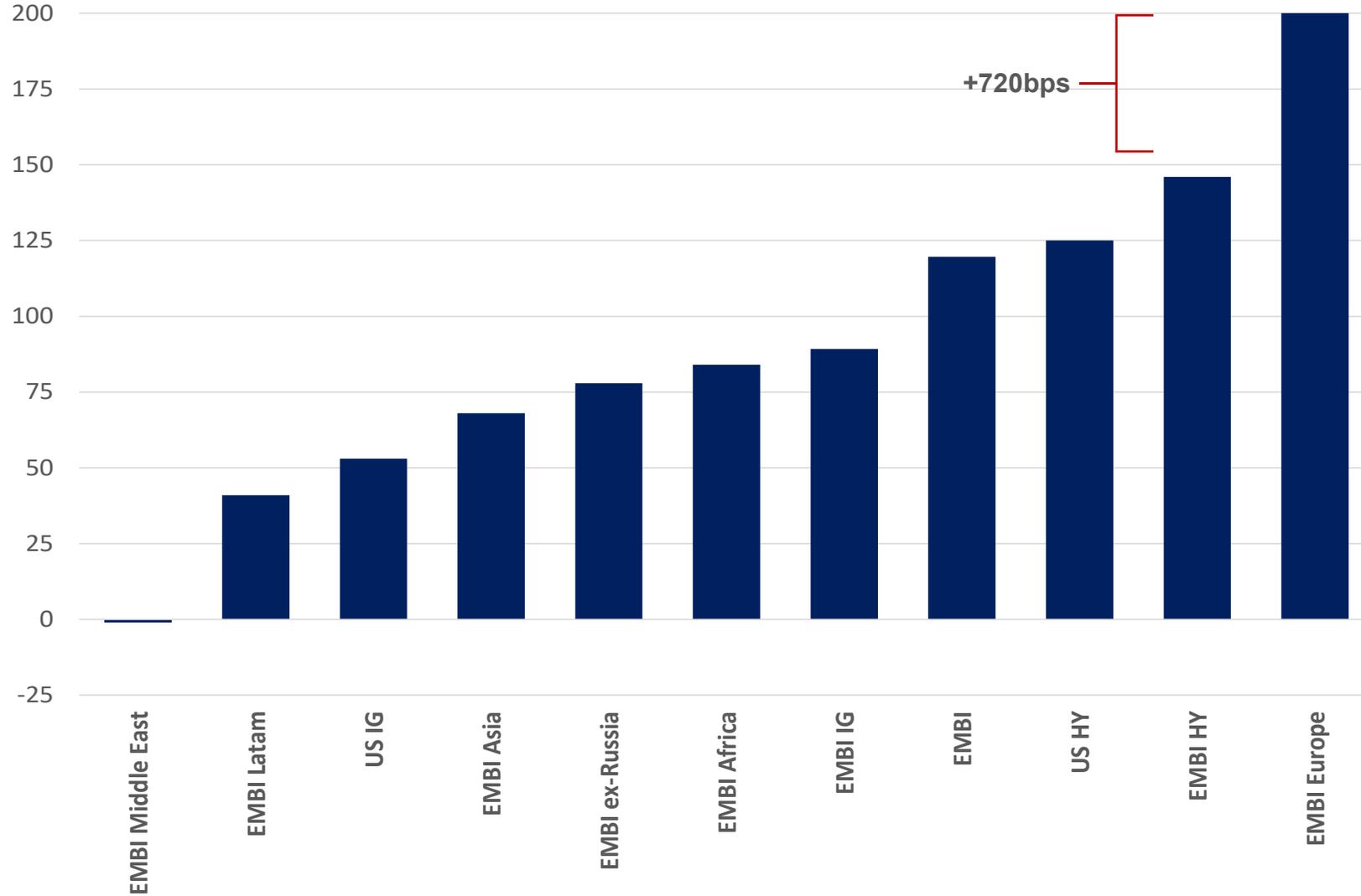
(ex-COVID shock)



Source: Aperture Investors, Macrobond as at end of February 2022

Credit spread dispersion across regions is remarkable

YTD Spread
Change (bps)



Source: J.P. Morgan as at end of February 2022

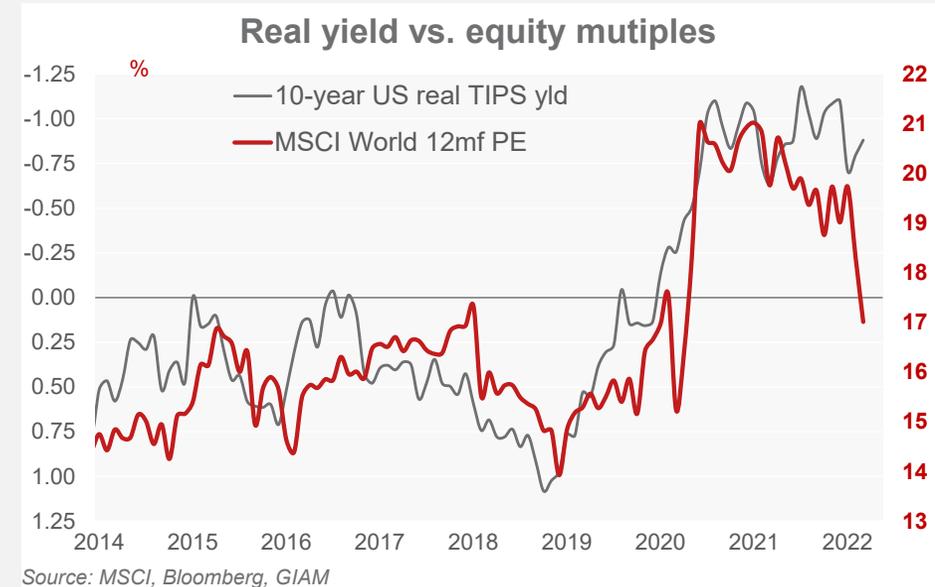
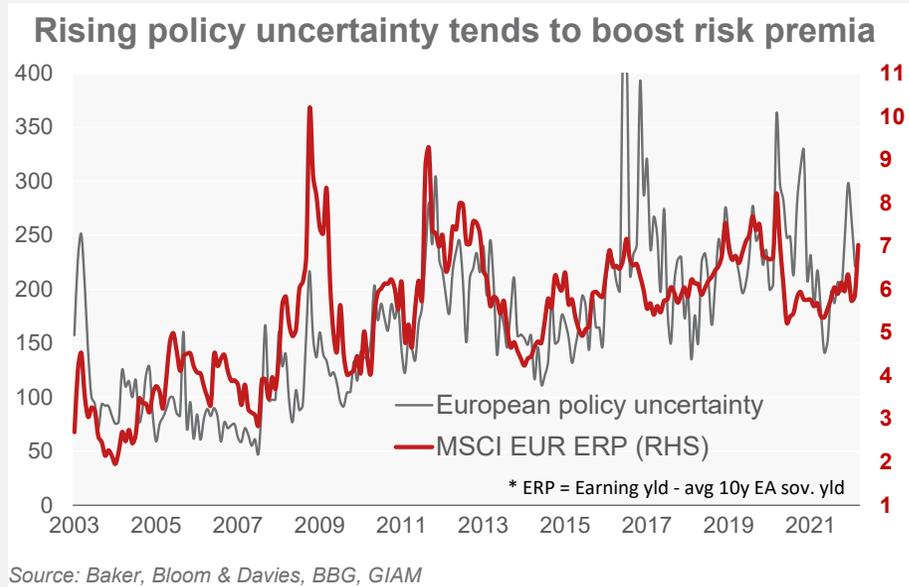


Impact on investments



Equities make sense... longer term

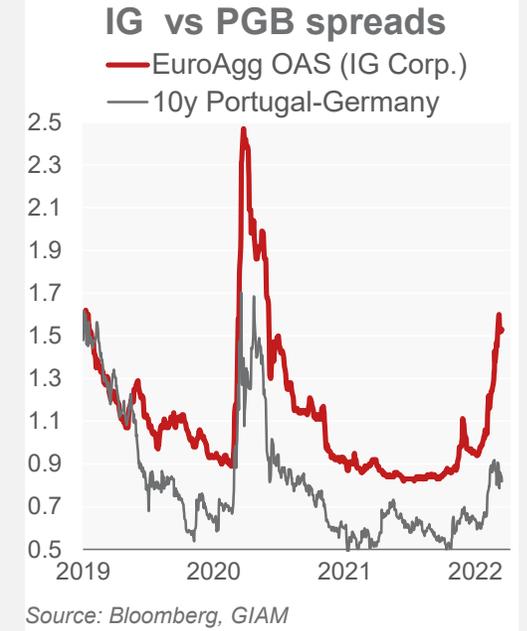
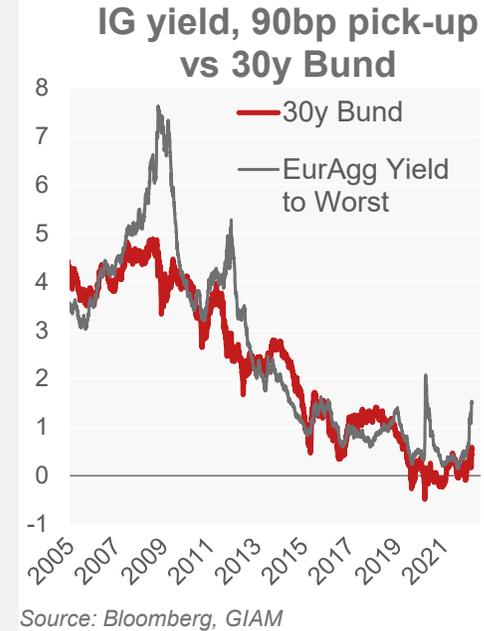
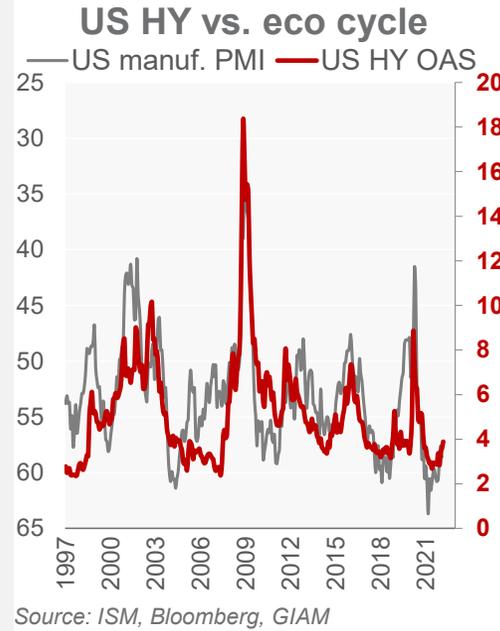
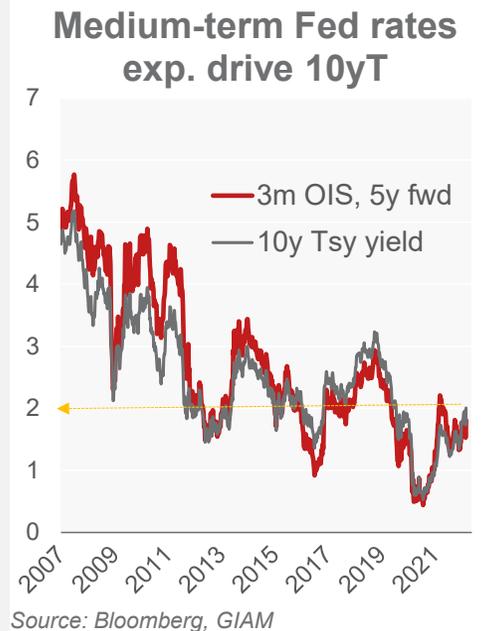
Shift to diplomatic route should mark the turn for markets



- Longer term, equities are looking very cheap to bonds again.
- But we do not recommend to re-risk until a diplomatic route and ceasefire look more likely This may first require the control of coastal cities by Russia.
- In the meantime, holding a **temporary OW in cash makes sense**.
- **Tactical OW** Energy, Insurance, Materials, Durables, Food, and Health Care.
- **Tactical UW**: Div. Financials, Media, RE, Hardware, Tlc and Utilities.
- EMU cheap again vs. US but no rush to get back in. OW UK. Neutral EM

Fixed Income

Long-term yields skewed to the upside; OW EUR Credit but focus on safety for now



- 10 Treasury yields tracking medium-term FF expectations – room for further upside, from 2.0% to near 2.50%.
- Short duration bias, but a small one given Flight-To-Quality risk.** EUR yield curve flattening bias remains but limited one as we see less 2022 hikes than priced.
- EU sovereign spreads have been resilient again relative to EUR credit spreads. Market pricing some further debt mutualisation. Structural reform towards enlarging EU budget (energy, military, agriculture) and ramping up joint issuance would be great news, but progress will be slow. Hence **cautious stance on sovereign carry trade.**
- 3 shocks on Credit: 1/ higher rates, 2/ QE tapering, 3/ commo prices & slowdown. Spread widening an opportunity to rebuild carry. **OW Credit, but focus on safety: IG > HY, Sub > pure HY, Non-Fin > Fin, Def. > Cycl.**

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Portfolio analysis – end of February 2022



Characteristics	
CATEGORY	EMERGING MARKETS BOND
WGT. AVG. YIELD TO MATURITY	5.75%
WGT. AVG. OPTION ADJ. DURATION	2.78 yrs
WEIGHTED AVG. RATING	BBB-
TOTAL FUND ASSETS	\$720M

Top Geographic Exposures

COUNTRY	FUND (%)	BENCHMARK (%)
China	14.73	30.13
UAE	7.13	6.37
Brazil	5.64	4.96
South Korea	5.20	6.49
India	5.20	4.11
Turkey	5.10	5.48
Mexico	4.63	3.29
Saudi Arabia	4.51	4.17
Indonesia	3.89	4.13
Qatar	3.60	3.25

Ratings Breakdown

RATING	FUND (%)	BENCHMARK (%)
>=AA	11.13	8.48
A	17.08	25.28
BBB	27.60	29.57
BB	27.57	16.43
<=B	21.55	17.50
NR	-4.93	2.55

Top Asset Class Exposures

ASSET CLASS	FUND (%)	BENCHMARK (%)
Corporate	49.53	34.72
Government-Related	44.35	65.28
Cash & Cash Equivalents	7.55	
Equity	0.10	
Other	-1.52	

Benchmark (Used for performance fee calculation) Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate 1-5 Year Index. Source: Aperture as at 28/02/2022.

The exposures above are shown as a percentage (%) of NAV, are as of the date indicated and may be materially different as of your review of this presentation. To fully understand any restrictions, either statutory or based on internal guidelines, please review the Fund's Prospectus and other offering materials. "Other" includes credit derivatives, foreign exchange and interest rate products. Credit asset class breakdowns utilize the Bloomberg Barclays' Level 1 Classification system. Government-Related includes sovereign and quasi-sovereign issued credit as well as U.S. Treasuries. The Equity classification includes stocks, ETFs, Funds and Equity Index positions. Ratings breakdowns include only securities categorized as Government-Related and Corporate debt and are normalized to 100%. Ratings breakdowns are calculated using an internal ratings methodology that at times allows for Aperture to assign a rating at its sole discretion. A copy of our internal ratings policy is available upon request. Exposures may not total 100% due to the application of net exposures, the use of leverage or leveraged instruments, or due to the limited scope shown. Benchmark = Bloomberg Barclays EM USD Agg 1-5 Year Unhedged TR. Exposures and allocation breakdowns are provided for informational purposes and are subject to change.

Plenisfer Investments SICAV Destination Value Total Return



5 Strategies: each must support long term goal, shorter term returns and optimal diversification

ALT RISK PREMIA:

13.85%



- Gold & Miners
- Carbon Emissions
- Infrastructure
- Long Vix Future

COMPOUNDERS:

24.25%



- Best In Class Firms
- Cloudification
- Electrification
- Healthy Living
- New Way of Living

INCOME:

17.69%



- Covid Recovering Industries
- European Telecoms
- CoCos EU Financials

MACRO:

6.38%



- Negative Duration – Short Bund & UST
- Indust. Commodities
- China Fixed Income
- Energy Stocks & Uranium
- Relative Value EUR Banks

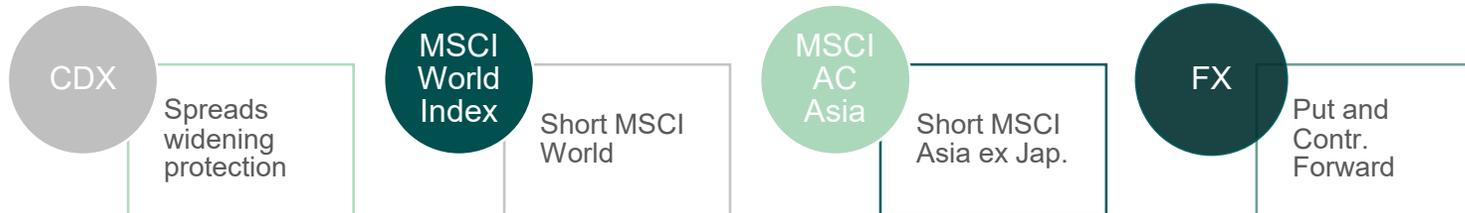
SPECIAL SITUATIONS:

15.48%



- Equity Stressed Value
- Stressed & Distressed Credit

PORTFOLIO HEDGES: (62.64%)



TOPICS IN FOCUS



Cyclical Recovery & Inflation



QE Tapering



Energy



China



Gold & Precious Metals



Commodities

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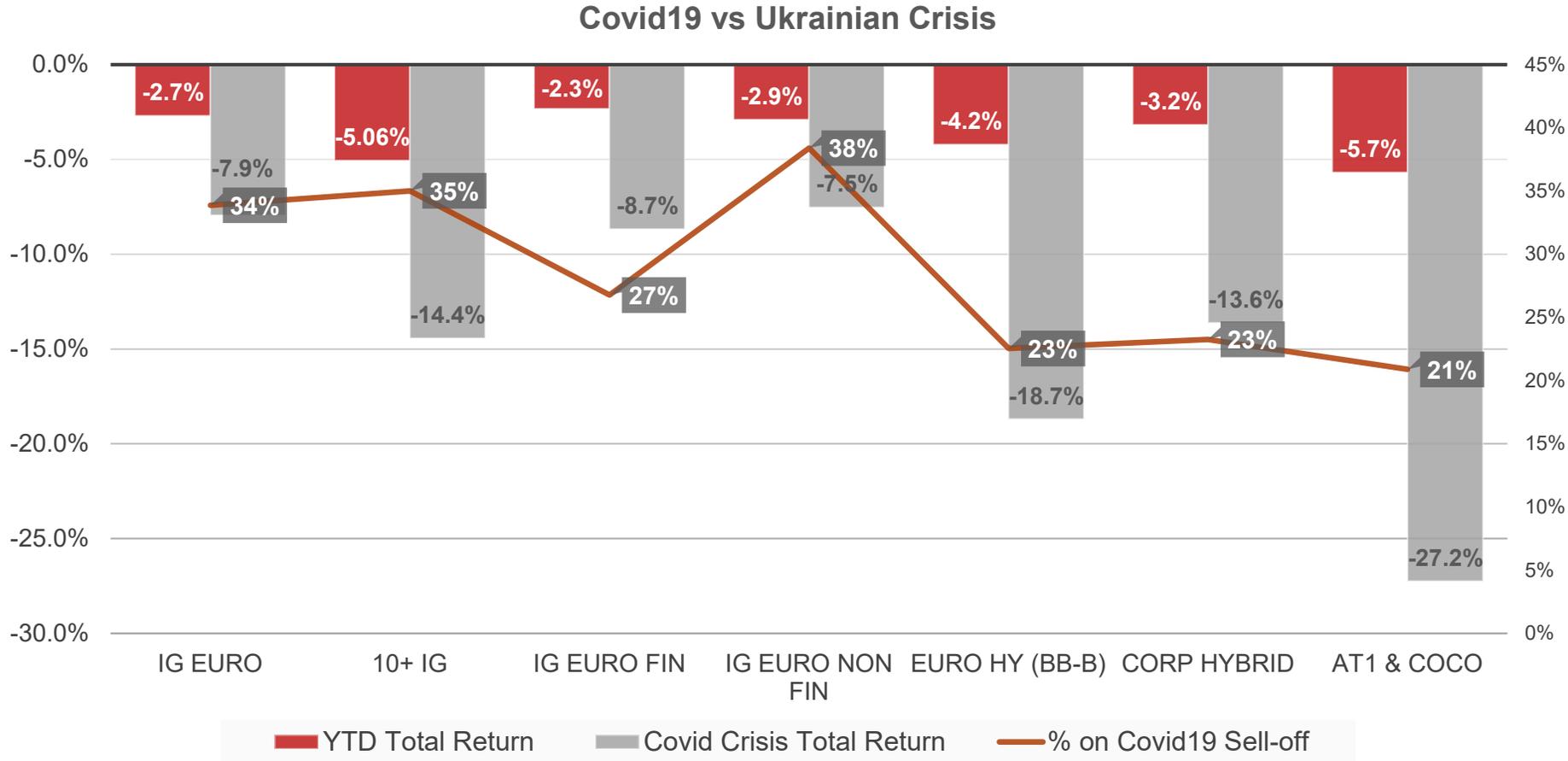
Up in quality for an initial risk onboarding

Eur A 10+ rated Yield to Worst



With spread and risk-free rates simultaneously rising, we are almost back to the COVID19 crisis in the higher rated clusters on a yield to worst basis (chart above). Though credit excess returns versus sovereign in the Ukrainian crisis still reflect a minor dislocation compared to 2020 and calling the wide might be premature, current IG levels start being compelling for LDI accounts.

COVID19 and Ukrainian crisis

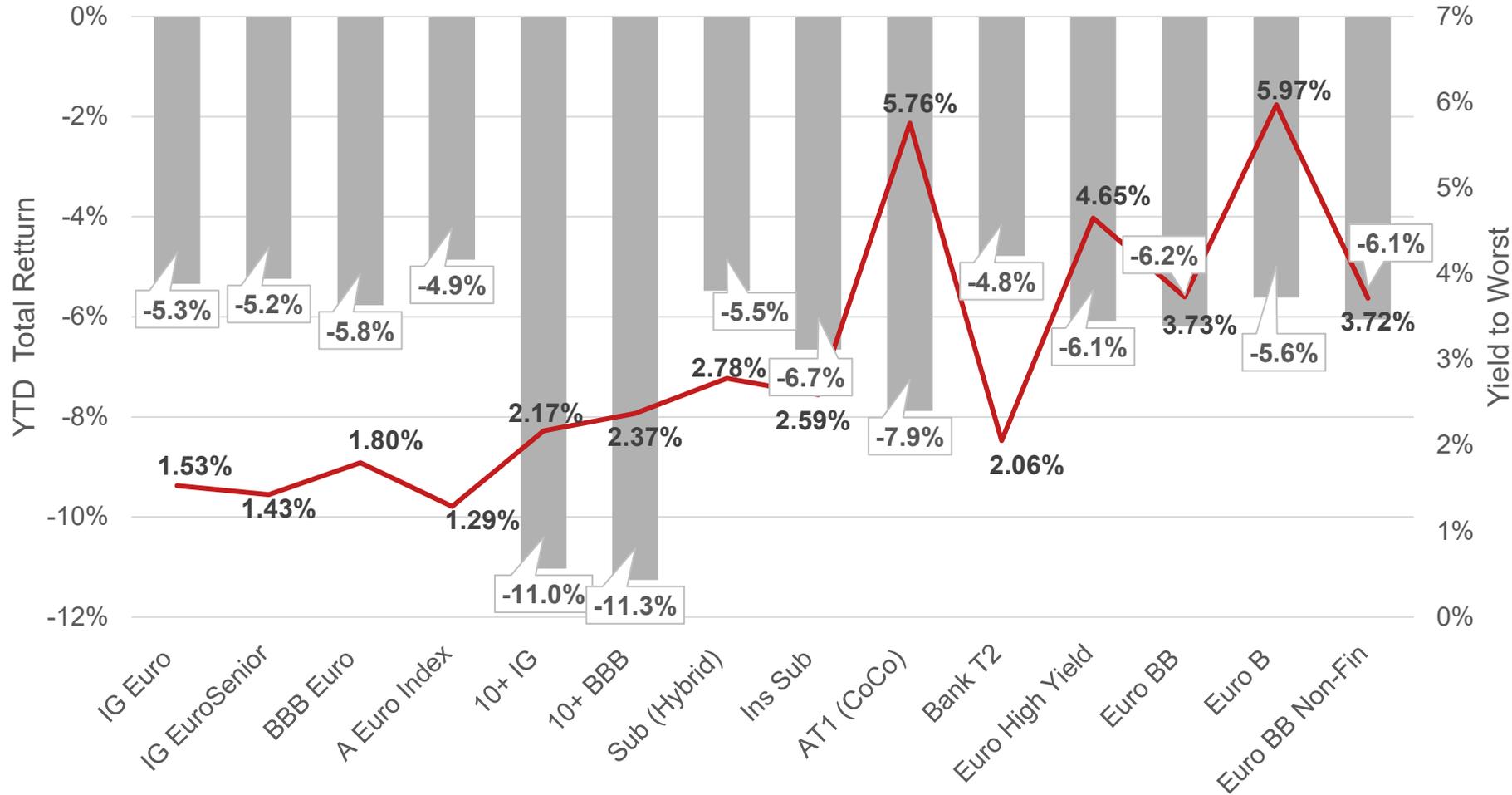


The bar chart above reports a comparison between the excess return % vs govts recorded during the first month of the COVID19 sell-off and the year-to-date excess return across credit buckets. A world in shutdown, with the perspective of reverting sooner or later to normality, versus a military crisis that challenges the geopolitical status quo, likely setting a milestone for a new political and economic order. Probably still more to be priced in here.

Source: ICE BofA Credit Indices, GIAM elaboration as at end of February 2022

Outflow risk still the “Stone Guest”

Credit Market - Year to Date Total Returns and Market Yields



Negative total return still hiding an outflows risk. Should this risk materialize, we see high yield bonds as more exposed.

Source: ICE BofA Credit Indices, GIAM elaboration as at end of February 2022



Thank you.



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Fund information

- **Aperture Investors SICAV:** Luxembourg UCITS-SICAV
- **European Innovation Fund:** Its “Sub-Fund“, altogether referred as the “Fund”
- **Management company:** Generali Investments Luxembourg S.A.
- **Investment Manager:** Aperture UK, LTD
- **Sub-Fund launch date:** 2 January 2019
- **Investment objective and policy:** The objective of the Sub-fund is to implement a total return strategy to achieve income and capital growth by investing, either directly or indirectly, in different financial asset classes with a focus on Emerging Markets.
- **Actively managed.**
- **Benchmark only used for the performance fee calculation:** Bloomberg Barclays EM USD Aggregate 1-5 Year Total Return Index Value
- **Countries of registration for distribution of the Fund:**
 - EU/EEA: AT, FR, DE, IT, LU, NL, PT, SG, ES,
 - Please refer to the website: www.generali-investments.com to find out if a share class is registered in your country.
- **Costs:**
 - **Illustrative share class:** IX USD (registered in AT, FR, DE, IT, LU, NL, PT, SG, ES, CH, UK)
 - **Entry fee: 5% - Exit fee: 1% - Ongoing charge: 0.54 % - Performance fee of the last financial year: 2,36%**
 - **Performance fee methodology: 30.00% per annum of the positive return above the "Bloomberg Barclays EM USD Aggregate 1-5 Year Total Return Index Value"**
 - Please refer to the prospectus and KIID of each class for the applicable costs.

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Risk Factors



- **The Risk & Reward profile: 5* (medium to high volatility). A high volatility implies strong fluctuations of prices.**
- **Main risks:**
 - **Interest rate risk;**
 - **The Sub-fund may invest in securities rated below Investment Grade, which present greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher-quality securities;**
 - **Credit risk;**
 - **Credit default swaps;**
 - **Emerging markets;**
 - **Derivative risks:** When using derivatives, the use of leverage may increase the potential risk of loss or the potential return.
 - **More risks are referred in the Prospectus.**
- **The Fund is not a guaranteed product.** There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be reached or that investors will reach a return on capital. Investors may risk to lose part or all of its initial investment (**risk of capital loss**).
- **Reference currency of the Fund: USD.** When the reference currency of the Fund or class differs from the one of your country, the currency fluctuations may have a negative impact on the net asset value, the performances and costs. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.
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- **Costs**:
 - **Illustrative share class**: IYH EUR (registered in AT, DE, IT, LU, PT, ES,)
 - **Entry fee**: None - **Exit fee**: 5% - **Ongoing charge**: 0.93% - **Performance fee of the last financial year**: 1.4%
 - **Performance fee methodology**: “High Water Mark with Performance Fee Benchmark” mechanism with a Performance Fee Rate of 15.00% per annum of the positive return above the “SOFR Index”
 - Please refer to the prospectus and KIID of each class for the applicable costs.

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Fund information

- **The Risk & Reward profile: 6* (high to very high volatility). A high volatility implies strong fluctuations of prices.**
- **Main risks:**
 - **Interest rate risk.**
 - **Credit risk.**
 - **Equity risk.**
 - **Emerging markets (including China) risk. There is no predetermined limitation to emerging markets exposure.**
 - **Emerging market risk could at times therefore be high.**
 - **Frontier markets risk.**
 - **Foreign exchange risk.**
 - **Volatility risk.**
 - **Liquidity risk.**
 - **Derivative risks:** When using derivatives, the use of leverage may increase the potential risk of loss or the potential return.
 - **More risks are referred in the Prospectus.**
- **The Fund is not a guaranteed product.** There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be reached or that investors will reach a return on capital. Investors may risk to lose part or all of its initial investment (**risk of capital loss**).
- **Reference currency of the Fund:** USD. When the reference currency of the Fund or class differs from the one of your country, the currency fluctuations may have a negative impact on the net asset value, the performances and costs. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.
- **The Risk & Reward profile refers to the illustrative class IYH EUR. The indicator does not take sufficient into account the following risks: Counterparty Risk, Credit Risk, Derivative Risk, Liquidity Risk, Geopolitical Risk, Operational Risk and Depositary Risk**

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