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THE RECESSION NARRATIVE

Since the start of the year, media increasingly use the word recession and, over the same period, there was a significant increase in Treasury yields. The common driver behind these developments is, to a large degree probably, the more hawkish tone from the Federal Reserve. Unease about recession risk shows up in the latest quarterly Survey of Professional Forecasters conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Recession probabilities across the projection horizon have moved higher and they are now well above what we have seen in the past at this stage of the tightening cycle. Exceptionally high inflation requires aggressive rate hikes to bring it back under control. This implies a difficult balancing act for the Federal Reserve and explains the heightened concerns about recession risk.

The narrative that the US may enter recession is gaining ground. Since the start of the year, more and more Bloomberg articles mention the word recession (chart 1). Interestingly, over the same period, there was a significant increase in Treasury yields.

The common driver behind these developments is, to a large degree probably, the more hawkish tone from the Federal Reserve. Not only has it started a rate hike cycle, but it has also provided clear guidance of delivering several 50 basis points hikes during this year. Unsurprisingly, this has pushed bond yields higher, but it has also raised concern about recession risk.

This also shows up in the latest guarterly Survey of Professional Forecasters conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. One of the survey questions concerns the probability of negative quarter-over-quarter growth in the current and the following four quarters¹. Charts 2 to 6 show the evolution of these probabilities in the early stages of each rate hike cycle since 1994².

In general, the probability of a recession increases as the projection horizon lengthens and as the tightening cycle progresses: the risk of a recession in the near-term is higher when rates have already been increased more than once. Against this background, the recent developments are striking. Recession probabilities across the projection horizon have moved higher and for the latest observation, which concerns the survey released in May, they are well above what we have seen in the past at this stage of the tightening cycle³.

This probably reflects a combination of two things. The first is the narrative that 'soft landings' are hard to achieve: in recent decades, tightening cycles have most of the time been followed by a recession.4 This doesn't mean that higher official interest rates were the only cause of the contraction of activity, but they certainly did play a role.

In charts 2-6 these are respectively referred to as RECESS1 and RECESS2 to RECESS5. 1.

2. The charts do not show the complete cycle because the purpose of this text is to compare the current cycle in its early stage with previous experiences.

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The 1999 cycle had high recession probabilities at certain horizons whereas at the current juncture, the entire probability curve is at a high level.

4. The 1994-95 cycle is the successful exception.

The second is that at the current juncture, inflation is exceptionally high, which would require more aggressive rate hikes to bring it back under control. This makes the balancing act of the Federal Reserve even more difficult than normally is the case and explains the heightened concerns about recession risk.

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US RECESSION PROBABILITY*









2015 Q4 30 25 20 15 10 5 0 RECESS1 RECESS2 RECESS3 RECESS4 RECESS5 т T+1 T+2

*The quarter mentioned at the top of each chart corresponds to the start of a rate hike cycle by the Federal Reserve. The lines refer to the recession probabilities from the surveys during the quarter of the first rate hike (T) and the following two quarters (T+1, T+2). RECESS1 shows the probability of entering recession in the current quarter and RECESS2 does the same for a recession in the next quarter. For the current rate cycle, 2021 Q4 was chosen as starting point for the chart although the first rate hike occurred in 2022 Q1. This allows to show the big increase in the recession probability in the survey conducted during 2022 Q1.

CHARTS 2-6

SOURCE: FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, SURVEY OF PROFESSIONAL FORECASTERS, BNP PARIBAS



MARKETS OVERVIEW

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Week 3-6.22 to 6-	-6-22		Interest Rates		highest 2	22	low	vest 22	Yield (%)		high	nest 22	lowest 22
7 CAC 40	6 485 ▶ 6 549	+1.0 %	€ECB	0.00		03/01		at 03/01		1.62	1.62	at 06/06	-0.04 at 03/01
			Eonia	-0.51	-0.51 at 0	03/01	-0.51	at 03/01	Bund 2y	0.52	0.52	at 06/06	-0.83 at 04/03
⊿ S&P 500	4 109 🕨 4 121	+0.3 %	Euribor 3M	-0.31	-0.31 at 0	06/06	-0.58	at 05/01	Bund 10y	1.33	1.33	at 06/06	-0.14 at 24/01
■ Volatility (VIX)	24.8 🕨 25.1	+0.3 pb	Euribor 12M	0.52	0.52 at 0	06/06	-0.50	at 05/01		1.68	1.68	at 06/06	0.15 at 04/01
■ Euribor 3M (%)	-0.33 🕨 -0.31	+1.4 bp	\$ FED	1.00	1.00 at 0	05/05	0.25	at 03/01	Corp. BBB	3.15	3.15	at 06/06	0.90 at 05/01
↘ Libor \$ 3M (%)	1.63 1.63	+0.0 bp	Libor 2M	1.63	1.63 at 0	01/06	0.21	at 03/01		2.71	2.71	at 06/06	0.70 at 04/01
SIVI (%)			LIDOF 12M	2.78	2.78 at 0	01/06	0.58	at 03/01		3.04	3.13	at 06/05	1.63 at 03/01
7 OAT 10y (%)	1.64 🕨 1.68	+3.2 bp	£BoE	1.00	1.00 at 0	05/05	0.25	at 03/01	High Yield	7.44	7.80	at 19/05	5.07 at 03/01
⊅ Bund 10y (%)	1.26 🕨 1.33	+6.2 bp	Libor 3M	1.42	1.42 at 3	31/05	0.26	at 03/01	£ gilt. 2y	1.85	1.85	at 06/06	0.69 at 03/01
オ US Tr. 10y (%)	2.95 > 3.04	+8.3 bp		0.81	0.81 at 0	03/01	0.81	at 03/01	gilt. 10y At 6-6-22	2.21	2.21	at 06/06	0.97 at 03/01
⊾ Euro vs dollar	1.07 🕨 1.07	-0.0 %	At 6-6-22						AL 0-0-22				
🔰 Gold (ounce, \$)	1857 🕨 1844	-0.7 %											
🔰 Oil (Brent, \$)	120.0 ▶ 119.6	-0.3 %											

		EXCHAI	NGE RATE	S			
1€ =		high	est 22	low	est	22	2022
USD	1.07	1.15	at 10/02	1.04	at	13/05	-5.7%
GBP	0.85	0.86	at 06/05	0.83	at	14/04	+1.7%
CHF	1.04	1.06	at 10/02	1.00	at	04/03	-0.0%
JPY	140.80	140.80	at 06/06	125.37	at	04/03	+7.5%
AUD	1.48	1.62	at 04/02	1.43	at	05/04	-5.1%
CNY	7.13	7.29	at 10/02	6.87	at	14/04	-1.7%
BRL	5.14	6.44	at 06/01	5.01	at	21/04	-18.9%
RUB	66.20	164.76	at 07/03	61.01	at	24/05	-22.4%
INR	83.23	85.96	at 11/02	80.30	at	05/05	-1.5%
At 6-6	-22						Change

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Spot price, \$		high	est	22	lov	vest	t 22	2022	2022(€)
Oil, Brent	119.6	128.2	at	08/03	79.0	at	03/01	+52.5%	+61.8%
Gold (ounce)	1 844	2 056	at	08/03	1 785	at	28/01	+1.2%	+7.3%
Metals, LMEX	4 632	5 506	at	07/03	4 369	at	12/05	+2.9%	+9.1%
Copper (ton)	9 743	10 702	at	04/03	9 104	at	12/05	+0.0%	+6.1%
wheat (ton)	400	4.7	at	17/05	281	at	14/01	+68.2%	+78.4%
Corn (ton)	293	3.2	at	16/05	226	at	03/01	+2.8%	+36.3%
At 6-6-22	•								Change

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highest 22 lowest 22 2022 Year 2022 to 6-6, Year 2022 to 6-6, \$ Index World +27.3% Oil & Gas +66.7% Oil & Gas MSCI World 2 790 3 248 at 04/01 2 640 at 12/05 -13.7% +17.3% Commodities +16.3% Commodities North America +3.3% Telecoms +11.9% Telecoms S&P500 4 121 4 797 at 03/01 3 901 at 19/05 -13.5% -3.5% Utilities +10.0% Utilities -4.1% Banks Europe +9.6% Insurance EuroStoxx50 3 838 4 392 at 05/01 3 505 at 08/03 -10.7% -5.3% Food industry +6.4% Food industry CAC 40 6 549 7 376 at 05/01 5 963 at 08/03 -0.8% -5.3% Insurance +3.5% Chemical -5.4% Health DAX 30 14 654 16 272 at 05/01 12 832 at 08/03 -7.7% -4.6% Health -7.1% Chemical -8.0% Industry IBEX 35 8 836 8 934 at 27/05 7 645 at 07/03 +0.1% -9.0% Index -8.5% Financial services FTSE100 7 608 7 672 at 10/02 6 959 at 07/03 +0.3% -11.1% -8.7% Car Household & Care Asia MSCI, Loc. 1107 1165 at 05/01 1024 at 08/03 -0.3% -12.7% Media -9.0% Banks -9.4% Nikkei 27 916 29 332 at 05/01 24 718 at 09/03 -3.0% -13.9% Travel & leisure Index -12.5% Travel & leisure Emerging MSCI Emerging (\$) 1 071 1 267 at 12/01 988 at 12/05 -15.2% Construction -16.7% -18.9% -1.3% -17.4% Construction Industry China 71 760 86 at 20/01 891 at 13/01 59 at 15/03 732 at 19/05 -14.5% -6.0% -19.1% Real Estate Technology -20.3% India Retail -21.1% Consumption Goods 1709 2003 at 04/04 1372 at 06/01 Brazil +2.5% . Technology -21.2% Media -24.5% At 6-6-22 Change -28.6% -29.0% Retail Car

PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR (Eurostoxx50 & S&P500)

SOURCE: REFINITIV, BNP PARIBAS,



MARKETS OVERVIEW



VOLATILITY (VIX, S&P500)



MSCI WORLD (USD)





2020

2021

2022



10Y BOND YIELD, TREASURIES VS BUND



10Y BOND YIELD



10Y BOND YIELD & SPREADS



OIL (BRENT, USD)



METALS (LMEX, USD)



GOLD (OUNCE, USD)



SOURCE: REFINITIV, BNP PARIBAS





PMI: RESILIENCE OF EMPLOYMENT DATA BUT NEW EXPORT ORDERS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE

The global manufacturing PMI continues its sideways movement since March, when it had declined due to the war in Ukraine. May saw a weakening in the US and the euro area, where in particular Italy recorded a considerable decline. In Australia the PMI recorded a big drop. China saw a rebound following the easing of mobility restrictions. In India the PMI has been stable at a high level for several months and Vietnam saw a sizeable improvement in May.

The services PMI was down in the US and the euro area, where in particular Germany was confronted with weaker data, although still well above the 50 mark. In the UK, the index recorded a huge drop. Japan is benefiting from better data and in India the already elevated index moved higher again in May.

There was good news in terms if manufacturing employment. Hiring intentions moved higher in the US and in the euro area, where they were up strongly. The opposite happened in Australia. The data for Japan were marginally better whereas they were weaker in China compared to April.

New export orders continue to be a source of concern. The global number was down, the US recorded a drop and the number for the euro area was also weaker on the back of a poor performance of Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Australia saw a big drop and Japan was also weaker. China recorded an uptick from a very low level and India, which was also strong, benefited from.a further improvement.

The global manufacturing input price PMI declined in May but stays at a very elevated level. This is a widespread phenomenon. The US moved higher still and in the euro area, the index declined.

The global manufacturing output price PMI declined in May, converging to it February level. There was a decline in the US and the euro area. Italy recorded a big drop. Te UK was also down. The global manufacturing delivery times shortened (this shows up in higher numbers). This also applies to the US, the euro area and the individual euro area countries. China also saw an improvement.

In services, the input prices PMI hardly changed in the US but declined in the euro, although the behaviour of individual countries was heterogeneous. The index was up in France but down in Germany and Spain. Japan also recorded an increase.

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MANUFACTURING PMI Developed Markets Emerging countries WD NA Europe Asia-Oceania LATAM Eurasia Middle East & Africa Asia NETHERLANDS **NEW ZEALAND** REPUBI ARABIA SWITZERLAND AFRIC/ **UNC** AUSTRALIA -EBANON IRELAND POI AND SOUTH / JAPAN BRAZIL CZECH SINGAI SAUDI HONG EGYPI CHIN NDIA UAE ¥ 51.6 40.0 52.7 50.9 53.6 47.1 49.8 53.8 49.2 53.3 52.3 43.7 Aug-21 46.5 46.6 56.2 60.7 58.6 62.8 65.2 55.0 58.4 58.4 60.3 59.7 62.0 58.1 67.6 51.2 51.8 51.5 50.8 54.4 48.6 58.0 53.4 49.8 52.5 48.9 Sep-21 46.9 53.3 50.0 51.7 53.7 52.2 61.1 51.7 49.3 Oct-21 58.3 60.6 71.4 53.6 57.8 58.9 62.1 65.7 50.4 54.6 53.2 50.8 53.8 51.6 51.2 48.7 46.6 53.6 50.6 50.8 52.1 58.3 58.4 58.1 67.4 55.9 50.6 49.8 49.4 57.4 58.8 59.9 62.8 60.7 57.1 54.8 51.3 51.7 52.0 48.7 49.9 52.6 53.9 52.2 Nov-21 Dec-21 58.0 58.7 63.5 55.6 57.4 59.0 58.3 58.7 53.8 50.7 49.8 49.4 51.6 52.1 49.0 46.7 53.9 50.9 50.8 53.5 52.5 55.5 58.7 61.5 59.9 55.5 59.8 57.9 59.4 58.3 60.1 56.2 63.8 48.4 52.2 51.8 50.5 47.9 47.1 53.2 Jan-22 53.2 50.6 47.8 46.1 49.1 48.9 53.7 53.7 53.7 58.2 58.4 50.7 58.4 57.8 57.8 58.3 60.6 56.9 53.2 53.4 52.7 50.2 49.6 48.0 48.6 50.4 48.1 47.5 50.4 51.2 Feb-22 42.9 56.5 59.3 61.8 54.7 56.9 54.6 59.4 55.8 58.4 53.7 54.1 50.1 52.3 49.2 54.7 52.7 44.1 49.4 47.4 51.3 51.7 Mar-22 52.9 58.9 58.8 46.5 48.1 55.5 57.9 62.8 59.9 53.3 51.2 53.5 50.3 51.8 49.3 52.4 48.2 49.2 50.7 46.0 51.7 52.3 55.7 51.9 51.7 Apr-22 53.8 4 51.9 Mav-22 524 53.8 53.3 50.4 54.2 50.6 52.3 48.5 50.8 49.2 48.1 50.8 52.4



SOURCE: MARKIT, BNP PARIBAS



MANUFACTURING PMI - EMPLOYMENT

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Aug-21	52.0	53.2	52.8	57.3	62.6	57.6	54.0	58.2	54.7	58.0	55.9	61.6	55.7	61.8	57.8	52.8	53.8	51.7	53.5	47.8	55.4	51.1	47.0	54.8	50.2	50.3	48.5	51.6	49.8	49.9	45.5	41.1
Sep-21	51.4	52.8	53.1	55.4	62.2	58.0	50.1	56.5	54.4	55.6	56.3	57.1	53.4	61.5	51.5	54.5	53.8	52.1	54.8	46.9	56.2	50.3	48.5	53.6	50.3	50.5	47.2	50.6	48.9	49.4	45.8	37.8
Oct-21	51.8	53.2	52.7	55.4	63.1	57.7	51.2	55.7	56.0	55.7	56.4	59.5	52.2	60.6	54.5	53.4	51.8	52.6	54.1	47.3	52.4	50.5	50.4	52.9	50.5	50.3	47.0	50.8	49.7	49.5	50.1	42.7
Nov-21	51.4	53.0	52.0	54.9	62.0	57.3	53.1	53.8	56.4	55.0	58.3	57.2	51.8	60.2	56.1	52.9	48.5	52.7	51.0	47.0	53.6	49.6	51.9	52.7	48.5	50.9	50.6	50.1	48.9	50.2	50.3	45.6
Dec-21	51.7	52.9	52.8	55.3	59.8	63.7	52.6	56.0	57.0	54.3	57.3	55.7	51.6	60.9	55.7	53.0	52.2	53.1	50.6	46.6	57.9	52.5	51.0	53.7	49.5	50.3	42.4	50.6	48.7	49.3	50.0	50.7
Jan-22	51.0	53.2	50.3	57.1	61.1	58.2	54.0	58.9	58.1	54.9	57.3	57.7	52.7	62.4	59.0	52.1	49.6	53.3	48.2	40.8	56.6	53.5	52.6	51.6	49.1	50.1	49.2	50.4	47.9	48.4	50.2	51.7
Feb-22	51.6	54.6	52.2	57.1	62.1	56.1	55.8	58.0	56.5	53.7	57.1	59.3	54.2	63.1	57.9	54.6	51.8	52.8	49.8	46.2	53.3	53.2	47.5	53.0	49.2	50.3	50.7	50.1	48.5	49.8	50.6	51.2
Mar-22	52.1	53.2	54.0	54.2	60.2	63.8	51.8	54.4	55.0	56.6	53.2	57.5	51.4	62.4	56.7	53.7	52.2	52.6	51.2	49.2	52.8	51.0	44.7	50.7	48.8	49.7	48.5	50.6	50.4	50.1	50.8	48.3
Apr-22	51.5	54.5	52.7	54.7	57.8	64.3	53.1	55.3	54.9	58.6	52.4	58.5	50.6	60.7	56.7	54.4	49.8	51.4	51.4	51.1	52.7	51.4	45.5	51.5	47.9	51.0	51.5	49.9	49.2	50.5	52.1	52.1
May-22	51.7	55.3	53.1	56.1	57.7	69.7	54.0	58.0	53.4	59.3	52.7	59.9	50.3	62.8	55.4	51.9		51.9	53.3	51.7	52.5	51.2	47.1	51.7			49.9	50.7	48.6	51.0	50.3	53.0

MANUFACTURING PMI - NEW EXPORT ORDERS

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	WD	N	A							Europe							Asia-C)ceania	1	LAT	TAM		Eur	asia			Mide	dle Ea	st & A	frica				Asia		
	World	CANADA	USA	EURO ZONE	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	FRANCE	GERMANY	GREECE	IRELAND	ІТАLY	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	LK	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN	SINGAPORE	BRAZIL	MEXICO	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND	RUSSIA	TURKEY	EGYPT	ISRAEL	LEBANON	SAUDI ARABIA	SOUTH AFRICA	UAE	CHINA	HONG KONG	INDIA	INDONESIA	VIETNAM
Aug-21	51.0	54.3	52.8	59.1	55.3		53.9	61.0	56.4	59.3	60.3	64.7	55.1		54.5	45.1		49.3	51.3	49.7	46.5	57.3	53.3	40.2	56.1	50.4	48.7	48.2	52.3	49.8	49.2	48.0	49.5	50.6	34.6	37.2
Sep-21	51.0	53.8	54.9	55.8	57.8		50.5	56.3	56.7	55.1	58.6	59.6	54.7		49.7	51.9		50.5	51.2	48.9	45.2	54.4	49.1	45.2	54.9	46.3	52.2	48.1	52.8	49.0	52.6	47.7	49.1	51.5	44.5	27.4
Oct-21	50.6	55.6	50.4	55.4	54.3		50.3	56.2	56.2	51.7	60.9	57.0	52.3		49.5	46.1		50.3	51.0	48.1	45.0	49.8	49.2	44.4	53.9	44.4	48.9	48.3	54.8	44.9	51.2	48.1	48.9	52.7	49.6	51.5
Nov-21	51.3	53.7	51.0	54.9	51.3		52.2	54.2	56.0	51.6	60.7	56.1	54.1		49.0	54.6		52.8	50.9	50.5	44.5	52.1	48.5	50.1	51.6	50.7	44.5	45.7	56.2	48.5	51.6	49.9	47.9	51.7	48.6	51.9
Dec-21	51.3	53.9	51.0	54.1	52.9		52.7	53.0	54.9	51.5	60.0	55.0	52.1		49.2			51.1	51.0	53.3	49.5	54.4	50.8	49.1	51.7	54.9	46.3	47.2	51.7	45.8	50.6	49.9	50.3	51.3	53.1	54.0
Jan-22	49.7	52.7	49.8	54.2	59.4		52.6	54.0	53.5	54.3	54.4	57.6	53.3		50.4	45.1		52.1	51.0	46.5	45.9	53.3	51.4	51.9	49.0	51.2	38.9	48.5	49.1	48.0	50.5	46.5	45.3	51.1	54.2	56.2
Feb-22	51.0	48.5	53.4	55.0	55.7		52.4	56.4	52.8	54.2	54.1	58.6	53.3		49.1	42.6		50.6	50.6	50.7	46.6	52.0	53.3	47.5	51.2	48.3	44.0	48.6	48.9	48.6	51.6	48.3	37.5	51.6	52.9	55.7
Mar-22	48.1	51.9	54.9	49.7	55.5		45.8	49.1	49.1	53.4	51.5	53.7	46.4		49.4	58.3		46.5	50.7	49.0	46.9	46.5	43.0	31.1	50.4	46.4	44.7	48.3	52.0	48.9	51.4	44.5	38.9	48.4	52.3	53.1
Apr-22	48.3	51.8	56.4	49.0	52.7		46.5	47.1	50.9	52.7	50.1	56.3	49.9		47.7	47.7		47.1	50.9	47.7	51.9	48.3	45.3	36.1	49.3	46.9		49.6	52.6	50.0	54.6	43.2	44.7	54.2	52.9	52.3
May-22	47.9	51.1	52.2	47.7	48.3		47.2	45.0	50.7	52.9	48.7	53.0	49.8		46.3	42.9		46.2		48.0	52.7	44.2	45.8	35.4	47.2					49.2	53.2	44.7		57.1	52.3	53.7

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Aug-21	70.3	77.2	87.5	87.0	88.1	84.2	80.3	93.0	78.8	74.6	84.1	93.5	80.7		86.4	81.3		64.5	51.4	79.1	59.4	89.1	79.4	65.8	70.0	57.9		51.4		52.0	56.2	55.3	56.3	66.2	65.7
Sep-21	71.2	77.4	87.0	86.9	90.2	79.6	85.5	90.3	89.6	82.9	82.3	87.8	82.7		84.4	78.1		68.0	51.7	78.1	55.3	86.5	78.1	65.0	70.2	59.3		52.5		51.4	58.6	57.3	57.5	65.7	66.0
Oct-21	74.4	77.3	86.9	89.5	91.5	70.7	88.4	91.3	92.3	87.8	86.6	91.2	87.7		87.4	81.8		70.4	51.8	77.6	62.9	88.5	80.8	63.7	74.8	64.5		52.6		51.1	65.1	56.7	60.3	69.5	67.5
Nov-21	71.5	74.5	87.6	88.9	89.5	84.2	84.6	91.0	94.5	84.5	88.0	90.4	89.0		89.7	78.3		72.3	51.7	81.4	62.4	90.7	82.3	66.6	87.3	63.7		52.4		50.9	52.3	56.5	60.1	71.0	70.4
Dec-21	69.7	71.7	83.1	86.7	85.1	80.1	81.0	88.9	86.6	83.1	87.8	88.6	85.9		86.0			71.9	51.4	77.5	67.8	85.0	81.9	66.7	92.1	59.3		53.0		52.3	50.8	57.0	58.8	71.4	59.4
Jan-22	68.3	69.4	80.1	83.5	83.9	80.6	81.3	86.7	87.9	79.0	81.3	81.1	80.8		82.9	82.3		72.0	51.6	73.2	67.4	87.3	82.5	70.2	82.4	59.5		52.0		52.6	52.6	56.8	58.4	69.1	60.2
Feb-22	68.5	70.1	79.3	82.1	81.3	75.6	80.6	83.9	85.8	83.6	79.9	80.0	79.2		82.4	75.6		74.0	51.7	68.1	65.5	81.3	77.8	72.2	78.8	54.5		51.5		52.2	54.6	56.4	57.3	67.6	60.3
Mar-22	71.5	78.6	79.5	87.0	89.2	77.7	84.6	87.2	87.3	92.7	85.1	87.7	86.8		85.3	82.4		75.2	51.9	75.0	69.8	90.1	83.1	90.0	78.5	58.6		54.4		53.5	57.8	57.6	57.5	67.9	71.1
Apr-22	71.6	75.4	81.9	87.8	90.5	78.2	88.9	88.0	86.7	85.3	87.1	89.2	86.2		89.5	84.4		75.6	52.1	71.4	69.7	86.0	82.6	76.3	73.1	58.3		52.8		53.4	56.9	55.7	59.2	68.8	70.7
May-22	70.5	73.0	84.2	84.2	87.0	76.2	84.1	84.8	85.8	88.0	81.4	84.5	80.3		86.4	86.5		76.0		72.4	71.9	84.8	77.4	62.5	69.9					53.9	55.0		58.9	67.4	65.7

SOURCE: MARKIT, BNP PARIBAS

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ug-21	36.2	28.6	16.8	22.8	20.3	10.7	22.5	19.1	31.3	24.4	28.8	16.1	32.0	17.4	41.3	32.8	39.5	50.0	42.8	41.0	21.9	32.3	46.9	42.5	52.0	48.6		50.7	46.6	46.6	48.5	45.1	30.
ep-21	36.5	25.4	16.6	22.5	18.1	7.7	19.7	22.3	28.7	26.4	24.7	15.3	27.2	19.3	49.2	47.7	38.3	50.1	44.4	41.1	22.9	32.1	46.9	45.5	52.8	51.0		49.8	48.3	49.3	48.5	46.4	28.3
ct-21	34.8	23.1	16.8	19.4	16.9	9.8	17.7	17.8	24.1	18.0	24.1	15.8	24.3	18.3	41.2		37.0	50.3	42.4	39.7	21.6	32.9	43.3	42.6	50.8	51.8		50.8	45.1	48.4	48.6	46.3	39.3
ov-21	36.4	24.4	18.9	21.7	19.3	5.9	19.8	21.3	24.5	25.9	24.5	18.5	21.8	21.4	53.4	44.4	37.7	50.5	41.3	38.6	22.8	33.4	45.3	36.1	49.1	52.4		51.5	48.4	48.5	49.1	49.3	43.0
ec-21	37.8	28.7	24.4	25.3	24.5	15.2	24.7	25.9	24.9	31.1	24.0	22.0	25.3	23.8		51.4	37.1	50.4	42.2	34.7	25.6	35.2	44.1	33.8	49.5	52.3		51.8	48.7	49.8	47.9	48.6	46.2
an-22	38.0	27.8	23.2	26.6	24.6	28.3	24.2	27.1	26.4	27.4	27.4	23.4	30.0	30.4	37.8	53.7	37.8	50.1	40.7	38.8	31.1	34.9	45.3	41.7	49.7	50.0		52.4	47.5	46.6	48.5	50.1	45.2
eb-22	39.4	26.8	25.0	31.0	29.2	38.3	25.2	34.0	25.3	30.8	31.5	25.1	31.5	31.7	49.0	52.7	38.1	50.5	45.0	43.3	32.0	38.3	44.1	42.1	49.4	53.1		52.7	48.1	44.2	48.8	50.7	44.8
ar-22	38.7	24.8	28.5	25.9	20.2	33.6	24.7	24.9	24.3	32.8	29.9	24.5	22.4	33.4	45.7	51.3	37.5	50.3	44.1	41.1	25.8	32.2	30.5	41.2	48.3			52.7	47.1	37.6	49.5	48.2	41.3
pr-22	35.8	34.0	26.9	26.3	22.5	32.1	25.4	23.9	24.8	31.5	29.7	24.6	31.2	32.8	60.4	49.5	37.8	50.1	45.2	43.7	26.2	37.2	33.6	43.7	48.9	55.6		53.5	37.8	38.7	48.9	48.8	46.5
ay-22	38.9	33.3	31.1	29.9	24.2	44.8	30.0	28.2	27.0	33.3	32.6	28.4	33.7	34.1	48.0		37.1		44.1	41.9	32.9	41.5	34.3	47.0				52.3	43.3		49.4	48.3	42.2

PMI - SERVICES - INPUT PRICES

	World	USA	EURO ZONE	FRANCE	GERMANY	IRELAND	ІТАLY	SPAIN	UK	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN	BRAZIL	RUSSIA	CHINA	INDIA
Αι	ug-21 63.8	72.5	63.3	58.5	68.7	70.3	59.9	62.5	72.3	71.5	53.7	68.5	61.2	52.1	57.1
Se	ep-21 65.2	74.1	65.2	63.9	67.9	70.8	60.9	65.2	73.5	64.5	54.0	73.2	63.1	53.0	55.7
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No	ov-21 68.5	75.7	71.4	67.5	73.9	72.6	69.5	75.4	82.0	65.3	57.7	74.4	64.9	55.6	57.6
De	ec-21 68.1	77.4	69.6	67.2	70.4	71.5	68.7	73.0	77.0		58.2	65.9	65.8	54.3	57.0
Ja	an-22 66.3	71.9	70.9	69.6	72.0	70.1	69.9	72.1	79.7	66.1	57.1	69.3	65.6	54.5	58.1
Fe	eb-22 67.3	74.8	72.2	67.9	73.7	74.2	73.1	75.2	81.5	66.0	57.8	66.7	64.9	52.5	57.3
M	lar-22 70.2	76.7	79.6	78.3	78.5	83.6	80.3	83.2	81.6	77.5	57.7	70.9	81.3	54.2	59.7
A	pr-22 71.2	79.6	78.7	76.0	81.9	82.2	75.7	79.3	82.4	77.8	61.4	73.7	77.1	53.7	62.1
Ma	lay-22	79.7	77.4	78.1	80.3	82.4		75.6	85.5		62.7		70.0		62.5
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ECONOMIC PULSE

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UNITED STATES: EMPLOYMENT HOLDS AS GROWTH SLOWS

US GDP growth was revised slightly downwards (-0.1 point) for Q1 2022, bringing the contraction in the annualised quarterly growth rate to -1.5%, contrary to expectations of a smaller contraction of only -1.3%. This correction can be attributed to a lower-than-expected private inventory investment (contribution of -1.1 points) as well as to the smaller contribution of investment (+1.2 point), especially residential investment. These revisions were partly offset by an increase in consumer spending of both goods and services (+2.1 points). Increases in exports and imports of goods cancelled each other out, leaving foreign trade's net contribution unchanged (-3.2 points).

The strong increase in household consumption in Q1 is no less surprising given the inflationary environment, especially since inflation continued to rise in April (+0.7% m/m in real terms, vs +0.5% m/m in March). We should nonetheless expect consumption to slow over the next several months. According to the Conference Board index, consumer confidence fell 2.2 points to 106.4 in May (from 108.6 in April), with a bigger drop in the assessment of the current situation (-3.3 points) than in future expectations (-1.5 points). The final Index of Consumer Sentiment, published by the University of Michigan, declined in May (58.4), largely driven by negative views on current buying conditions for houses and durable goods. The ISM business climate indexes are still holding comfortably in expansion. The manufacturing index even rebounded slightly in May (to 56.1, from 55.4 in April), while the services index deteriorated slightly (56 compared to 57 in April).

The robust performance of the job market, a key stronghold against the inflationary shock, was confirmed as the unemployment rate slipped to 3.6%, its lowest level in fifty years. Job creations slowed but were still dynamic (+390,000 jobs m/m), notably in the leisure and hospitality, in professional and business services and in transportation and hospitality sectors. The job market participation rate improved slightly to 62.3%, but is still below the February 2020 level of 63.4%, prior to the Covid-19 crisis. The job market's dynamic momentum can also be seen in wage growth, which was more vigorous. The Average hourly earnings (AHE) increased 0.3% in April, lifted mainly by earnings increases in the IT, financial services, and professional and business services.

Félix Berte



The indicators in the radar are all transformed into 'z-scores' (deviations from the long-term average, as standard deviations). These z-scores have mean zero and their values are between -4 and +6. In the radar chart, the blue area shows the actual conditions of economic activity. It is compared with the situation four months earlier (dotted-line). An expansion of the blue area compared to the dotted area signals an increase in the variable.



ECONOMIC PULSE

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ECB MEETING OF 9 JUNE: PREPARING FOR LIFT-OFF – TOWARDS NEUTRALITY OR BEYOND?

At its 10 March meeting, the ECB paved the way for raising its key deposit rate, although the timing of the first rate increase remained uncertain at the time: the odds of a September move had declined compared to a few weeks ago and July was excluded, which left December. The wait-and-see approach still seemed appropriate given the increasing downside risks to growth, aggravated by the current inflationary shock, the war in Ukraine and China's zero-Covid strategy. Yet economic data reported in the meantime, as well as the hawkish tone of several ECB members, seems to have accelerated the tempo.

Concerning data, it is the combination of high inflation, a weak euro and relatively resilient growth that has moved forward the lift-off date. Inflation continues to gather steam. According to the Eurostat flash estimate, headline inflation was 8.1% year-on-year in May (0.7 points higher than in April), and core inflation was 3.8% (0.3 points higher than in April). Prices of manufactured goods were up 4.2% year-on-year, while services prices were up 3.5%. About 50% of inflation is still due to the energy component and 20% to the food component. Nearly 70% of the components of the HICP reported year-on-year increases of more than 2% in April. And all Eurozone member countries reported accelerating prices, with the notable exception of the Netherlands. As to the euro, it has been weakened by the monetary policy gap between the two sides of the Atlantic: over the past year, since the single currency resumed depreciating, the EUR has lost 12% against the USD (the nominal effective exchange rate is down 5%). Around mid-May 2022, the euro seemed to be heading towards parity with the dollar: it depreciated to USD 1.04, the lowest level since mid-December 2016. Although a weak euro is favourable for exports, it is also and most importantly an inopportune source of imported inflation. As to growth, the resilience mentioned above is reflected in business climate surveys (their decline is still limited in scope, although there is reason to fear that it underestimates the negative impact of the inflationary shock) and job market figures (the unemployment rate held steady at 6.8% in April, for the third consecutive month).

In this context, July should mark the lift-off date for the normalisation of ECB monetary policy. In an ECB blog post dated 23 May¹, Christine Lagarde made the unusual move of pre-announcing a decision, which is that the ECB could begin raising its deposit rate at the July meeting. She also said the ECB would be in a position to lift interest rates out of negative territory by the end of the third quarter, thus signalling another rate increase in September. The ECB's new set of forecasts to be released during next week's meeting will reveal the growth and inflation assumptions underlying these statements, i.e. inflation should be much higher and growth much slower, albeit not in an alarming manner². The deposit rate is therefore likely to be raised only a few weeks after the halting of the Asset Purchase Programme (APP), announced for Q3 and which should take place in early July, while the ECB meeting is scheduled for 21 July. In the same blog post, the ECB president argued for a gradual approach, which we understand to mean 25bp rate increases, and not the 50bp increases that some are defending. Now that the calendar for the next several months is clearer, the debate is turning more towards the size of each rate hike. By 2023, the focus will also be on the frequency of rate increases (at each meeting or not) and the terminal rate (return to neutrality or beyond), not to mention the effectiveness of monetary tightening in staving off inflation without hurting growth too much.

Hélène Baudchon

1. Monetary policy normalisation in the euro area (europa.eu)

2. In March, the ECB's inflation forecasts were 5.1% in 2022, 2.1% in 2023 and 1.9% in 2024. Its growth forecasts were 3.7%, 2.8% and 1.6%, respectively.



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COVID-19 PANDEMIC: THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE IN MOST REGIONS OF THE WORLD

The epidemiological situation arising from the Covid-19 pandemic continues to improve in most regions of the world. For the first time since mid-November 2021, the number of new cases has dropped below the symbolic level of 3.5 million per week (7-day moving average). Altogether, 3.3 million new cases were recorded between 25 and 31 May, an 11% decline compared to the previous week (chart 1). At the regional level, the number of new cases continued to decline sharply in Europe (-24%) and Africa (-18%), and to a lesser extent in Asia (-7%), while North America reported its first weekly decline (-8%) after two months of virtually continuous increases. The number of new cases continued to rise strongly in South America (+52%). All in all, 66% of the world's population has now received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine (chart 2).

Over the same period, visits to retail and leisure facilities held at pre-pandemic levels in Belgium, Germany and France, and are approaching normal levels in Italy. Retail and leisure mobility still falls short of pre-pandemic levels in the other countries (United States, Spain, the UK and Japan; chart 3, blue line).

Lastly, the OECD Weekly Tracker of GDP growth continues to decline in the United States, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Japan, and to a lesser extent, in France. The UK and Spain stand apart due to a rebound in the Tracker from the latest data point (chart 3, black line). The OECD Tracker is based on Google Trends resulting from queries on consumption, the labour market, housing, industrial activity as well as uncertainty. The OECD calculates the tracker over a 2-year period (y/2y) to avoid the base effect of a comparison with 2020 data.

Tarik Rharrab

* Google Mobility Reports show how visits and length of stay at different places change compared to a baseline. The baseline is the median value, for the corresponding day of the week, during the 5-week period Jan 3-Feb 6, 2020. A figure of negative 30% indicates that traffic was down 30% compared to a baseline. The reports show trends over several weeks with the most recent data representing approximately 2-3 days ago—this is how long it takes to produce the reports. In order to smooth the series, we use a seven-day moving average of the raw data in the Google Mobility Reports. Source: Google.







RETAIL AND RECREATION MOBILITY & OECD WEEKLY TRACKER









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OECD Weekly tracker, y/2y GDP growth [RHS]







SOURCE: OECD (06/02/2022), GOOGLE (06/02/2022), BNP PARIBAS



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SOURCE: JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (06/02/2022), GOOGLE (06/02/2022), BNP PARIBAS



ECONOMIC SCENARIO

UNITED STATES

Despite a surprising contraction in Q1 2022, the US economy remains dynamic and well supported by household consumption and business investment. The robustness of the labour market, which is at full employment, bolsters wages and household consumption. However, inflation, at its highest for four decades, weighs on purchasing power. As inflation is far beyond the Federal Reserve's objective and also more persistent than anticipated, monetary policy is being tightened sharply. The scaling back of the government's fiscal ambitions, especially its social welfare and environmental plans, may also contribute to moderate growth. Against this background, whilst avoiding a recession, the U.S. economy is expected to slow down clearly.

CHINA

Economic growth has slowed again markedly since March, after two months of improvement. Lockdown measures imposed in many regions in order to contain the Covid-19 epidemic, the continued correction in the real estate sector, the persisting weakness of private consumption and the effects of the war in Ukraine on commodity prices and world demand are major negative factors that will continue to constrain economic growth in the short-term. Consequently, the government increases fiscal policy support and the central bank enhances monetary easing measures.

EUROZONE

Following on from Q4 2021, the eurozone again saw positive but weak growth in Q1 2022. The surge in inflation that began in early 2021 has morphed into an inflationary shock. Inflation continues to be driven primarily by energy prices, but has climbed to new record levels nonetheless. In addition, it is now becoming more widespread and thus more persistent. Although the deterioration of business climate surveys remained limited up until April, consumer confidence has worsened more noticeably. The risk of a recession in the short term is increasing but, should there be one, it would only be technical (limited in duration and extent). The labour market remains robust and the economy still benefits from the cyclical momentum that existed prior to the war in Ukraine, fiscal measures that seek to cushion the impact of inflation on purchasing power, excess savings which are still available and the need to invest. In our scenario (no recession), we expect eurozone growth to reach 2.8% on average over 2022 and something similar (2.7%) in 2023. This scenario is in line with the April consensus for 2022 but is more optimistic for 2023. The risks are on the downside.

FRANCE

GDP growth has slowed markedly in the 1st quarter of 2022 (0% q/q after +0.8% in the 4th quarter of 2021), as a result of a decrease in household consumption (-1.3% q/q). Higher inflation has pressured households' purchasing power and should also weigh on Q2 expectations. In parallel, corporate investment maintained its growth (+0.7% q/q), as corporates have to cope with output capacity constraints. Overall, in 2022, GDP growth should ease to 3.2% (7% in 2021), against a background of higher inflation (4.8% expected in 2022 after 1.6% in 2021).

RATES AND EXCHANGE RATES

In the US, the Federal Reserve will continue its tightening policy at a swift pace. We expect 50bp hikes at the June, July and September meetings, followed by an increase of 25bp in November and December. The terminal rate of 3.00-3.25% to be reached in 2023 Q1. In addition, the reduction of the size of the balance sheet (quantitative tightening) will influence the level of interest rates The Fed's hawkish stance is motivated by particularly elevated inflation, a strong economy and very low policy rates. These policy changes should only put limited upward pressure on long-term Treasury yields considering that the market has anticipated to a large degree the policy tightening. In addition, as the rate hike cycle continues, bond investors will start to price the prospect of slower growth and the decline of inflation.

In the euro area, the jump in uncertainty and commodity prices are weighing on the sentiment of companies and households. Confronted with high and widespread inflation, the ECB has changed its tone. We expect a first hike of the deposit rate in September although an earlier move, on the occasion of the July meeting, is becoming



increasingly likely. A further rate hike will follow bringing the deposit rate to 0.00% at the end of this year. 2023 should see several rate increase, with a deposit rate at 1.25% at the end of the year. This should push bond yields higher but also lead to a widening of certain sovereign spreads.

The Bank of Japan is expected to maintain its current policy stance in the near term but raise its short-term policy rate from -0.10% to the 0-0.10% range in the latter part of 2023, whilst allowing the 10-year JGB yield to drift higher. These decisions would be based on an increased emphasis on the side effects of the negative interest rate policy and concern about the risk of further yen weakening and its impact on households via higher import prices.

We expect the dollar to weaken versus the euro, considering that both the Federal Reserve and the ECB will tighten policy, that the long-term interest rate differential should narrow and that the euro is undervalued versus the dollar. The increased policy divergence between the Fed and the Bank of Japan should cause an appreciation of the dollar versus the yen but in the latter part of 2023, we expect the yen to appreciate following the change in monetary policy of the Bank of Japan.

		GDP GI	ROWTH				
	(GDP Grow	rth			Inflation	*
%	2021	2022 e	2023 e	_	2021	2022 e	2023 e
United-States*	5.7	3.7	2.5		4.7	6.5	2.8
Japan	1.7	1.6	2.0		-0.2	1.5	1.1
United-Kingdom*	7.5	3.6	1.7		2.5	7.4	3.3
Euro Area*	5.3	2.8	2.7		2.6	7.3	4.0
Germany	2.9	2.1	3.4		3.2	6.6	3.6
France	7.0	3.2	2.5		2.1	5.3	2.5
Italy	6.6	2.8	2.2		2.0	6.4	2.6
Spain	5.0	4.8	2.7		3.0	8.1	3.5
China	7.7	4.8	5.1		0.9	2.4	2.7
India**	8.1	9.5	7.3		5.1	6.3	5.2
Brazil	5.0	-0.5	0.0		8.3	9.0	5.7
Russia	4.5	-8.5	3.1		7.0	18.2	5.0

SOURCE: BNP PARIBAS GROUP ECONOMIC RESEARCH (E: ESTIMATES & FORECASTS) *FISCAL YEAR FROM 1ST APRIL OF YEAR N TO MARCH 31ST OF YEAR N+1 ** LAST UPDATE 05/06/2022

INTEREST & EXCHANGE RATES

End of period		Q1 2022	Q2 2022 e	Q3 2022 e	Q4 2022 e	Q4 2023
US	Fed Funds (upper limit)**	0.50	1.50	2.50	3.00	3.25
	T-Note 10y	2.33	2.50	2.60	2.70	2.60
Ezone	Deposit rate**	-0.50	-0.50	-0.25	0.00	1.25
	Bund 10y	0.51	0.75	0.90	1.00	1.20
	OAT 10y	0.84	1.20	1.40	1.50	1.70
	BTP 10y	1.97	2.45	2.75	3.00	3.20
	BONO 10y	1.37	1.75	2.00	2.15	2.35
UK	Base rate	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.75
	Gilts 10y	1.59	1.75	1.90	2.00	2.00
Japan	BoJRate	-0.02	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	0.10
	JGB 10y	0.21	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.45
Exchange Rates		•				
End of period		Q1 2022	Q2 2022 e	Q3 2022 e	Q4 2022 e	Q4 2023
USD	EUR/USD	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.20
	USD / JPY	121	125	124	123	115
	GBP / USD	1.32	1.29	1.31	1.33	1.40
EUR	EUR/GBP	0.85	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
	EUR/ JPY	135	139	140	140	138
Brent						
End of period		Q1 2022	Q2 2022 e	Q3 2022 e	Q4 2022 e	Q4 2023
Brent*	USD/bbl	107	113	115	110	105

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LATEST INDICATORS

The PMI data in China brought relief. They improved compared to April on the back of the lifting of mobility restrictions, although they are still below the 50 mark. Eurozone economic confidence was stable with industry seeing some weakening but services doing better. Consumer confidence continues to suffer from high inflation. Concerning the latter, the data for May were a disappointment with higher monthly and annual inflation and in both cases also more than expected. This also applies to core inflation. There was little change in the PMI data compared with the flash estimates. Producer price inflation increased on an annual basis but declined more than expected versus the previous month. Retail sales declined in April versus March, which was a disappointment. French inflation increased in May and monthly consumer spending shrunk whereas the consensus had expected an increase. The updated estimate of first quarter GDP growth brought bad news with a slight contraction of -0.2%. In Germany, inflation recorded a significant increase and retail sales tanked in April versus March. The decline in the unemployment rate slowed down and did worse than expected. Japanese consumer confidence improved slightly and this also holds for the PMI data. In the US, there was little change in the Conference Board consumer confidence index. Mortgage applications were down again and more so than in April. The ISM manufacturing index increased unexpectedly with prices paid down, new orders up but also weaker employment expectations. The ISM services on the other hand declined. Finally, the labour market report was again very strong.

DATE	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD	CONSENSUS	ACTUAL	PREVIOUS
05/30/2022	Eurozone	Economic Confidence	May	104.9	105.0	104.9
05/30/2022	Eurozone	Industrial Confidence	May	7.5	6.3	7.7
05/30/2022	Eurozone	Services Confidence	May	13.7	14.0	13.6
05/30/2022	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence	May		-21.1	-21.1
05/30/2022	Germany	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	May	0.5%	1.1%	0.7%
05/30/2022	Germany	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	May	8.1%	8.7%	7.8%
05/30/22-06/01/22	Germany	Retail Sales MoM	Apr	-0.5%	-5.4%	0.9%
05/31/2022	Japan	Retail Sales MoM	Apr	0.9%	0.8%	1.7%
05/31/2022	Japan	Industrial Production MoM	Apr P	-0.2%	-1.3%	0.3%
05/31/2022	China	Composite PMI	May		48.4	42.7
05/31/2022	China	Manufacturing PMI	May	49.0	49.6	47.4
05/31/2022	China	Non-manufacturing PMI	May	45.5	47.8	41.9
05/31/2022	Japan	Consumer Confidence Index	May	33.8	34.1	33.0
05/31/2022	France	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	May	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%
05/31/2022	France	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	May	5.8%	5.8%	5.4%
05/31/2022	France	Consumer Spending MoM	Apr	0.5%	-0.4%	-1.4%
05/31/2022	France	GDP QoQ	1Q F	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%
05/31/2022	Germany	Unemployment Change (000's)	May	-15.5k	-4.0k	-13.0k
05/31/2022	Eurozone	CPI Estimate YoY	May	7.8%	8.1%	7.5%
05/31/2022	Eurozone	CPI MoM	May	0.6%	0.8%	0.6%
05/31/2022	Eurozone	CPI Core YoY	May	3.6%	3.8%	3.5%
05/31/2022	United States	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City MoM SA	Mar	1.9%	2.4%	2.4%
05/31/2022	United States	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	Mar	20.0%	21.2%	20.3%
05/31/2022	United States	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	May	103.6	106.4	108.6
05/31/2022	United States	Conf. Board Present Situation	May		149.6	152.9
05/31/2022	United States	Conf. Board Expectations	May		77.5	79.0
06/01/2022	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	May		53.3	53.2
06/01/2022	China	Caixin China PMI Mfg	May	49.0	48.1	46.0
06/01/2022	France	S&P Global France Manufacturing PMI	May	54.5	54.6	54.5





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06/01/2022	Germany	S&P Global/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	May	54.7	54.8	54.7
06/01/2022	Eurozone	S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	May	54.4	54.6	54.4
06/01/2022	United Kingdom	S&P Global/CIPS UK Manufacturing PMI	May	54.6	54.6	54.6
06/01/2022	Eurozone	Unemployment Rate	Apr	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%
06/01/2022	United States	MBA Mortgage Applications	May		-2.3%	-1.2%
06/01/2022	United States	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	May	57.5	57.0	57.5
06/01/2022	United States	Construction Spending MoM	Apr	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%
06/01/2022	United States	ISM Manufacturing	May	54.5	56.1	55.4
06/01/2022	United States	ISM Prices Paid	May	81.0	82.2	84.6
06/01/2022	United States	ISM New Orders	May	52.9	55.1	53.5
06/01/2022	United States	ISM Employment	May	52.0	49.6	50.9
06/01/2022	United States	JOLTS Job Openings	Apr	11350k	11400k	11855k
06/01/2022	United States	U.S. Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book				
06/02/2022	Eurozone	PPI MoM	Apr	2.0%	1.2%	5.3%
06/02/2022	Eurozone	PPI YoY	Apr	38.2%	37.2%	36.9%
06/02/2022	United States	Initial Jobless Claims	May	210k	200k	211k
06/02/2022	United States	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Apr F	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
06/03/22 02:30	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	May		52.6	51.7
06/03/22 02:30	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Composite	May		52.3	51.4
06/03/22 08:00	Germany	Exports SA MoM	Apr	1.0%	4.4%	-3.0%
06/03/22 08:45	France	Industrial Production MoM	Apr	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.4%
06/03/22 09:50	France	S&P Global France Services PMI	May	58.4	58.3	58.4
06/03/22 09:50	France	S&P Global France Composite PMI	May	57.1	57.0	57.1
06/03/22 09:55	Germany	S&P Global Germany Services PMI	May	56.3	55.0	56.3
06/03/22 09:55	Germany	S&P Global Germany Composite PMI	May	54.6	53.7	54.6
06/03/22 10:00	Eurozone	S&P Global Eurozone Services PMI	May	56.3	56.1	56.3
06/03/22 10:00	Eurozone	S&P Global Eurozone Composite PMI	May	54.9	54.8	54.9
06/03/22 11:00	Eurozone	Retail Sales MoM	Apr	0.1%	-1.3%	0.3%
06/03/22 11:00	Eurozone	Retail Sales YoY	Apr	5.4%	3.9%	1.6%
06/03/22 14:30	United States	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	May	318k	390k	436k
06/03/22 14:30	United States	Unemployment Rate	May	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
06/03/22 14:30	United States	Average Hourly Earnings MoM	May	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
06/03/22 14:30	United States	Average Weekly Hours All Employees	May	34.6	34.6	34.6
06/03/22 14:30	United States	Labor Force Participation Rate	May	62.3%	62.3%	62.2%
06/03/22 15:45	United States	S&P Global US Services PMI	May	53.5	53.4	53.5
06/03/22 15:45	United States	S&P Global US Composite PMI	May	53.8	53.6	53.8
06/03/22 16:00	United States	ISM Services Index	May	56.5	55.9	57.1

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



CALENDAR: THE WEEK AHEAD

COMING INDICATORS

The highlight of the week is the governing council meeting of the ECB. Considering that a recent ECB blog post has de facto pre-announced rate hikes at the July and September meetings, questions during the press conference will focus on the possibility of increasing the deposit rate 50bp at the July meeting rather than 25bp. Another important event is the publication of US inflation data. We will also have several survey data (Caixin PMI in China, PMI data in the UK, construction PMI in Germany, Banque de France industrial sentiment, EcoWatchers survey in Japan, University of Michigan sentiment) as well as updated estimates of first quarter GDP growth in China and the euro area. China will release data on international trade. The OECD will publish its Economic Outlook.

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06/06/2022	China	Caixin China PMI Composite	May		37.2
06/06/2022	China	Caixin China PMI Services	May	46.0	36.2
06/07/2022	Germany	S&P Global Germany Construction PMI	May		46.0
06/07/2022	Eurozone	Sentix Investor Confidence	Jun		-22.6
06/07/2022	United Kingdom	S&P Global/CIPS UK Services PMI	May		51.8
06/07/2022	United Kingdom	S&P Global/CIPS UK Composite PMI	May		51.8
06/08/2022	Japan	GDP SA QoQ	1Q	-0.3%	-0.2%
06/08/2022	Japan	Eco Watchers Survey Current SA	May		50.4
06/08/2022	Japan	Eco Watchers Survey Outlook SA	May		50.3
06/08/2022	Germany	Industrial Production SA MoM	Apr		-3.9%
06/08/2022	United Kingdom	S&P Global/CIPS UK Construction PMI	May		58.2
06/08/2022	Eurozone	OECD Publishes Economic Outlook			
06/08/2022	Eurozone	Gross Fix Cap QoQ	1Q		3.5%
06/08/2022	Eurozone	Household Cons QoQ	1Q		-0.6%
06/08/2022	Eurozone	Employment QoQ	1Q		0.5%
06/08/2022	Eurozone	Employment YoY	1Q		2.6%
06/08/2022	Eurozone	GDP SA QoQ	1Q		0.3%
06/08/2022	Eurozone	GDP SA YoY	1Q		5.1%
06/08/2022	Eurozone	Govt Expend QoQ	1Q		0.5%
06/08/2022	United States	MBA Mortgage Applications	Jun		
06/09/2022	France	Private Sector Payrolls QoQ	1Q		0.3%
06/09/2022	Eurozone	ECB Deposit Facility Rate	Jun		-0.500%
06/09/2022	United States	Initial Jobless Claims	Jun		
06/09/2022	France	Bank of France Ind. Sentiment	May		



DATE	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD	CONSENSUS	PREVIOUS
06/09/2022	China	Trade Balance	May	\$60.60b	\$51.12b
06/09/2022	China	Exports YoY	May	8.9%	3.9%
06/09/2022	China	Imports YoY	May	2.9%	0.0%
06/09/2022	China	Exports YoY CNY	May		1.9%
06/09/2022	China	Imports YoY CNY	May		-2.0%
06/09/2022	China	Trade Balance CNY	May		325.08b
06/10/2022	China	PPI YoY	May	6.6%	8.0%
06/10/2022	China	CPI YoY	May	2.3%	2.1%
06/10/2022	United States	CPI MoM	May	0.7%	0.3%
06/10/2022	United States	CPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	May	0.5%	0.6%
06/10/2022	United States	CPI YoY	May	8.2%	8.3%
06/10/2022	United States	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	May	5.9%	6.2%
06/10/2022	United States	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jun	59.0	58.4
06/10/2022	United States	U. of Mich. Current Conditions	Jun		63.3
06/10/2022	United States	U. of Mich. Expectations	Jun		55.2
06/10/2022	United States	U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	Jun		5.3%
06/10/2022	United States	U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation	Jun		3.0%

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