

Overseas ADR SMA

Market Overview

Financial markets continued to stagger in the second quarter. Though the pain was broad-based, the suffering was felt most acutely in the stock markets, which posted the worst first half of a year since 1970.¹ The S&P 500 Index and the MSCI World Index both slipped into bear markets during the period as they lost an additional 16.1% and 16.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, many of the first quarter's equity market dynamics continued to be felt in the second, most notably the significant outperformance of value relative to growth.

We believe the fall from grace across asset classes thus far in 2022 largely has been the result of the normalization of what had been extraordinarily supportive conditions—including the shift away from generationally low costs of capital and energy.

With central banks led by the US Federal Reserve seeking to tame multidecade-high inflation by dampening aggregate demand, interest rates have moved higher across the yield curve, raising the cost of capital for businesses and consumers that also are contending with energy prices about double what they were 12 months ago. At the same time, there has been an unwind of the massive fiscal stimulus that had helped fuel markets' rebound from the Covid swoon; the US budget deficit is forecast to fall to 4.8% of GDP in 2022 and 3.8% in 2023, down from 12.4% in 2021 and approaching the 50-year average of around 3.5%.²

Toward the end of the second quarter and into the beginning of the third, however, tighter financial conditions appeared to inspire fear not just of an inflation-dampening economic deceleration but of a full-fledged recession. Indeed, we have begun to see signs that fiscal tightening and higher interest rates are causing demand to soften; in the US, for example, consumer sentiment has deteriorated, manufacturing activity is slowing and mortgage applications are down.³ The impact of recessionary concerns was most evident in the bond markets. After climbing near 3.5% by mid-June—from close to 1.5% to start 2022—the 10-year US Treasury finished the first half of the year near 3.0%, a rally that suggests to us that markets expect

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2nd Quarter 2022

MSCI EAFE Index	-14.51%
S&P 500 Index	-16.10%
German DAX Index	-11.31%
French CAC 40 Index	-8.92%
Nikkei 225 Index	-4.94%
Brent Crude Oil	+6.39%
	\$114.81 a barrel
Gold	-6.72%
	\$1,807.27 an ounce
US Dollar	+11.93% vs. yen
	+6.43% vs. euro

Source: Bloomberg, WM/Reuters.

central bank policy restraint to come to a premature end in the face of withering economic growth.⁴

Get Back

We think that a return to the conditions that prevailed in the aftermath of the Covid-19 swoon—namely, moderate inflation and a very low cost of capital—may be further away than some may think. In fact, things may get worse before they get better, especially if we are on the cusp of recession as some fear, suggesting a more complicated investment environment looking forward.

Many of the components of core CPI—such as healthcare, education, entertainment and rent—are quite sticky and may not be as quick to soften as commodity-driven inputs, which could keep inflation prints elevated even as non-core elements ease. A more accommodative Fed combined with a widening current account deficit could weigh on the dollar, pushing the cost of imports higher and adding to inflationary pressures. The Fed balance sheet remains a concern as well; despite flat money supply growth in 2022, we estimate there are about \$5 trillion or so in excess reserves as a result of pandemic-related accommodations, and whatever surplus remains at the end of the current Fed tightening cycle may be fodder for future inflation pressures.

However, our most pressing inflationary concern may be the fiscal deficit. While the Congressional Budget Office forecast for the deficit, mentioned earlier, is relatively sanguine, it's not hard to

1. Source: Dow Jones Market Data; data as of June 30, 2022.

2. Source: Congressional Budget Office; data as of June 30, 2022.

3. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Institute for Supply Management, Mortgage Bankers Association; data as of June 30, 2022.

4. Source: Bloomberg; data as of June 30, 2022.

envision multiple sources of negative drift that could push the deficit as a percentage of GDP back into the double digits. Debt-servicing costs appear biased higher as low-rate Treasury debt matures and is replaced by issuance with yields in the 2–3% range. An increase in unemployment off current low levels could slash tax revenues while increasing expenditures in the form of automatic stabilizers, while the country's aging demographics have a similar two-pronged effect on revenues and expenditures. Meanwhile, the capital gains tax windfall paid on 2021 market gains seems unlikely to be repeated next year, taking another chunk out of the revenue basket.

Of course, other considerations are playing out beyond US shores. While it seems to have fallen from the headlines, the war between Russia and Ukraine continues to impact market dynamics, as evinced by steady decline of the euro versus the US dollar over the course of 2022. Already struggling under the weight of high prices, Europe will soon head into colder weather with the potential threat of a cutoff in gas supply hanging over its head. On the flip side, this prospect may prompt European leaders to pressure Ukraine into reaching some sort of peace agreement with Russia.

5. Source: MSCI; data as of June 30, 2022.

China, meanwhile, has pivoted from contractionary policy to once again stoking its economic engine; not coincidentally, China was one of the few equity markets to deliver a positive return in the second quarter.⁵ That said, it's unlikely that China will provide the type of stimulus it did in 2008–2009, which catapulted the country out of its global financial crisis slump and bolstered the global economy. Further, the periodic lockdowns' associated with the country's zero-Covid policy may continue to cause disruptions to global supply chains.

Planting Seeds

While the market's year-to-date swoon has been painful, the selloff created opportunities for us to put money to work in companies we expect to perform well over the long term, allowing us to enlarge certain existing exposures and to add new ones. Ultimately, we feel good about the prospects for the securities we own and the prices we paid for them, and as a result we are comfortable enduring the uncertainty we see in current financial markets.

Portfolio Review

The First Eagle Overseas ADR SMA posted a negative absolute return in first quarter 2022. North America and emerging markets were the biggest contributors from a regional standpoint, while developed Europe and Japan detracted. Energy and materials were the top contributors among economic sectors; consumer discretionary, consumer staples and industrials detracted from performance. The First Eagle Overseas ADR SMA outperformed the MSCI EAFE Index in the period.

Leading contributors in the First Eagle Overseas ADR SMA this quarter included Imperial Oil Limited, gold bullion, Nutrien Ltd., Shell PLC Sponsored ADR and British American Tobacco p.l.c. Sponsored ADR.

Sharply higher energy prices during the first quarter served as a tailwind for shares of integrated oil and gas companies such as Imperial Oil, even as increased input costs weighed on margins for their downstream activities. Oil and gas supermajor Shell, a top seller of liquefied natural gas (LNG), also benefited from the energy crunch as LNG prices set new highs in Europe and Asia during the first quarter.

After trading in a range to start the year, the gold price broke higher in February as Russia's invasion of Ukraine grew imminent and investors sought perceived safe havens. Notably, at this point gold appeared to decouple from long-dated Treasury yields, which it had tracked quite closely over the past several years. Despite the move higher, gold remains well below its long-term averages relative to risk assets and maintains its appeal as a potential hedge.

Canada's Nutrien is both the world's largest producer of potash (and a major player in nitrogen and phosphate) and the world's largest agricultural retailer. The company has benefited from strength in agriculture commodity prices and thus strong demand for fertilizer. Market sentiment has also been supported by supply limitations brought on by sanctions against the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Nutrien's network of high-quality, low-cost mines allows the company to maintain production optionality based on price conditions.

Shares of British American Tobacco, the world's second largest tobacco company, rallied on reported sales growth of 51% in non-combustible nicotine products during 2021. This key growth category includes e-cigarettes, heated tobacco and oral nicotine, and management expects growth in this space to continue. Notably, the company recently reported a profit from its US operations for the first time. Overall, the company's business has been stable as it has been able to pass through price increases on flat unit volumes. British American Tobacco also increased its dividend and announced a £2 billion stock buyback plan.

The leading detractors in the quarter were Compagnie Financière Richemont SA Un-sponsored ADR, Prosus N.V. Sponsored ADR, FANUC Corporation Un-sponsored ADR, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR and Unilever PLC Sponsored ADR.

Shares of Switzerland-based luxury goods company Richemont, which counts Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpels among its maisons,

lagged during the quarter on concerns about the recent Covid shutdowns in China, Macau and Hong Kong, and the perception that the company has a larger Russian customer base relative to its peer group. We continue to believe that Richemont is well positioned to meet future demand for jewelry and watches and think that the restructuring of its ownership and control of online retailer Yoox Net-a-Porter will remove another overhang from the stock.

Based in Amsterdam, Prosus is a technology investment firm and subsidiary of South Africa's Naspers. The company's largest holding is a near-30% stake in Chinese technology firm Tencent Holdings, which traded down along with the rest of the Chinese technology sector in the first quarter. Though very small in comparison to its Tencent position, the Russian investments in Prosus's venture capital portfolio also appeared to serve as a headwind to the stock. We continue to like the opportunity set at Prosus, which completed \$5 billion stock buyback program in the first quarter.

Based in Japan, Fanuc is a global leader in computerized numerical control devices and robots. Fanuc shares experienced weakness because of concerns that Chinese industrial growth is slowing down, where Fanuc has a substantial presence. Supply-chain bottlenecks also have increased Fanuc's input and logistics costs, but we believe that the underlying business remains strong. Furthermore, we believe that the company has been taking market share given its operational superiority in the face of supply-chain constraints.

As a foundry, Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC) manufactures chips designed by other companies such as Nvidia, Broadcom, Intel, Advanced Micro Devices, Apple and many others. We believe that the company's business has been performing very well, but its stock felt the impact of heightened geopolitical uncertainty during the first quarter. We expect semiconductor demand trends will continue to support TSMC as it builds out its manufacturing capacity; in 2021, the company said it planned to spend \$100 billion on new technologies and facilities.

Consumer staples giant Unilever traded down during the first quarter alongside many of its peers on concerns about higher input costs and the ability to pass them along to consumers. The maker of Dove soap and Ben & Jerry's ice cream reported better than expected quarterly sales from higher prices and flat volumes, but the company indicated that 2022 operating margins could decline up to 2.4% because of inflationary pressures. Unilever's footprint in emerging markets, which have also been impacted by weakness in exchange rates, could limit its ability to pass through cost increases. The company recently instituted a new organizational structure that is expected to lower costs by €600 million over the next two years and improve sales growth.

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Trailing Returns

Period: 01-Jan-2021 to 30-Jun-2022	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception*
Overseas ADR – Gross	-8.10	-8.57	-8.26	--	--	--	-1.55
Overseas ADR – Net	-8.29	-8.93	-8.98	--	--	--	-2.64
MSCI EAFE Index - Net	-14.51	-19.57	-17.77	1.07	2.20	5.40	-7.13**

* Overseas SMA composite inception date is 01-Jan-2021.

**Inception date shown for the MSCI EAFE Index matches the Overseas SMA composite inception date.

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1-Jan-21 to 31-Dec-21	110,489	46	109	6.85%	5.48%	11.26%			N.A.

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