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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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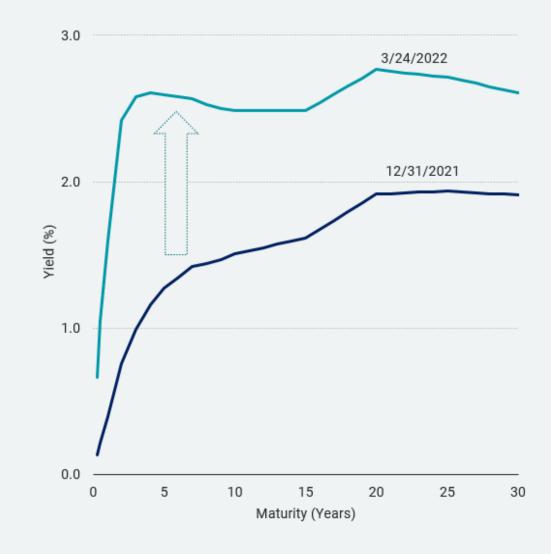
This year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament had plenty of "madness," with 10 teams advancing in upsets in the first round, followed by six more upsets in round two and another four upsets in the Sweet 16. The Cinderella story went to the Saint Peter's University Peacocks, who made history as the first No. 15 seed to reach the Elite Eight—or quarterfinal—of the tournament.

No team ranked No. 13 or No. 14 has ever reached the Elite Eight, and just two teams ranked No. 12 have ever reached this prestigious quarterfinal. These rare moments in sports are special because they are so unusual. They capture our attention, and we fixate on the outcome, hoping to see the probabilistic "impossible" become a reality.

While it may not elicit the same excitement as watching a close basketball game, many in the financial industry are paying attention to another potential looming "upset"—the prospect of short-term yields reaching higher levels than long-term yields—otherwise known as a yield curve inversion. A yield curve is a collection of interest rates for debts of various maturities.

So far in 2022, short-term yields have climbed much faster than long-term yields, flattening the yield curve. An inversion can occur at more than one maturity but often cited are 10-year Treasuries versus one- or two-year Treasuries. At the end of 2021, the "spread" or difference between the 10-year Treasury yield and the two-year Treasury yield was 0.75%. As of March 24, this gap had narrowed considerably to just 0.07%.

Figure 1 | Rising Short-Term Rates Have Flattened the U.S. Yield Curve



Inversions and Recessions



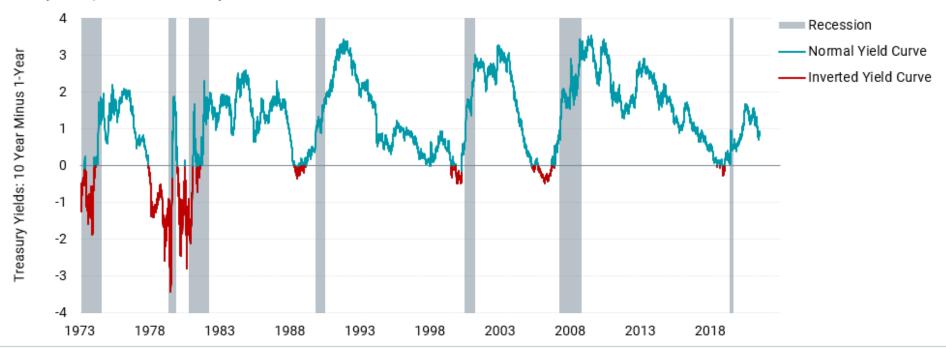
Why do investors pay such close attention to this measure? Yield curves generally slope upward, as the cost to borrow money/interest rate to lend money tends to be higher for the longer the duration of the debt—i.e., lenders demand more for taking on additional uncertainty. When short-term rates approach or overtake long-term rates, potential concerns may include:

- The Federal Reserve could quickly raise rates to combat inflation and, in so doing, cause a recession.
- Investors could be willing to accept lower relative interest rates to hold longer-term government debt, believing long-term prospects for the economy are currently poor.

Besides the theory, there is also <u>past experience</u>. **Figure 2** shows the spread between the 10-year and one-year Treasury since October 1973. Inversions, or when the one-year was higher than the 10-year, are depicted in red. U.S. recessions are highlighted in gray. As **Figure 2** shows, we can see that many recent yield curve inversions preceded a recession.

Figure 2 | Many Yield Curve Inversions Preceded a Recession

Treasury Yield Spreads and Business Cycles Over the Last 50 Years



Inversions and Recessions



Given the theory and this <u>past experience</u>, it is understandable that some may see a possible yield curve inversion as a quasi-alarm bell starting to chime. But we would discourage investors from drawing too firm a conclusion from a flattening yield curve.

For one thing, while spreads like the 10-year minus three-month Treasury have recently been good "predictors" of a recession since the 1970s, if we extend our sample further back in time, we can note recessions (1957-1958, 1960-1961) where the curve did not invert, not to mention an inversion in 1966 where a recession did not occur soon after that.

As you may have often heard from economists, there is a stark difference between correlation and causation. In more plain language, just because things have happened close to one another in the past does not necessarily mean that one caused the other.

What About Stocks?

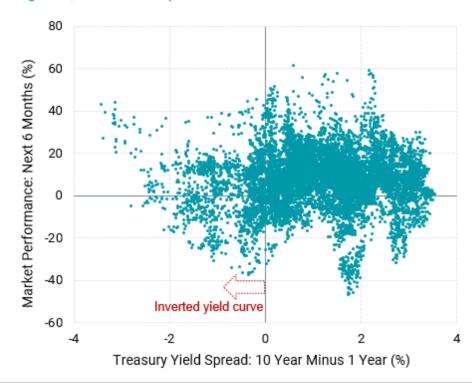
For those who may not be satisfied by the correlation/causation argument, we ran an experiment to see if there was any strong relationship between current yield spreads and subsequent stock returns. The following two figures display results for one shorter-term timeframe and one longer-term timeframe in different forms. There is no reason why we chose one form over the other for each period. We included the different formats as some readers may find one easier to interpret than the other.

Figure 3 is a scatterplot comparing daily yield spreads between 10-year and one-year Treasuries versus the U.S. stock market return over the next six months. Each dot represents a day.

Yield curve inversions are on the left side of the chart when the number along the horizontal (x-axis) is negative.

What do we observe? First, there are lots of positive return observations and negative return observations when the yield curve is inverted. The subsequent six-month returns range from greater than +40% to almost -40%. Second, the data appear more cloud-like, suggesting no strong relation between current yield spreads and subsequent stock market performance.

Figure 3 | Current Yield Spreads and Stock Market Performance

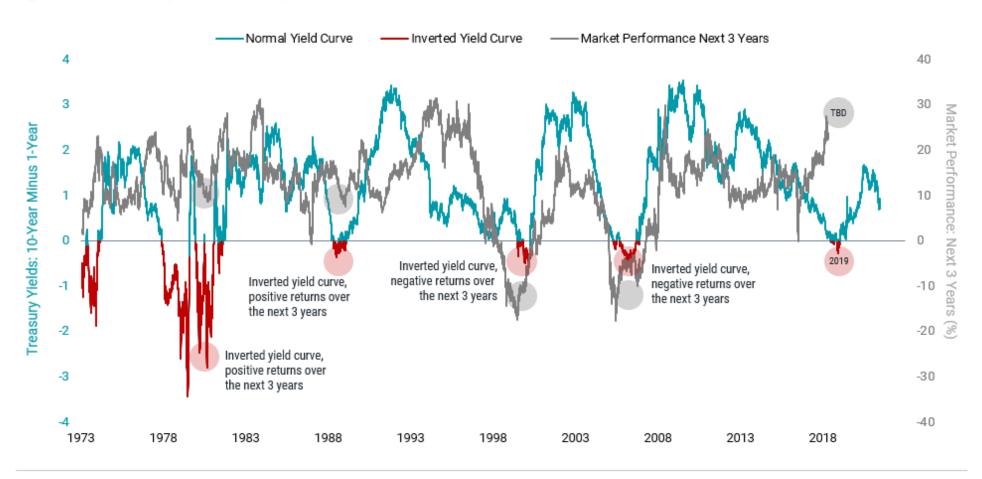


What About Stocks?



In **Figure 4**, we plot two lines. We have taken all the daily dots from **Figure 3** and arranged them chronologically. The teal blue line shows the current yield spread over time and is red when the yield curve is inverted (left-hand axis). The gray line shows the subsequent three-year U.S. stock market return (right-hand axis). Once again, we observe a lot of noise. There are many periods where subsequent three-year returns are positive and several where returns are negative. We don't see a strong relationship between these two variables over our sample period.

Figure 4 | Current Yield Spreads and Subsequent Three-Year Stock Market Returns



Be Wary of False Alarms

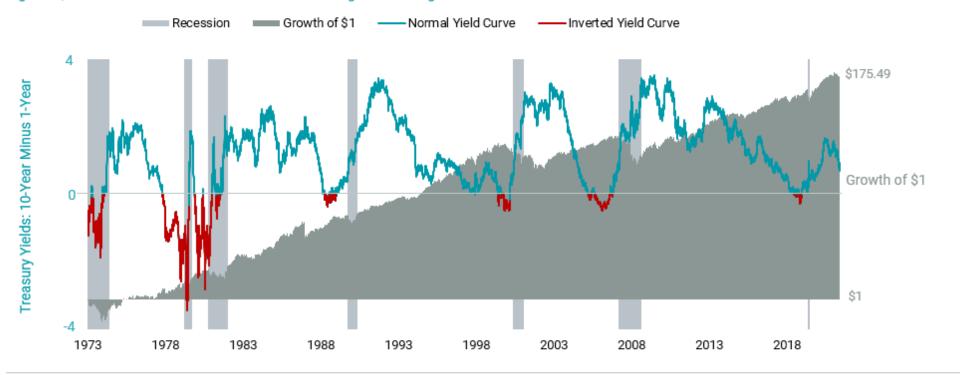


Does an inverted yield curve have economic implications? Perhaps. Should news of a possible yield curve inversion lead you to sell out of stocks? Probably not. Economists and practitioners use countless signals to make predictions about the future.

Former Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan looked to the Men's Underwear Index and decreasing sales as a sign of economic trouble. While there can be logical theories for how or why such signals provide us with certain information, as investors, we are likely better off remembering there is far more that is uncertain.

Uncertainty is something we must face, and while not always comfortable, we believe the ability to stay in your seat and remain invested provides the best chance for good results over the long term. **Figure 5**, which overlays the growth of \$1 in the U.S. stock market onto **Figure 1**, shows that there have been market runs and drops in normal and inverted yield curves. Once again this demonstrates how investors willing to stick with stocks over the long haul have historically been rewarded.

Figure 5 | The Stock Market Has Delivered Over the Long Haul Through Inverted Yield Curves and Recessions





Quarterly Market Summary

Index returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US	
Q1 2022		STC	CKS		BONDS		
	-5.28%	-4.81%	-6.97%	-3.81%	-5.93%	-4.05%	
Since Jan. 2001							
Average Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.6%	2.8%	2.6%	1.0%	1.0%	
Best	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%	
Quarter	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2001 Q3	2008 Q4	
Worst	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%	
Quarter	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1	

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Long-Term Market Summary

Index returns as of March 31, 2022

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year		STO	CKS		ВС	NDS
	11.92%	3.04%	-11.37%	18.97%	-4.15%	-3.56%
5 Years						
	15.40%	7.14%	5.98%	7.10%	2.14%	2.25%
10 Years						
	14.28%	6.25%	3.36%	7.48%	2.24%	3.20%

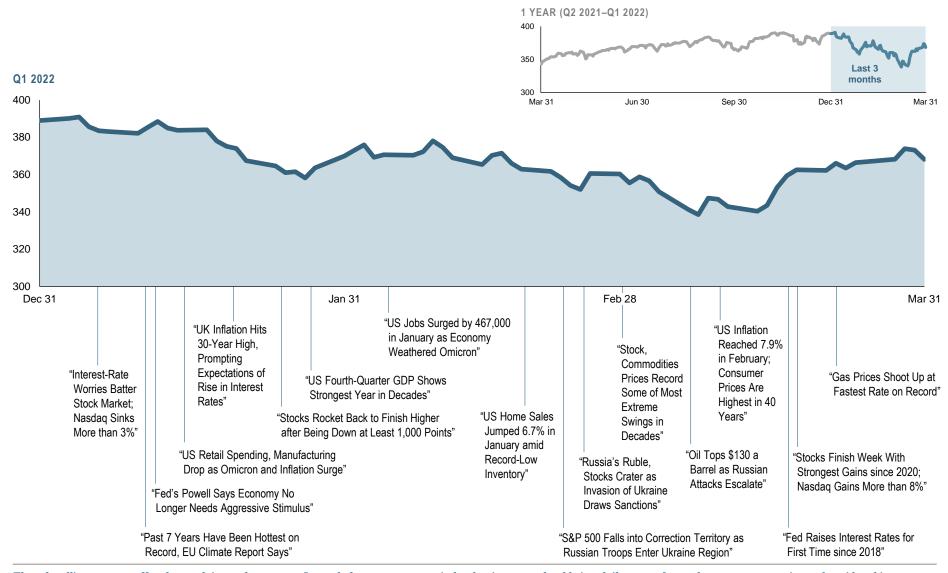
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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2022

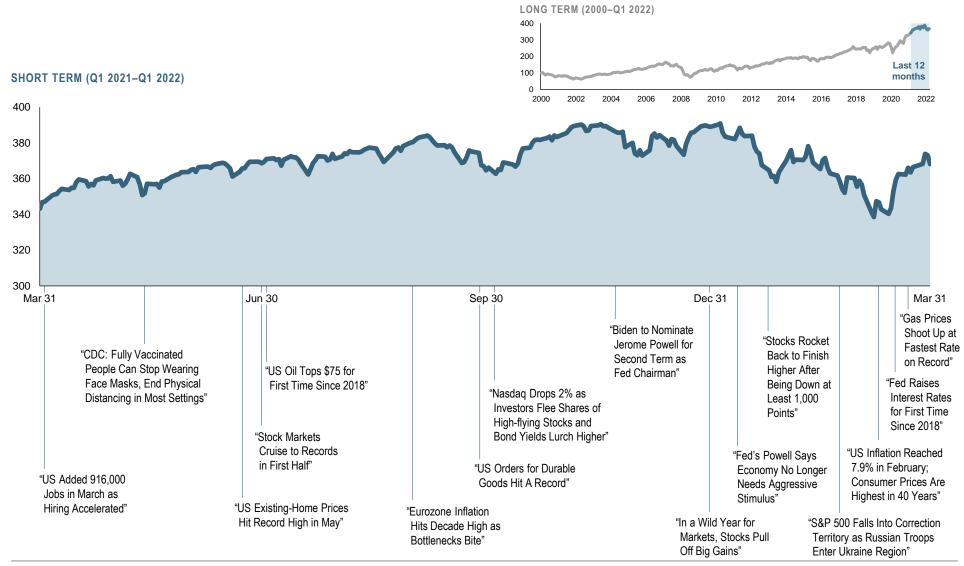


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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months



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US Stocks

First quarter 2022 index returns

The US equity market posted negative returns for the quarter and underperformed non-US developed markets, but outperformed emerging markets.

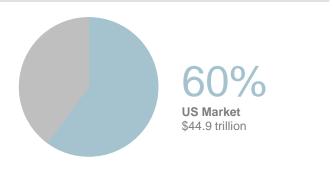
Value outperformed growth.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices.



World Market Capitalization—US



Period Returns (%)

Small Growth

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Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Value	-0.74	11.67	13.02	10.29	11.70
Small Value	-2.40	3.32	12.73	8.57	10.54
Large Cap	-5.13	13.27	18.71	15.82	14.53
Marketwide	-5.28	11.92	18.24	15.40	14.28
Small Cap	-7.53	-5.79	11.74	9.74	11.04
Large Growth	-9.04	14.98	23.60	20.88	17.04
Small Growth	-12.63	-14.33	9.88	10.33	11.21

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International Developed Stocks

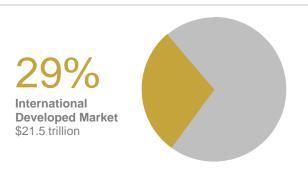
First quarter 2022 index returns

Developed markets outside of the US posted negative returns for the quarter and outperformed both US equities and emerging markets.

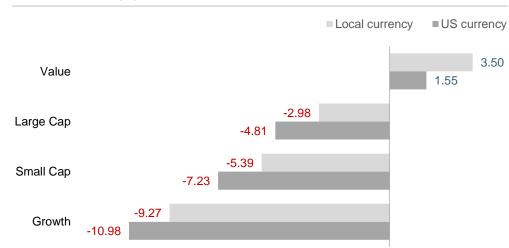
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Small caps underperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—International Developed



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Value	1.55	6.18	6.29	4.86	5.02
Large Cap	-4.81	3.04	8.55	7.14	6.25
Small Cap	-7.23	-1.69	9.55	7.79	7.78
Growth	-10.98	-0.32	10.20	9.07	7.26

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Emerging Markets Stocks

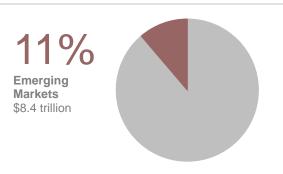
First quarter 2022 index returns

Emerging markets posted negative returns for the quarter, underperforming the US and non-US developed equity markets.

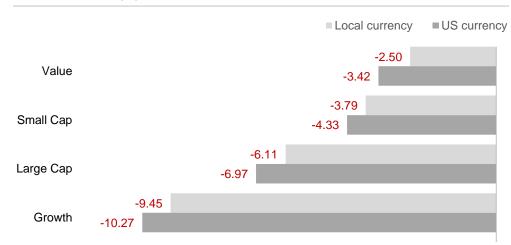
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Small caps outperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Value	-3.42	-3.53	3.22	4.24	1.58
Small Cap	-4.33	5.52	11.93	7.81	5.31
Large Cap	-6.97	-11.37	4.94	5.98	3.36
Growth	-10.27	-18.29	6.42	7.51	5.00

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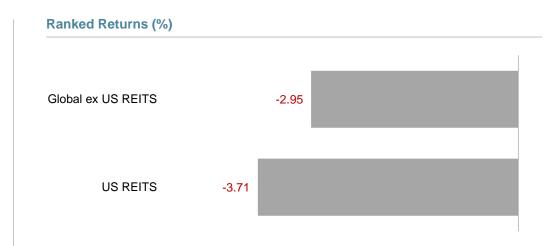
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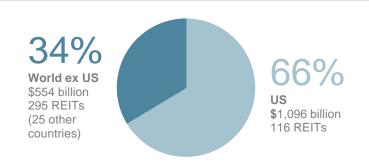
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

First quarter 2022 index returns

US real estate investment trusts underperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

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Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Global ex US REITS	-2.95	7.00	2.85	4.66	5.72
US REITS	-3.71	27.72	9.90	8.89	9.17

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Number of REIT stocks and total value based on the two indices. All index returns are net of withholding tax on dividends. Total value of REIT stocks represented by Dow Jones US Select REIT Index and the S&P Global ex US REIT Index. Dow Jones US Select REIT Index used as proxy for the US market, and S&P Global ex US REIT Index used as proxy for the World ex US market. Dow Jones and S&P data © 2022 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.



Fixed Income

First quarter 2022 index returns

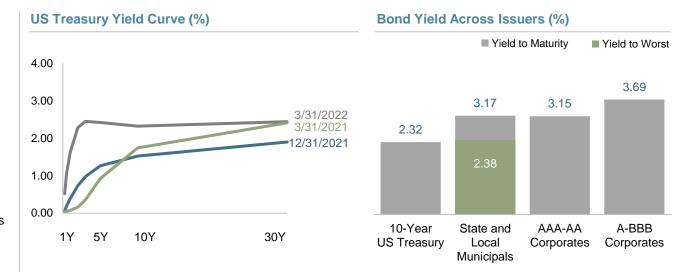
Interest rates increased across all maturities in the US Treasury market for the quarter.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note increased 116 basis points (bps) to 2.42%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 80 bps to 2.32%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 54 bps to 2.44%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield increased 11 bps to 0.17%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield increased 124 bps to 1.63%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note increased 155 bps to 2.28%.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds returned -3.73% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned -5.25%.¹

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was -3.33% and -5.77% for intermediate-term municipal bonds. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds outperformed revenue bonds, returning -6.07% versus -6.54%, respectively.²



Period Returns (%) *Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.04	0.06	0.81	1.13	0.63
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	-0.80	-0.94	1.01	1.22	0.78
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	-2.38	-2.81	0.86	1.34	1.36
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	-3.02	4.29	6.22	4.43	2.69
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-3.56	-5.58	0.05	0.74	-0.64
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	-4.84	-0.66	4.58	4.69	5.75
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-5.93	-4.15	1.69	2.14	2.24
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-6.23	-4.47	1.53	2.52	2.88
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-10.57	-1.46	3.23	3.88	3.96

^{1.} Bloomberg US Corporate Bond Index.

^{2.} Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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Global Fixed Income

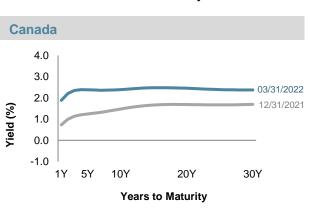
First quarter 2022 yield curves

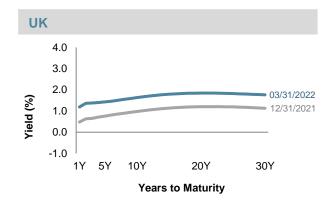
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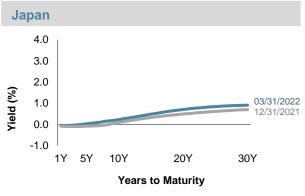
Realized term premiums were negative in the global developed markets.

In Japan and Germany, intermediateterm nominal interest rates became positive during the quarter. However, short-term nominal interest rates remained negative in these markets.

US 4.0 3.0 2.0 12/31/2021 Yield (%) 1.0 0.0 -1.0 5Y 10Y 20Y 30Y 1Y Years to Maturity Germany 4.0 3.0 2.0 Yield (%) 1.0 03/31/2022 **12/31/2021** 0.0 -1.0 5Y 10Y 20Y 30Y 1Y Years to Maturity Canada 4.0 3.0 2.0









Changes in Yields (bps) since 12/31/2021

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	130.0	123.0	76.4	69.5	55.5
UK	70.7	66.5	65.5	64.2	63.2
Germany	21.3	84.4	71.4	58.3	48.4
Japan	1.6	11.5	14.1	21.3	21.2
Canada	115.0	114.3	91.8	76.7	68.0
Australia	70.3	124.1	116.9	89.0	86.7



Commodities

First quarter 2022 index returns

The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return returned +25.55% for the first quarter of 2022.

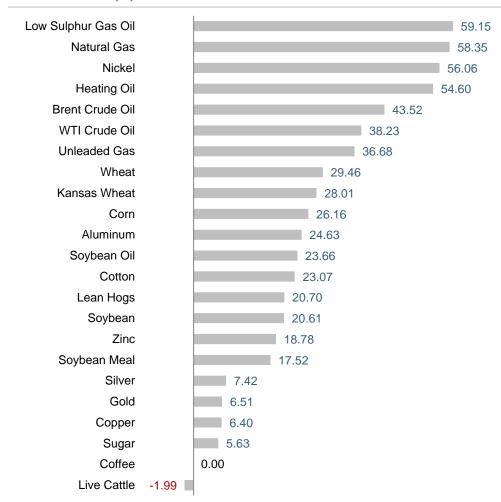
Low Sulphur Gas Oil and Natural Gas were the best performers, returning +59.15% and +58.35% during the quarter, respectively. Live Cattle and Coffee were the worst performers, returning -1.99% and 0.00% during the quarter, respectively.

Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	25.55	49.25	16.12	9.00	-0.70

Ranked Returns (%)





Impact of Diversification

As of December 31, 2021

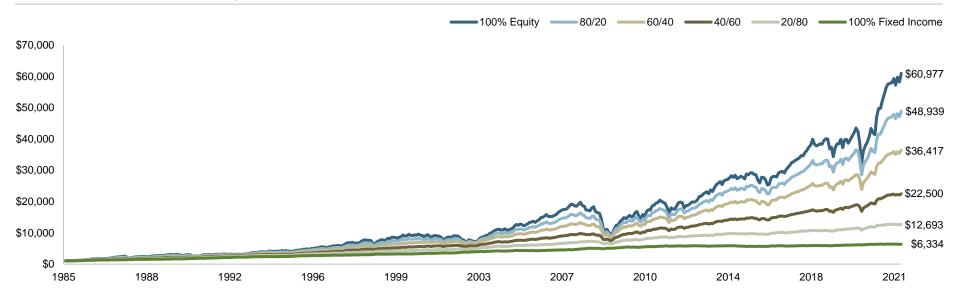
These indices illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

10-Year 5 Years* 10 Years* STDEV ¹
14.57 13.24 14.11
12.90 11.94 11.76
10.82 9.99 9.07
7.75 7.28 6.13
4.89 4.05 3.71
1.98 0.97 1.73

Growth of Wealth: The Relationship Between Risk and Return



1. STDEV (standard deviation) is a measure of the variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviations are often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio.

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