

Market Update

August 10, 2022

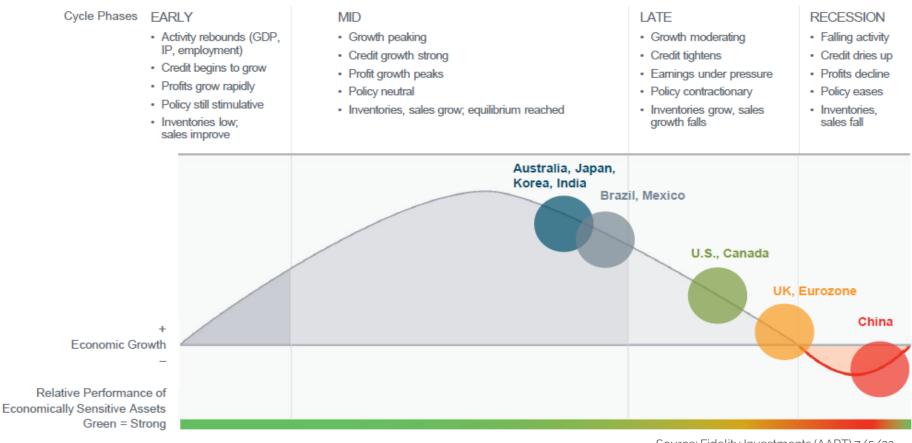
David S. Lynch, CFA Chief Investment Officer, Senior Vice President Stig Zarle VP, Senior Portfolio Manager

Economic Update & Asset Allocation (David Lynch)



In the Late Cycle, Or Worse...Next Stop Recession?

Business Cycle Framework



Source: Fidelity Investments (AART) 7/5/22

The US economy is the late cycle. This phase can last some length of time before a recession fully arrives and is not necessarily cause for immediate doom and gloom. However, financial conditions have deteriorated since the start of the year and the consensus is now agreeing that a recession is coming, and perhaps already underway.

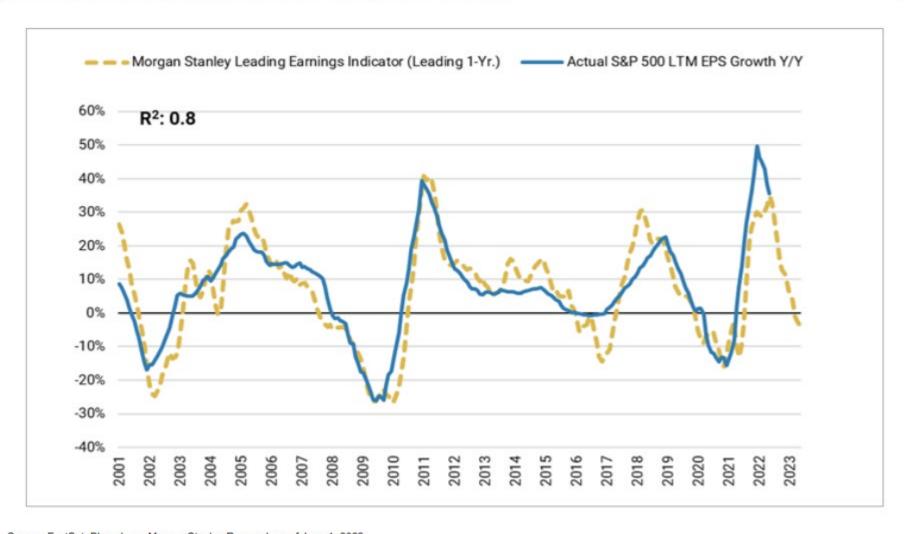


S&P 500 Short-Term Recovery (top)... ...Forward Valuation Mid-Range (bottom)



Earnings Could Have More Correcting to Do

Earnings Leading Indicator Now in Negative Territory



Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research as of June 1, 2022.

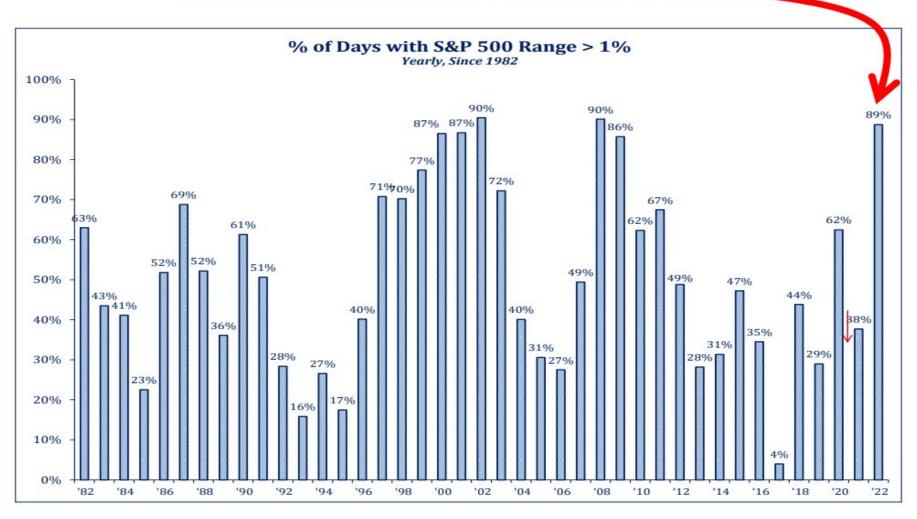
Note: The LEI is a top down macro indicator consisting of the dollar, manufacturing PMI survey data, consumer confidence, housing related data, and credit spreads.

Source: Morgan Stanley



Stock Market Lively Nearly Every Day

NEARLY 90% OF DAYS WITH > 1% RANGE THIS YEAR



Strategas Technical & Macro Research Please Do Not Redistribute

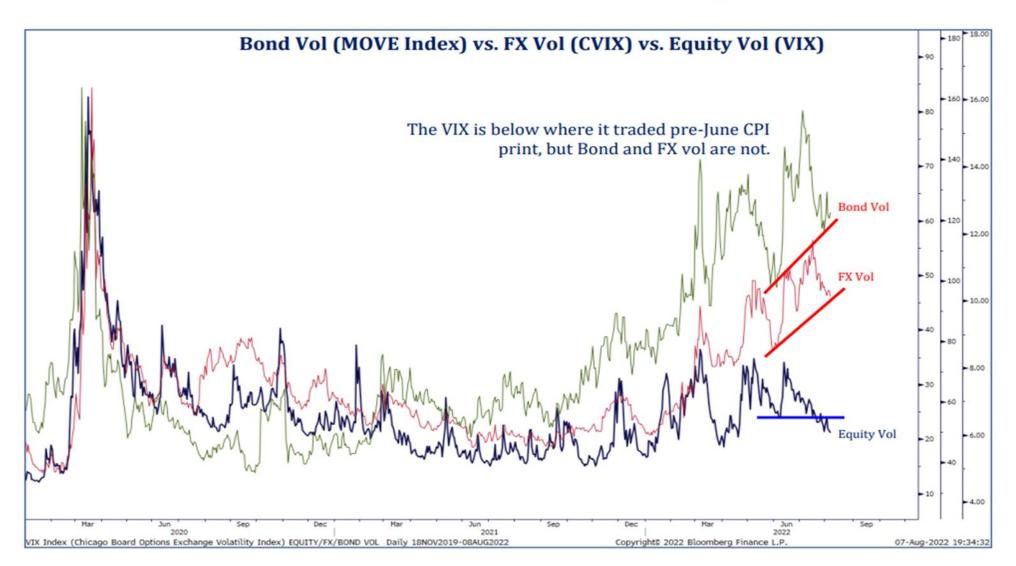
Source: Strategas as of 8/10/22



3 of 21

Stocks Calmer Than Covid Onset...Bonds Still Volatile

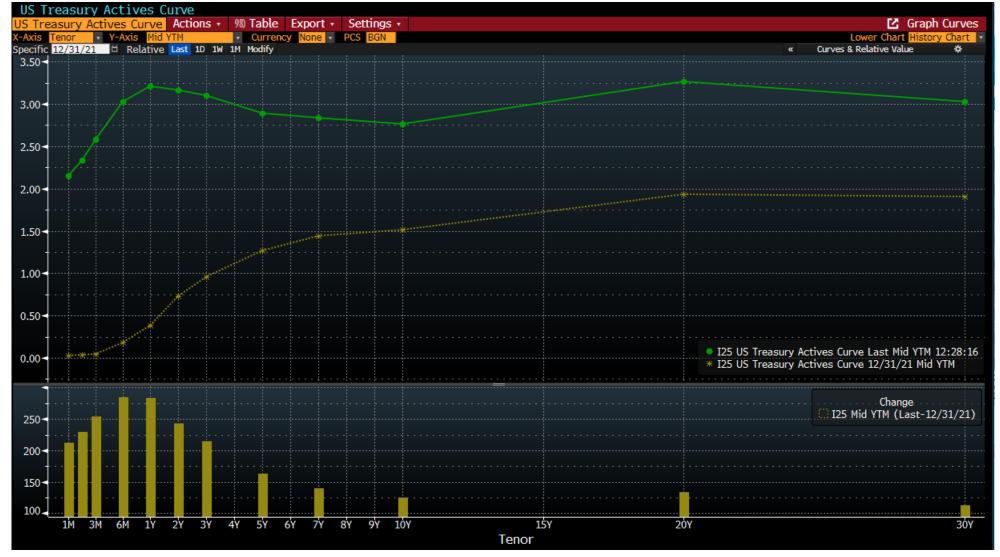
BOND & FX VOL PROVING STICKIER THAN EQUITY VOL



Source: Strategas, 8/7/22



Yield Curve: Inversion Now Entrenched

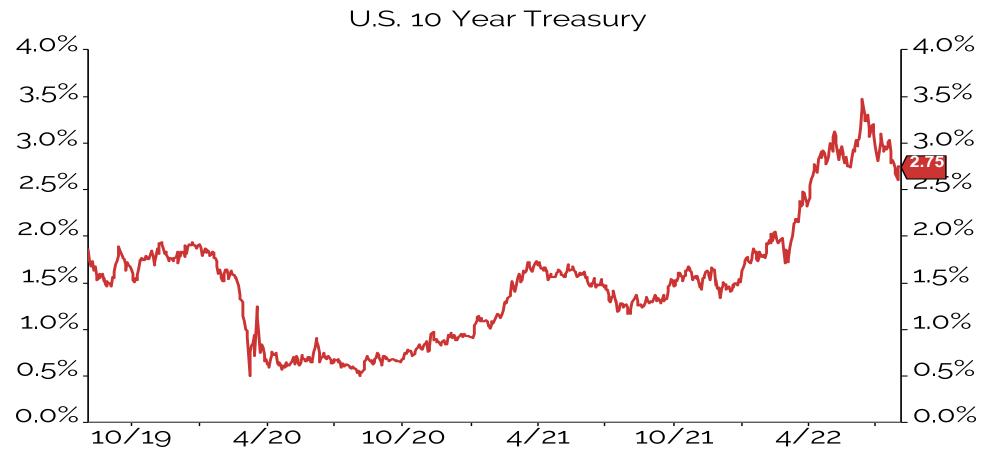


Source: Bloomberg, 8/10/22

The Treasury yield curve shows investors expecting more interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve. This outlook has inverted parts of the normally upward sloping curve.



Bonds Reversing Course After Harsh First Half of Year

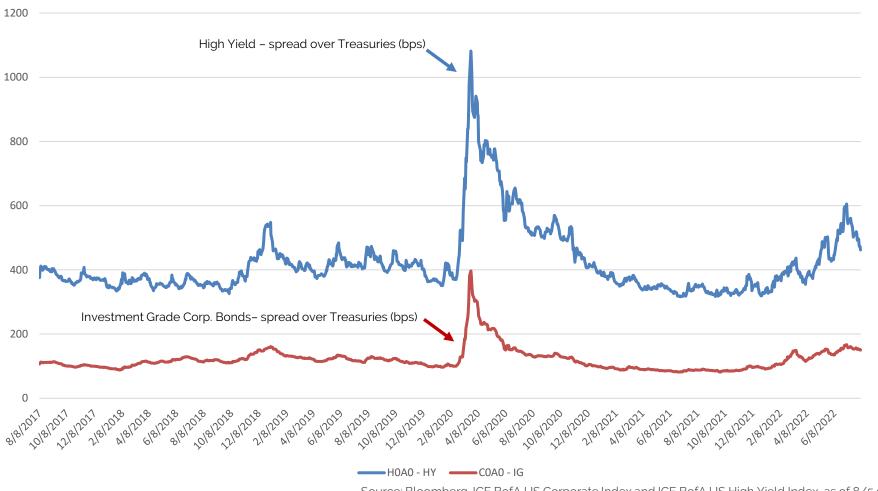


Source: CT Research, FactSet Research Systems; Data as of 8/3/22

The bellwether 10-year Treasury bond has recovered some recently as concerns of recession have grown. Overall, bond returns have been negative year-to-date, though the higher yields are now more attractive for income-focused investors.



Credit Spreads Wider, But Companies Remain in Good Health

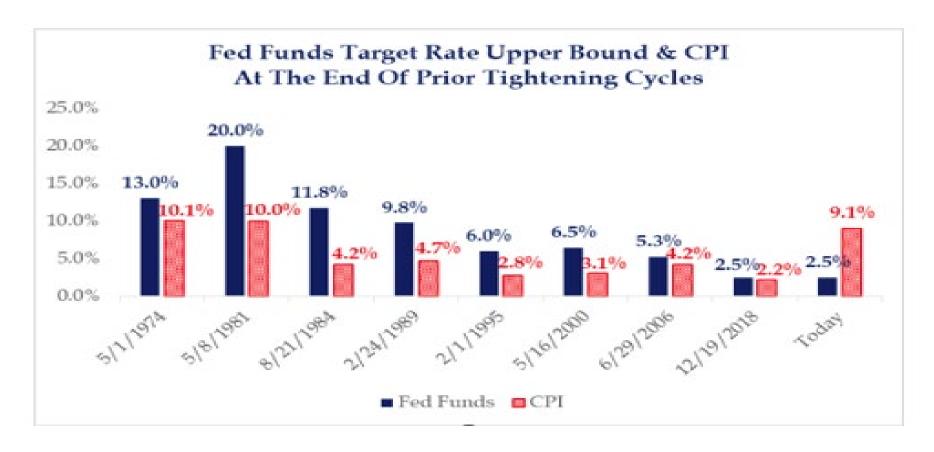


Source: Bloomberg, ICE BofA US Corporate Index and ICE BofA US High Yield Index as of 8/5/22

Credit spreads have widened in sympathy with the growing odds of recession as well as the ongoing stock market volatility. However, credit markets remain orderly thus far and indicate that companies remain in generally good financial health and that defaults should remain subdued.



Fed Funds Target Rate and CPI



Source: Strategas as of 8/5/22

Historically the tightening cycles have ended only after the Fed Funds rate gets above CPI. On this basis, the Fed Reserve still has more hiking to do. However, if growth and inflation start to moderate on their own, then the Federal Reserve might ultimately need fewer rate hikes (and/or move at a less aggressive pace).



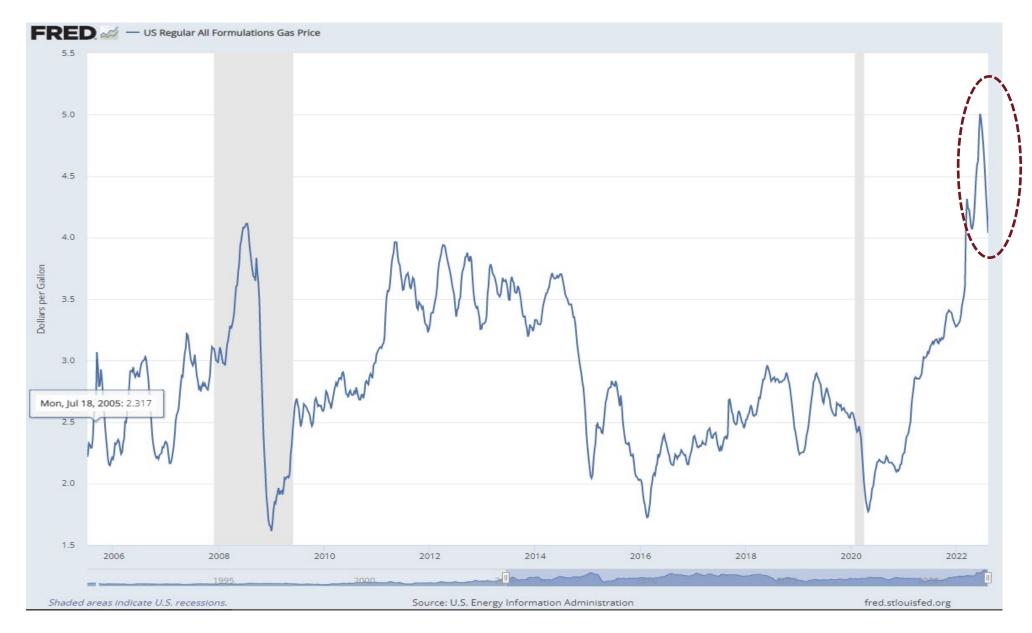
Mortgage Rates Up, Housing To Cool More?



Source: FreddieMac.com, data as of 8/4/22

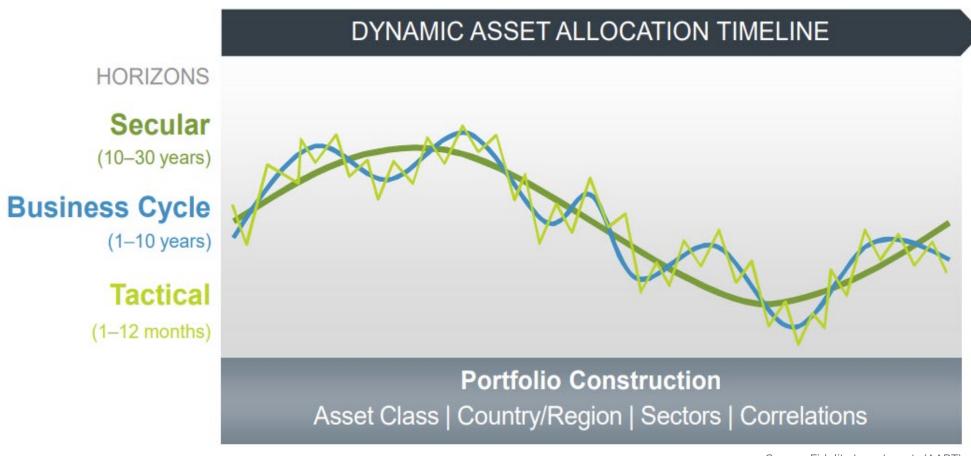


Gasoline Prices Cooling Rapidly





Volatility is Inevitable, Don't Lose Sight of the Big Picture



Source: Fidelity Investments (AART)

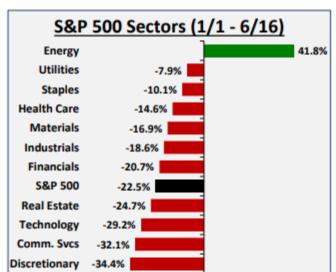


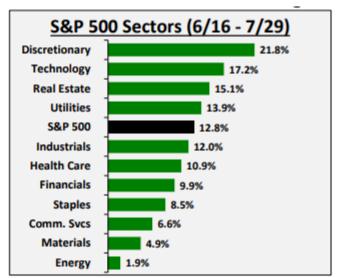
Stock Market Overview (Stig Zarle)



U.S. Equities: A Difficult First Half of the Year









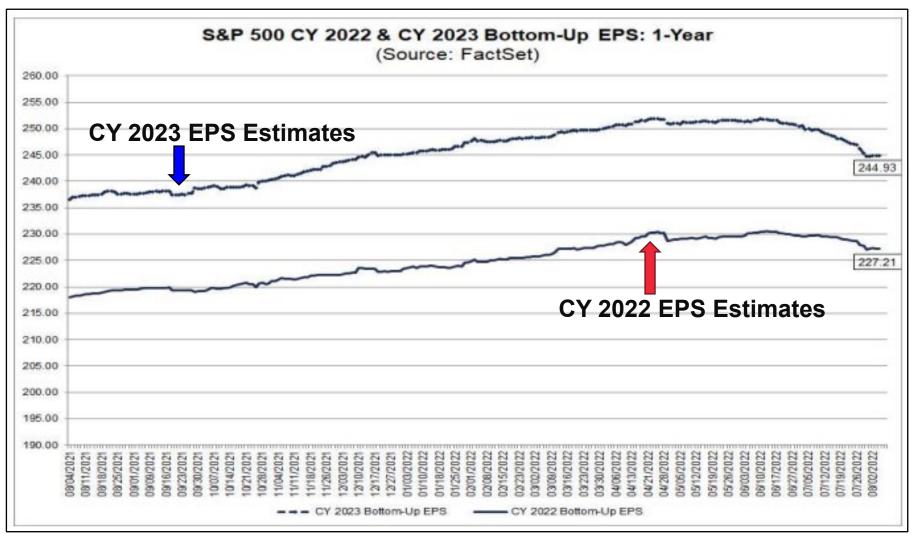
Q2 Earnings Results Have Been Pretty Good



Source: FactSet Research Systems, 8/5/22



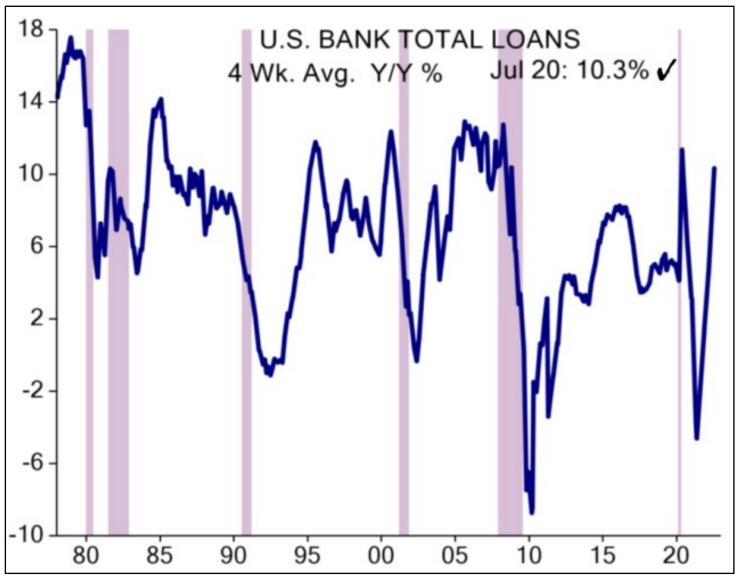
'22 & '23 Corporate Profit Estimates Slowly Coming Down



Source: FactSet Research Systems, 8/5/22



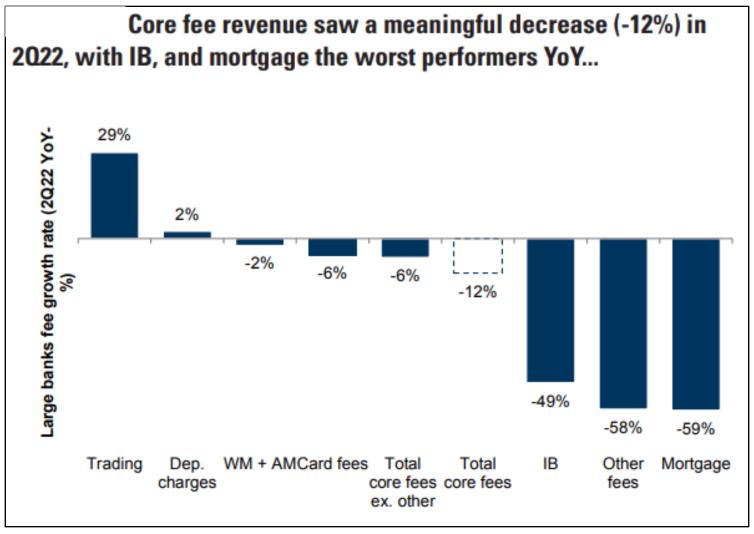
Bank Loan Growth Among the Best in Decades



Source: Evercore ISI



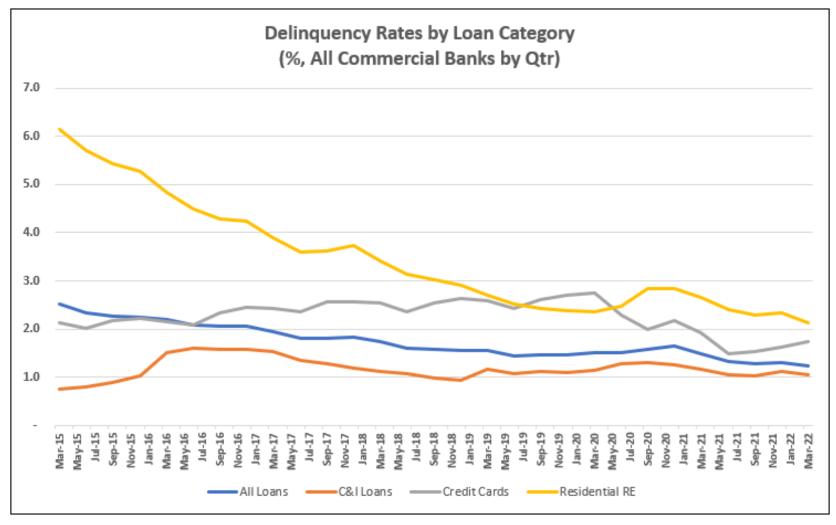
... While Other Lines of Business Under Pressure



Source: Goldman Sachs Investment Research



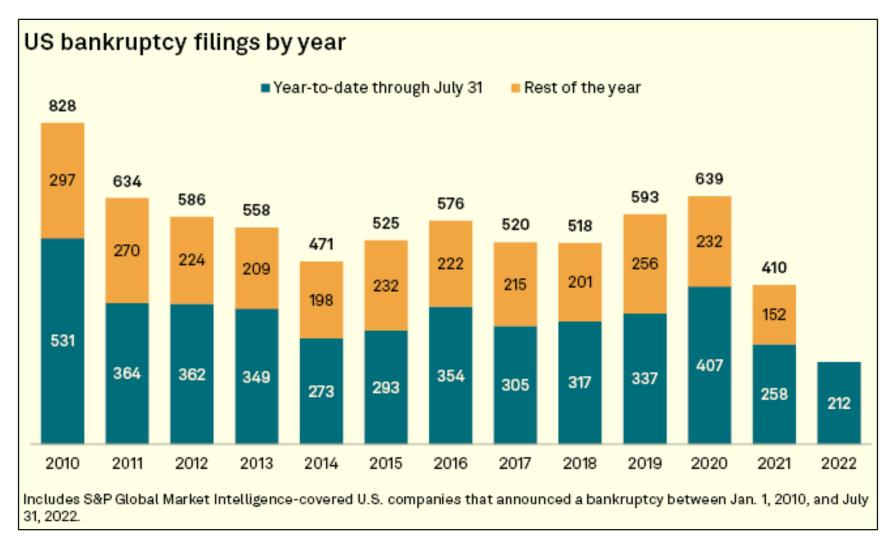
Few Signs of Stress Among Borrowers/Loan Groups



Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System



YTD Bankruptcy* Filings Well Below Historical Norms

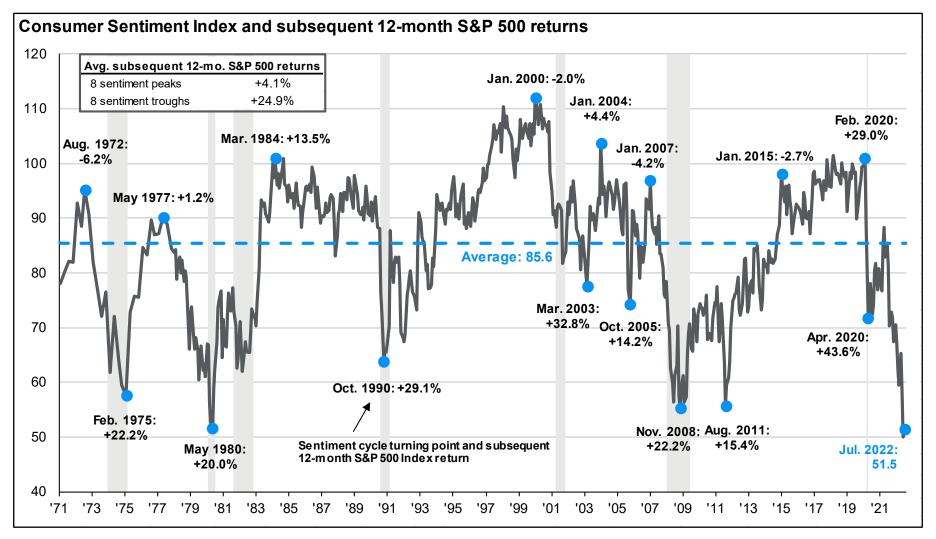


Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

^{*}Note: Bankruptcy data from S&P is limited to public/private companies with assets or liabilities greater than \$2B/\$10B at time of filing.



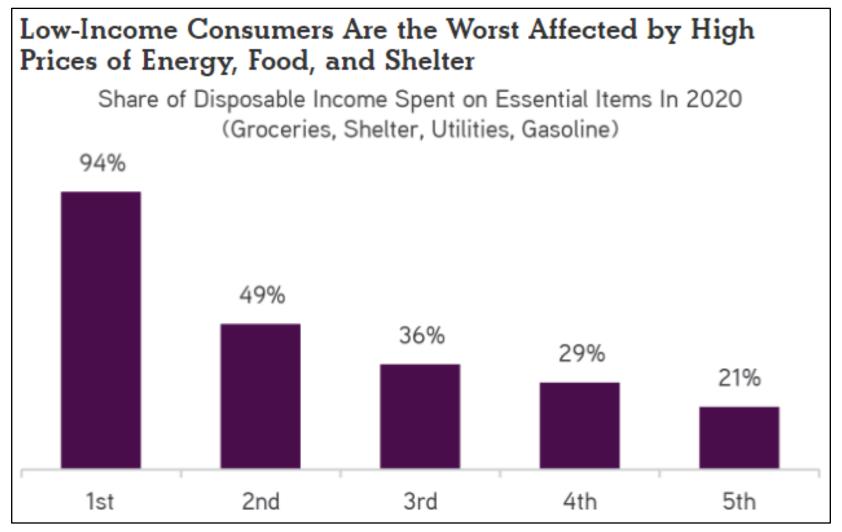
Consumer Sentiment Pressured



Source: J.P. Morgan



Risks Signals From Lower-Income Consumer Cohorts

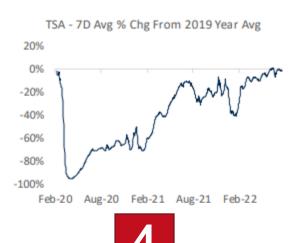


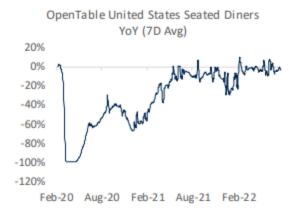
Source: KKR, Bureau of Labor Statistics



Quick Check on Consumer Activity

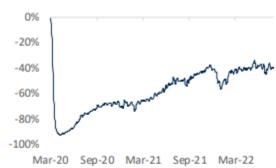
1



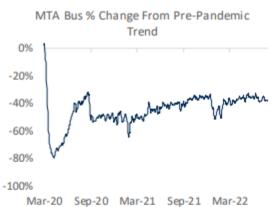






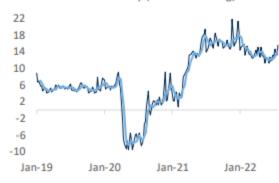






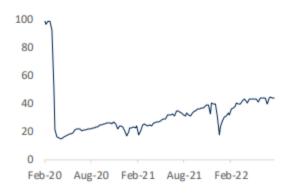


Johnson Redbook Index Same Store Sales Weekly (YoY & 4Wk Avg)



6

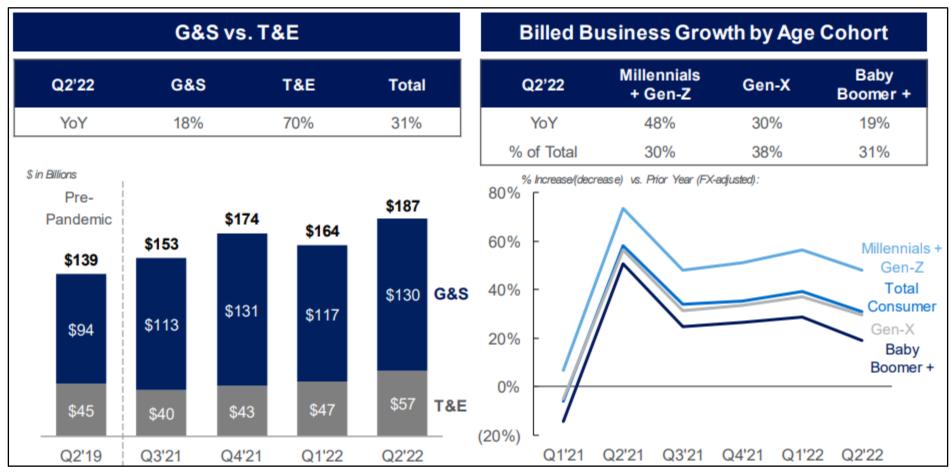
Kastle Back to Work Barometer Average





Source: RBC

Higher Income Consumer Spending Remains Robust



Source: American Express

