

Weekly Market Recap

May 9, 2022

Index	Price	Price Returns	
	Close	Week	YTD
S&P 500 [®] Index	4,123	-0.2%	-13.5%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	32,899	-0.2%	-9.5%
NASDAQ	12,145	-1.5%	-22.4%
Russell 2000 [®] Index	1,840	-1.3%	-18.1%
MSCI EAFE Index	1,993	-2.0%	-14.7%
Ten-year Treasury Yield	3.13%	0.2%	1.6%
Oil WTI (\$/bbl)	\$110.51	5.6%	46.9%
Bonds ¹	\$101.57	-1.3%	-10.0%

Source: Bloomberg L.P.; FactSet

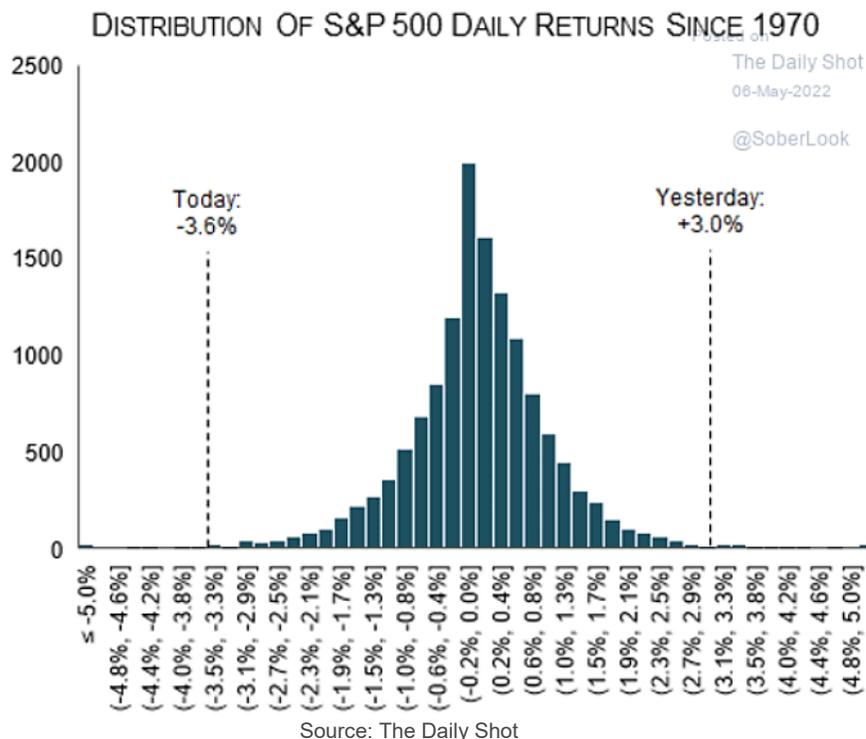
¹Bonds represented by the iShares U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF

Last Week:

U.S. Equity Market

- U.S. large cap equities (S&P 500 Index) fell -0.2% this week with downside volatility on Thursday and Friday, erasing gains from earlier in the week as concerns of rising rates due to elevated inflation continued to weigh on equity sentiment. The Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked short-term rates by +0.50% as expected and said that a hike of +0.75% was unlikely, causing a rally on Wednesday. Wednesday's rally reversed on Thursday, with futures markets pricing in a 90% change of a 75 basis points (bps) hike in June 2022. The April nonfarm payrolls report showed a headline payrolls growth of 428k, ahead of consensus expectations for 396k. The ten-year yield rose 24 bps to +3.13%, the dollar was stronger, gold was down -1.5%, and West Texas Intermediate oil (WTI) rose +5.6%.
- S&P 500 Index Sector Returns (Price Return):
 - Energy (+10.2%) rose, as the price of WTI increased +5.6%.
 - Utilities (+1.2%) rose, led by Dominion Energy (+2.9%) and NextEra Energy (+2.0%).
 - Communication services (+1.1%) rose, led by Megacap internet.
 - Financials (+0.6%) increased, led by the banks amid the increase in yields.
 - Industrials (+0.4%) rose, led by logistics and defense stocks.
 - Healthcare (-0.5%) fell, led lower by bio tech, managed care, and med tech.
 - Materials (-0.6%) fell, led lower by industrial and precious metals.
 - Technology (-0.7%) fell, led lower by high-valuation/non-profitable stocks.
 - Consumer staples (-1.3%) fell, led lower by Procter & Gamble (-2.8%) and **Tyson Foods** (-2.5%).
 - Consumer discretionary (-3.4%) fell, led lower by **Amazon** (-7.6%) and travel stocks.
 - Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) (-3.8%) underperformed, led lower by Prologis (-12.1%) and Public Storage (-9.3%).

- The chart below shows that the equity market volatility last week was extreme. May 4 (marked yesterday) experienced a +3.0% move, followed by a significant drop of -3.6% on May 5 (marked today).



- The current drawdown from the previous total return peak of U.S. equities, high-yield bonds, investment-grade bonds, and 30-year government bonds is approximately -19.1%, similar to the March 2020 drawdown, but below the 2008/2009 financial crisis drawdown of -27.1%.

Chart 1: Average drawdown from previous total return peak of US financial assets (equity, high yield credit, investment grade credit and 30-year government bonds)



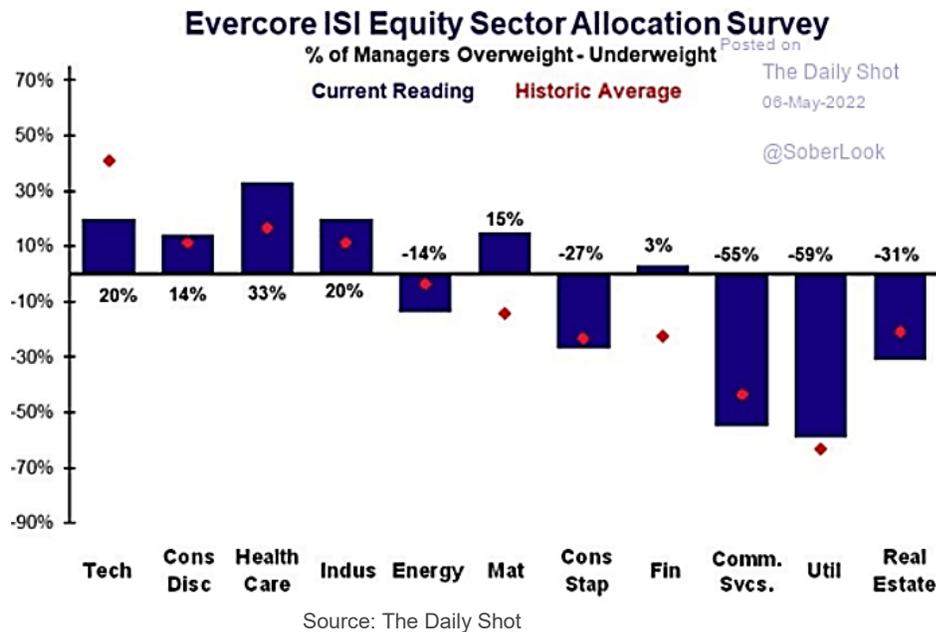
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- As equity prices have declined and earnings have grown modestly, the one-year forward price over earnings (P/E) ratio has approached a possible support level of 17x.

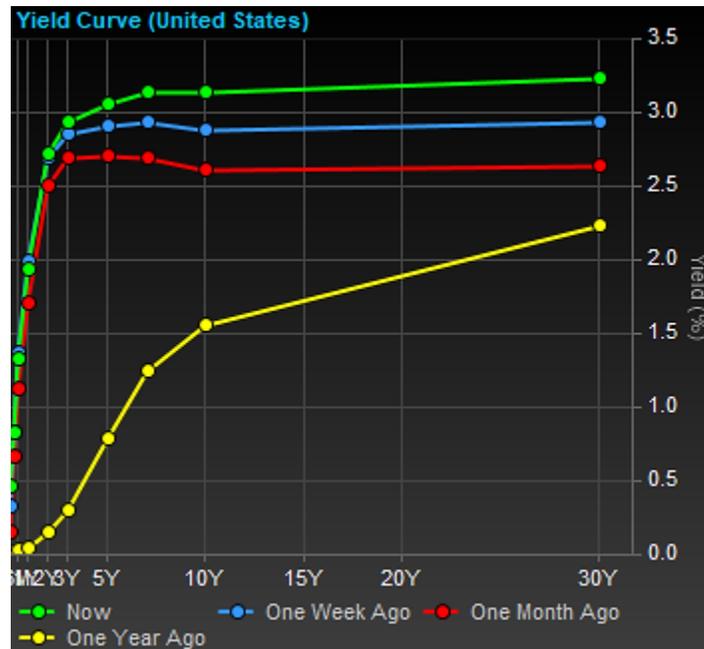


- The chart below shows that institutional investors remain overweight in information technology, but have exposure below the historic average of the overweight. Institutional investors' overweight to the healthcare sector appears to be above the historic average of the healthcare overweight.



Fixed Income Markets

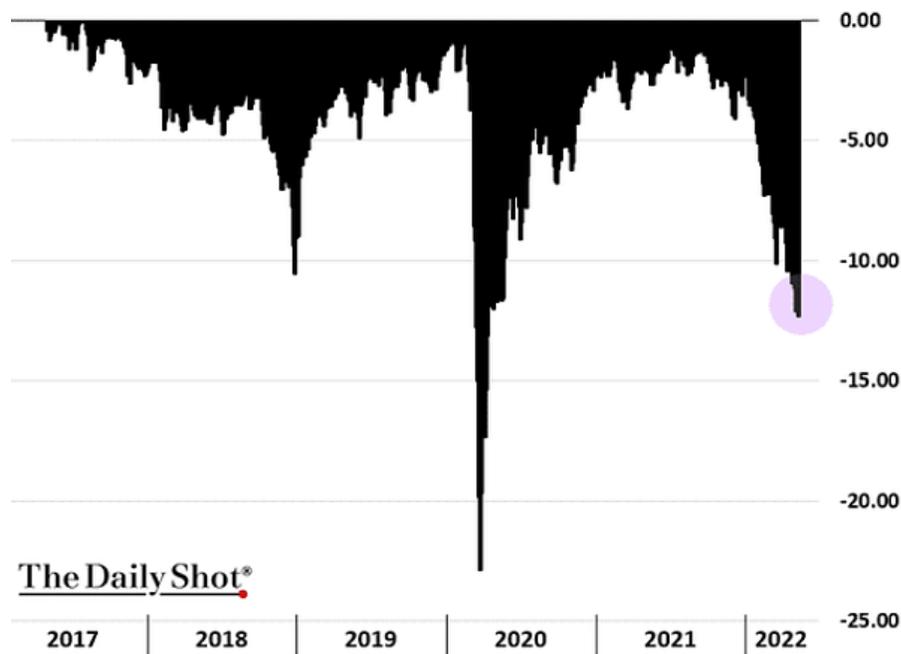
- The long end of the U.S. Treasury curve steepened this week.



Source: FactSet

- High-yield corporate bonds are experiencing double-digit declines year-to-date.

iShares iBoxx High Yield Corporate Bond ETF % Drawdown



Source: The Daily Shot

U.S. Economic and Political News

- As expected, the May Federal Reserve meeting ended with a 50 bps interest rate hike. The Fed also announced the start of the balance sheet drawdown starting in June. The highlight of the meeting appeared to be when Chair Powell essentially ruled out 75 bps hikes in the coming meetings, saying that 50 bps hikes will be on the table for the next several meetings. Powell also didn't rule out pushing policy into restrictive territory, though the ultimate fed funds rate will be data-dependent. However, markets seemed skeptical of Powell's ruling out 75 bps hikes, with the market pricing in a 90% chance of a 75 bps hike in June 2022, according to CME's FedWatch.
- This week's April nonfarm payrolls report showed headline payrolls growth of 428k, ahead of expectations for 396k, although the previous two months revised down 39k lower.
- The Commerce Department reported that nonfarm unit labor costs rose +11.6% in the first quarter, well above elevated consensus expectations of a rise of around +9.9%.

International Markets and News

- The Chinese stock market (Shanghai Composite) fell -1.5% as 25 million residents in Shanghai remain under varying degrees of lockdown, which lead to spending over China's five-day Labor Day holiday to plummet -43.0% from a year earlier.
 - The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) added over 80 U.S.-listed Chinese companies to its list of entities facing possible delisting from U.S. exchanges.
- European markets (STOXX 600 Index) fell -4.6% on concerns that elevated inflation would lead to increased tightening of monetary policy.
 - The Bank of England raised its key interest rate 25 bps to 1.0%, the highest level since 2009.
 - The European Union (EU) will continue to discuss a possible embargo on Russian oil over the weekend after meeting resistance from Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic.
- Japanese equities (Nikkei 225 Index) gained +0.6%, even as the Tokyo core consumer price index (CPI) rose +1.9% year-over-year in April and the Bank of Japan raised its outlook for inflation.

This Week:

- Corporate earnings reports will increase this week.
- U.S. Economic data:
 - Monday: Wholesale Inventories;
 - Tuesday: NFIB Small Business Index, API Crude Inventories, Redbook Chain Store;
 - Wednesday: MBA Mortgage Purchase Applications, CPI ex Food, Energy, CPI, Treasury Budget, DOE Crude Inventories;
 - Thursday: PPI ex Food, Energy, PPI, Jobless Claims, Natural Gas Inventories;
 - Friday: Export Prices, Import Prices, Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Preliminary).

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