

## **Weekly Market Recap**

**January 3, 2023** 

## **Market Commentary**

Last Week's Highlights: Equities were mixed last week, but sectors that under-performed were down only marginally. The Dow was down 0.17% last week, while the S&P 500 lost 0.09%, the Nasdag was down 0.30%, and the Russell 2000 was up 0.02%. Bonds declined as interest rates were higher for the week. The BBgBarc Agg Bond Index was down 0.57% for the week and short-term bonds lost 0.10%. The US dollar was lower last week, helping international equities only slightly. The MSCI EAFE Index gained 0.01%, while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index improved 0.13%. Economic Data: The final 2022 data on the employment situation will be released this week. The key economic data releases this week are Manufacturing PMI, Construction Spending, ISM Manufacturing PMI, JOLTs Job Openings, FOMC Minutes Release, Vehicle Sales, ADP Private Employment, Weekly Jobless Claims, Continuing Claims, Services PMI, Average Hourly Earnings, Unemployment Rate, Nonfarm Payrolls, Factory Orders, & ISM Non-manufacturing PMI. Earnings Releases: Fourth quarter earnings season doesn't really kick into gear until next week. The key earnings releases this week are CAG, HELE, SMPL, WBA, STZ, & GBX. Takeaways: Equities and fixed income finished the year with a thud as recession fears gripped the market and we're in the "good news is bad news" cycle. Holiday Sales for 2022 came in higher than most expected (+7.6% vs 4-6%). Some are discounting the number, but in a year with high inflation and high interest rates, 7.6% growth year-over-year is solid. In fact, December's Redbook Sales showed a higher average than the previous 8 years, with the exception of 2021 (which proved to be an outlier). Housing continues to struggle, but the Case-Shiller Home Price Index showed some improvement on a year-over-year basis. The Chicago PMI and Richmond Manufacturing Index showed improvement, but that fell into the idea that the Fed has more room to raise rates. We will get the Fed minutes from December this week, which could move markets if the minutes show a hawkish bias. The 2023 targets for the S&P 500 Index are mixed as J.P. Morgan and Wells Fargo as calling for a strong 2nd half finish next year. Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, & Citigroup are calling for mildly positive returns for 2023. UBS and Morgan Stanley are expecting a recession, with a slightly positive return by year-end. The average prognostication is around 5% return in 2023.

## **Market Returns**

Sectors	1 Week Return	YTD Return
Technology	-0.05%	-31.55%
Industrials	-0.14%	-8.08%
Energy	0.22%	62.50%
Communication Svcs	-0.03%	-40.94%
Basic Materials	-1.06%	-11.41%
Consumer Cyclical	-0.36%	-35.52%
Financial Svcs	0.72%	-12.34%
Real Estate	-0.37%	-25.55%
Consumer Defensive	-0.67%	-2.61%
Healthcare	-0.12%	-5.18%
Utilities	-0.57%	1.65%

Key Indices	1 Week Return	YTD Return
S&P 500	-0.09%	-18.11%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-0.17%	-8.78%
Russell 2000	0.02%	-21.56%
Nasdaq	-0.30%	-33.10%
MSCI EAFE	0.01%	-16.79%
BBgBarc Agg Bond	-0.57%	-13.01%
60% S&P / 40% BB Agg Bond	-0.28%	-16.07%

Key Rates—as of 12/30/2022	
3mth T-bills	4.34%
2yr U.S. Treasury	4.43%
10yr U.S. Treasury	3.87%
Fed Funds	4.25%-4.50%

## <u>Investment Styles—1 Week Returns</u>

_	Growth	Blend	Value
Large	-0.21%	-0.13%	0.21%
Mid	0.22%	-0.30%	-0.15%
Small	0.32%	-0.04%	-0.08%

## **Investment Styles—YTD Returns**

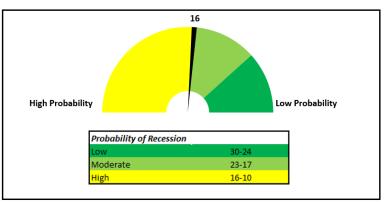
	Growth	Blend	Value	
Large	-40.36%	-14.47%	0.26%	
Mid	-32.37%	-14.41%	-2.39%	
Small	-33.31%	-14.43%	-6.60%	

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## **Recession Indicator**

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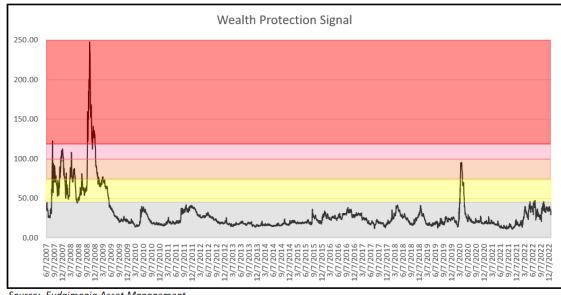
## **Wealth Protection Signal**

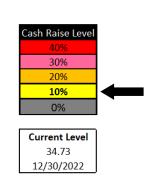
### **Description**

The Wealth Protection Signal measures panic or "fear" among investors, as well as, "volatility" in the market. The Signal is comprised of a proprietary weighting to the VIX Index (volatility) and to the TED Spread (fear). When these indices spike, major market meltdowns tend to follow. The Signal is also measured against the Yield Curve. When the 1st Cash Raise Level is reached, the Yield Curve (2yr Treasury Bond Yields > than 10yr Treasury Bond Yields) must also be inverted or have been inverted within the past 90 days in order for the 1st Cash Raise to trigger.

### **Current Level**

The current level of the Wealth Protection Signal is at 34.73 as of Friday's close on December 30th, 2022. The Signal decreased 2.1% from the previous week's close. The VIX slightly increased toward the end of the week, while the TED Spread decreased during the week. The Signal still remains range-bound and would have to increase 102% to reach the next trigger point. The Wealth Protection Signal is currently indicating that investors should have a 10% cash-weighting within their respective asset allocation at this time.





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Sources: Investment Style returns are derived from Morningstar, Inc. (https://indexes.morningstar.com/indexdata#). Key Rates table derived from Bloomberg. (https://www.bloomberg.com/markets/rates-bonds/government-bonds/us). Sectors and Key Indices tables are derived from Charles Schwab Advisor Center.

Recession Indicator is comprised of 10 economic measurements including, the Yield Curve, GDP, Inflation, Wage Growth, Unemployment, Housing Starts, Consumer Sentiment, Adjusted National Financial Conditions Index, the Fed's Financial Stress Index, U.S. Savings Rate, and the NAAIM (National Association of Active Investment Managers) Index.

Wealth Protection Signal is comprised of the VIX and the TED Spread Indices. The VIX Index is the Chicago Board of Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index, which shows the market's expectation of 30-day volatility. The TED Spread is the price difference between 3-month futures contracts for U.S. Treasuries and 3-month futures contracts for Eurodollars having identical expiration months.

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