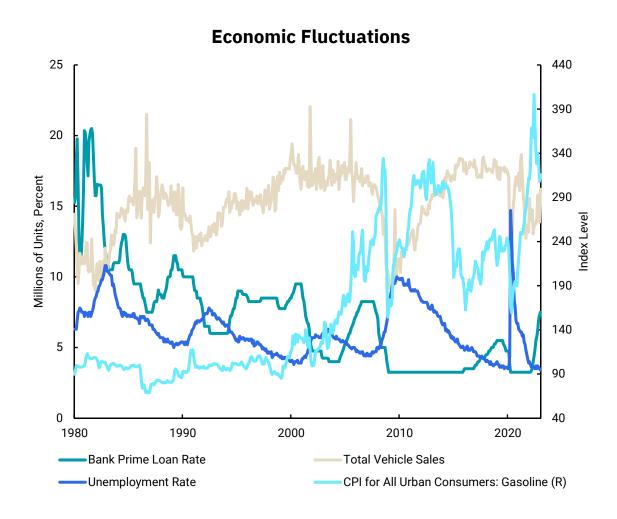
#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

# Weekly market update

**Chart of the week** (Feb. 24, 2023)





The U.S. economy is a complex system, which makes attempts to forecast or control outcomes exceedingly difficult. While we know Fed monetary policy and fiscal action from Congress have an impact; accurately predicting how people will react to financial inputs is a continual learning process, even with history acting as a guide.

If we get down to basics, the Federal Reserve uses interest rates to try to influence demand, lowering rates to spur demand and raising rates to slow demand. We can see the impact of this policy most directly within markets where consumers borrow money often, think housing and autos. As the cost of money goes up, consumers are able to buy less. Interest rates are one factor impacting vehicle sales. However, it's not the only one, as they also can be impacted by the overall level of employment within the economy.

And it's not just vehicle sales that are impacted by the level of employment. Over time, the domestic economy has evolved to be driven more by consumer spending and less by outright goods production. This means another important variable in the economy overall is employment. This explains the Fed's focus on our current robust employment market as a source of inflationary pressure. It would be easier if the various inputs interacted in the same way all the time and by the same amount. Since they don't, we are always considering a range of outcomes within our forecasts. And the Federal Reserve does the same.

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**Commentary** (Feb. 24, 2023)

### **Domestic Equities**

- U.S. equities declined sharply this week as consumers continued spending and inflation pushed higher.
- The personal-consumption expenditure index (PCE) is the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, and their goal is to get it down to a 2% annual increase.
   PCE rose 5.4% in January, which was higher than the month before. The rate had been declining in previous months, and this shift alarmed investors and caused a selloff in stocks at the end of the week.
- Leading the selloff was Boeing, which reported a delay in deliveries due to a documentation issue. Carvana and Opendoor also declined sharply after reporting wider-than-expected quarterly losses. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Index declined more than the S&P 500 Index.

#### **Bonds**

- U.S. Treasury yields initially fell but finished the week higher following a stronger-than-expected increase in January's personal consumption expenditures index (PCE).
- The Fed minutes released on Wednesday confirmed that most of the FOMC members believed it appropriate to downshift the pace of hikes to 0.25% in February, with only a few officials preferring a 0.50% hike.
   Although U.S. Treasury yields initially fell following the release, the market response was fairly muted, with the statement sounding somewhat stale given the reacceleration in inflation data following the meeting.
- In international markets, European sovereign bond yields continued to move higher, with the yield on the German 10-year bond reaching its highest level in over a decade. Additionally, the central bank of New Zealand hiked its policy rate by 0.50% to 4.75%.

### **International Equities**

- Investor sentiment remains fragile over concerns that central banks will
  continue to hike interest rates due to persistent inflation and signs that
  economies are proving to be reasonably resilient.
- Foreign developed markets struggled this week with weakness across
  European and Pacific Rim markets. Stocks in Germany fell as the country's
  fourth-quarter GDP contracted more than expected as declines in capital
  spending and consumer spending hurt its economy.
- Emerging markets fell for the fourth straight week as most markets across
  Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe struggled to gain traction.
  Investors remain concerned about rising geopolitical tensions between the
  U.S. and China as the U.S. expands the number of military personnel to
  help train Taiwanese military forces, which agitated China.

#### **Economics**

- The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) reported that consumer spending (PCE) rebounded in January, rising \$313 billion to \$18 trillion as a seasonally adjusted annualized rate (SAAR). This is the highest monthly increase since March 2021 and reverses two consecutive monthly declines. The increase was broad-based as spending increased in both durable and non-durable goods as well as services. Additionally, the price level of consumer spending increased 0.60% in the month.
- The BEA also reported personal income rose 0.60% in January, totaling \$23 trillion SAAR. Most of the increase was due to higher employee compensation in private industries. The personal savings rate rose to 3.9%, an increase of 0.70%.
- The BEA revised fourth-quarter GDP to 2.7%, down slightly from the first estimate of 2.9%.



## **Weekly Market Update**

## For Week Ending February 24, 2023

| Markets                     |                  |                           |                         |                      | <b>Equity Sty</b>                       | le         |                  |             |               |             |                             | Economic Data                                  |              |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------|
|                             | Last Price       | Change From<br>Prior Week | Change From<br>Year End | Change From Year Ago | 5200 ¬                                  |            |                  |             |               |             |                             |  | Last Release | Year Ago        |
| Capital Markets             | Lustinoc         | 1 1101 WCCK               | Tour End                | real Ago             | 0200                                    |            | S&P 500          |             |               |             |                             | Inflation                                      | Lust Noicuse | rear Ago        |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg    | 32,816.92        | -3.0%                     | -0.7%                   | 0.9%                 | 4700 -                                  | An         |                  |             |               |             |                             | CPI Headline Inflation                         | 6.4%         | 7.5%            |
| S&P 500 Index               | 3,970.04         | -2.7%                     | 3.7%                    | -5.9%                | 1000 00/                                |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | CPI Core Inflation                             | 5.6%         | 6.0%            |
| NASDAQ                      | 11,394.94        | -3.3%                     | 9.0%                    | -14.7%               | 4200 - W                                | ų          | 4.14             | My V        | 0             | _~          | M                           | Personal Consumption Exp (PCE) Core            | 4.7%         | 5.2%            |
| S&P 400 Midcap Index        | 2,600.68         | -2.4%                     | 7.2%                    | 2.1%                 | 3700 -                                  | `          | \^               | we of       |               | alman a     | •                           | Torsonal consumption Exp (1 oE) core           | 7.770        | 0.270           |
| S&P 600 Smallcap Index      | 1,247.72         | -2.7%                     | 8.0%                    | -1.1%                | 3700                                    |            |                  |             | <b>~</b>      |             |                             | Jobs   |              |                 |
| MSCI EAFE                   | 6,904.30         | -2.4%                     | 4.9%                    | -0.8%                | 3200 -                                  |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Unemployment Rate (U3)                         | 3.4%         | 4.0%            |
| MSCI Emerging Markets       | 494.40           | -2.7%                     | 1.7%                    | -13.4%               |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Broader Unemployment Rate (U6)                 | 6.6%         | 7.1%            |
| Bloomberg US Agg            | 2,052.11         | -0.9%                     | 0.2%                    | -9.1%                | 2700 -                                  |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | JOLT Survey (in millions)                      | 11.01        | 11.45           |
| Bloomberg Municipal 5 Yr    | 468.84           | -0.4%                     | 0.0%                    | -2.5%                |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Jobless Claims (000's)                         | 192          | 198             |
| Bloomberg US Corporate      | 2,982.67         | -1.0%                     | 0.5%                    | -9.5%                | 2200 +                                  |            | _ + +            | 20 1 20     | 0 1 00        | <b>D</b> 00 |                             | Change in Non-Farm Payroll (000's)             | 517          | 364             |
| Bloomberg Glb Agg ex US Hdg | 526.46           | -0.3%                     | 1.0%                    | -6.5%                | Feb-22                                  | Apr-2      | 2 Jun-           | 22 Aug-22   | Oct-22        | Dec-22      | Feb-23                      | Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y % Change)         | 4.4%         | 5.7%            |
| Bloomberg High Yield        | 2,229.71         | -0.2%                     | 2.0%                    | -5.0%                |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Average Hourly Earnings (1/1 % Change)         | 4.470        | 5.7 /0          |
| MSCI US REIT Index          | 2,019.25         | -3.1%                     | 5.5%                    | -11.7%               |   | 1 Month    | *                |             | Y             | ear to Date | e*                          | Consumer & Spending                            |              |                 |
| Bloomberg Commodity Index   | 2,019.25         | -0.8%                     | -5.8%                   | -5.9%                | Value                                   | Core       | Growth           |             | Value         | Core        | Growth                      | Consumer Confidence (Conf Board)               | 407.4        | 111 1           |
| Bloomberg Commodity index   | 231.72           | -0.6 /6                   | -5.0 /0                 | -5.970               | value                                   | Core       | Glowiii          | ı <b>II</b> |               | Core        | Glowin                      | ,  | 107.1        | 111.1<br>16,726 |
|                             | Look Drice/Vield | Duian Waals               | Veer Fred               | Vaar Arra            | -1.42                                   | 4.00       | 0.04             | 400/        | 3.78          | 2.05        | 3.54                        | Consumer Spending (\$ Bil)                     | 18,051       |                 |
| Key Rates                   | Last Price/Yield | Prior Week                | Year End                | Year Ago             | -1.42                                   | -1.00      | -0.61            | > 10%       | 3.78          | 3.65        | 3.34                        | Consumer Credit (\$ Bil) Retail Sales (\$ Bil) | 4,776        | 4,431           |
|                             | 4.750/           | 4.750/                    | 4.500/                  | 0.050/               | _                                       |            |                  |             | _             |             |                             | Retail Sales (\$ bil)                          | 697          | 655             |
| Fed Funds Target            | 4.75%            | 4.75%                     | 4.50%                   | 0.25%                | 70 040                                  | 0.00       | 4.50             |             | 70 0.40       | 7.04        | 0.00                        | Harris n                                       |              |                 |
| 3-Month Treasury            | 4.78%            | 4.79%                     | 4.34%                   | 0.30%                | <u>B</u> 0.16                           | 0.88       | 1.59             | 0% - 10%    | <u>B</u> 8.13 | 7.21        | 6.28                        | Housing  | 4.000        | 4 000           |
| 1-Year Treasury             | 4.99%            | 4.97%                     | 4.69%                   | 1.06%                |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Housing Starts (000's)                         | 1,309        | 1,666           |
| 2-Year Treasury             | 4.81%            | 4.62%                     | 4.43%                   | 1.58%                | 1.67                                    | 4 00       | 1.40             |             | <u>=</u>      | 7.00        | 0.00                        | Case-Shiller Home Price Index                  | 297.29       | 276.07          |
| 5-Year Treasury             | 4.22%            | 4.03%                     | 4.00%                   | 1.86%                | a 1.67                                  | 1.38       | 1.10             | <0%         | 8.84<br>8.8   | 7.98        | 6.26                        | H.O. Dec des Calles                            |              |                 |
| 7-Year Treasury             | 4.11%            | 3.94%                     | 3.97%                   | 1.95%                | *************************************** |            |                  |             | 0)            |             |                             | U.S. Productivity                              | 00.400       | 22.222          |
| 10-Year Treasury            | 3.94%            | 3.81%                     | 3.87%                   | 1.96%                | *S&P Indice                             | es         |                  |             |               |             |                             | Real Gross Domestic Product (\$ Bil)           | 20,188       | 20,006          |
| 30-Year Treasury            | 3.93%            | 3.87%                     | 3.96%                   | 2.28%                |   | 0.1        |                  |             |               |             |                             | Quarter over Quarter Change                    | 2.7%         | 7.0%            |
| _                           |                  |                           |                         |                      | Fixed Inco                              | me Style   | <b>)</b>         |             |               |             |                             | Year Over Year Change                          | 0.9%         | 5.7%            |
| Consumer Rates              |                  |                           |                         |                      | 6.0% ¬                                  |            |                  | Yield Curve |               |             |                             | ISM Manufacturing                              | 47.40        | 57.60           |
| 30-Year Mortgage            | 7.02%            | 6.83%                     | 6.66%                   | 4.25%                | 0.070                                   |            |                  | riela Carve |               |             |                             | Capacity Utilization                           | 78.28        | 78.94           |
| Prime Rate                  | 8.50%            | 8.50%                     | 8.25%                   | 4.00%                | 5.0% -                                  |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Markit US Composite PMI                        | 50.20        | 55.90           |
| 3-Month LIBOR               | 4.95%            | 4.92%                     | 4.77%                   | 0.51%                | 0.070                                   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             |  |              |                 |
|                             |                  |                           |                         |                      | 4.0%                                    |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | U.S. General                                   |              |                 |
| Commodities                 |                  |                           |                         |                      |   |            | —Current         |             |               |             |                             | Leading Economic Indicators                    | 110.3        | 117.2           |
| Gold                        | 1,811.04         | 1,842.36                  | 1,824.02                | 1,903.89             | 3.0%                                    |            |                  |             |               |             | Trade Weighted Dollar Index | 120.5  | 114.7        |                 |
| Crude Oil (WTI)             | 76.32            | 76.55                     | 80.26                   | 78.90                |   | _          | —1 Year <i>i</i> | Ago         |               |             |                             | EUR / USD                                      | 1.05         | 1.12            |
| Gasoline                    | 3.49             | 3.50                      | 3.20                    | 3.62                 | 2.0% -                                  |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | JPY / USD                                      | 136.48       | 115.53          |
| Natural Gas                 | 2.55             | 2.35                      | 4.48                    | 3.58                 |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | CAD / USD                                      | 0.73         | 0.78            |
| Copper                      | 3.95             | 4.11                      | 3.81                    | 4.40                 | 1.0% -                                  |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | AUD / USD                                      | 0.67         | 0.72            |
|                             |                  |                           |                         |                      |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             |  |              |                 |
|                             |                  |                           |                         |                      | 0.0%                                    |            | -                |             |               | -           | -                           |  |              |                 |
|                             | P/E              | P/E                       | Price to                | Current Div          |   | 3 Mo       | 2 Yr             | 5 Yr        | 7 Yr          | I0 Yr       | 30 Yr                       | S&P 500 Sector Returns                         |              |                 |
|                             | Forward          | Trailing                  | Book                    | Yield                |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             |  | 1 Month      | YTD             |
| Index Characteristics       |                  |                           |                         |                      |   | 1 Month    |                  |             |               | ear to Date |                             | Consumer Discretionary                         | 2.03%        | 11.33%          |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg    | 17.40            | 18.73                     | 4.36                    | 2.25                 | Short                                   | Interm.    | Long             |             | Short         | Interm.     | Long                        | Information Technology                         | 1.33%        | 9.37%           |
| S&P 500                     | 18.03            | 17.84                     | 3.92                    | 1.77                 | <u>.</u>                                |            |                  |             | ų l           |             |                             | Communication Services                         | -3.69%       | 8.43%           |
| S&P 500 Value               | 16.82            | 17.10                     | 2.72                    | 2.15                 | <u>8</u> -0.78                          | -1.95      | -5.48            | > 10%       | -0.11         | -0.36       | 0.71                        | Materials                                      | -2.28%       | 4.55%           |
| S&P 500 Growth              | 19.31            | 18.59                     | 6.62                    | 1.43                 |   |            |                  |             | 0             |             |                             | Financials                                     | -0.37%       | 4.19%           |
| NASDAQ                      | 16.64            | 15.18                     | 3.78                    | 2.37                 |   |            |                  |             | 0             |             |                             | Real Estate                                    | -3.47%       | 3.18%           |
| S&P Midcap 400              | 15.17            | 12.96                     | 2.33                    | 2.02                 | <b>5</b> -0.62                          | -3.48      | -5.64            | 0% - 10%    | 0.23          | 0.54        | 0.84                        | Industrials                                    | -0.50%       | 2.06%           |
| S&P Smallcap 600            | 14.70            | 12.88                     | 1.89                    | 1.77                 | O                                       |            |                  |             | O             |             |                             | Consumer Staples                               | -0.63%       | -2.45%          |
| MSCI EAFE                   | 12.89            | 13.37                     | 1.69                    | 3.45                 |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Energy   | -6.25%       | -3.42%          |
| MSCI Emerging Markets       | 12.19            | 10.45                     | 1.48                    | 3.79                 | <b>★</b> 0.02                           | -1.59      | -3.00            | <0%         | <b>≟</b> 2.30 | 2.01        | 1.67                        | Health Care                                    | -3.74%       | -5.41%          |
|                             |                  |                           | 3                       | 33                   |   |            |                  |             |               |             |                             | Utilities                                      | -4.29%       | -5.53%          |
| Source: Bloomberg           |                  |                           |                         |                      | *Bloomberg                              | g Indices. |                  | _           |               |             |                             | ,  | 1.2070       | 0.0070          |

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