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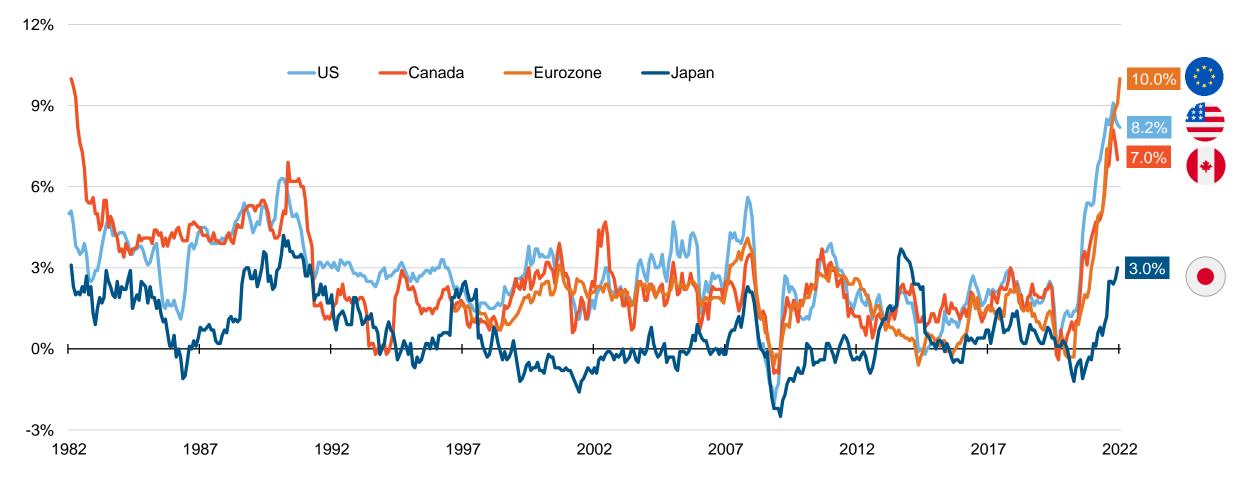
Investing in the post-Goldilocks era

Jules Boudreau Economist



Inflation – sticky inflation dominates the setting

Headline inflation rates (YoY %)



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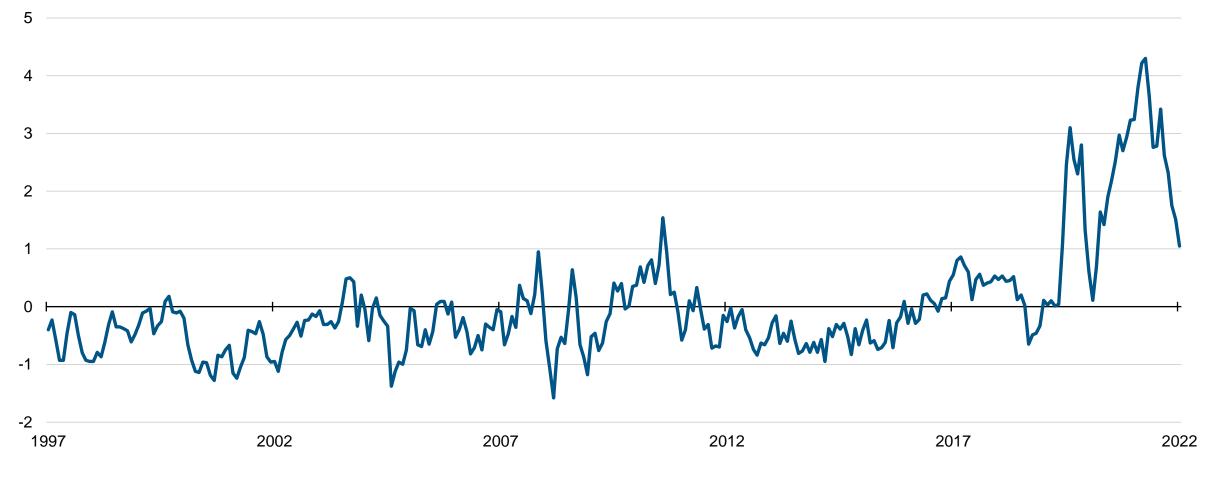
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Source: Bloomberg, US & Eurozone September 2022; Canada & Japan August 2022.



Global supply chain has improved

New York Fed supply chain pressure index



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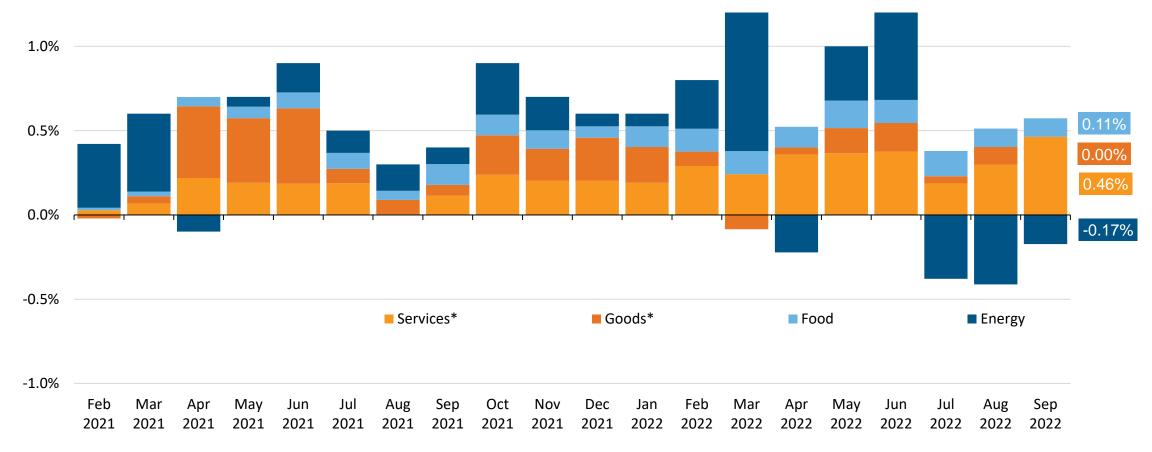
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Source: Bloomberg, September 2022.



Inflation pressure is broader than energy

US CPI contribution breakdown (m/m %)



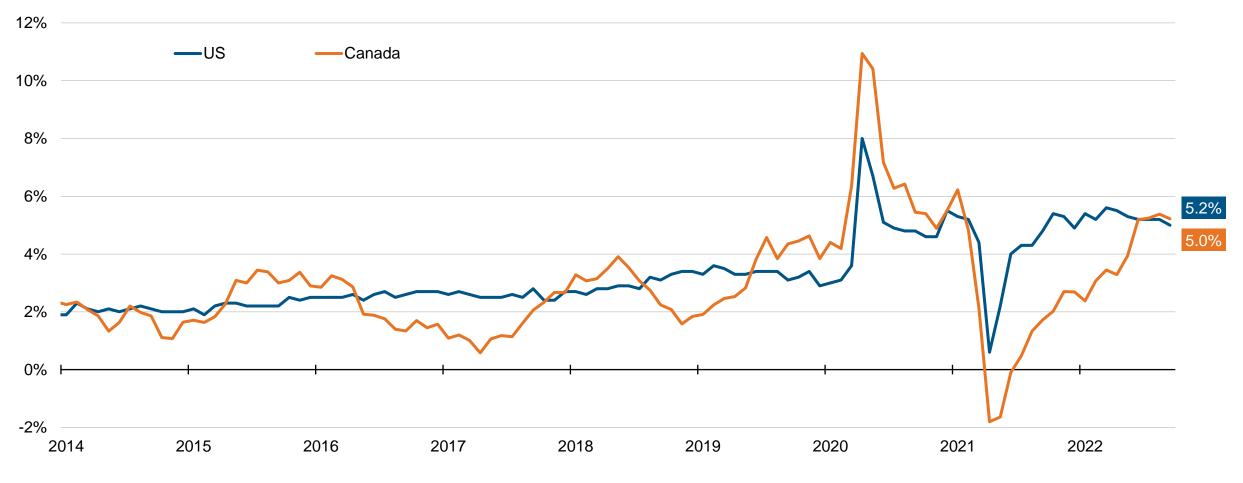
*Excluding food and energy Source: Bloomberg, September 2022; Category weights as of August 2022.





Wage increases also support inflation

Canadian average hourly wages vs. US average hourly wages (Y/Y % change)



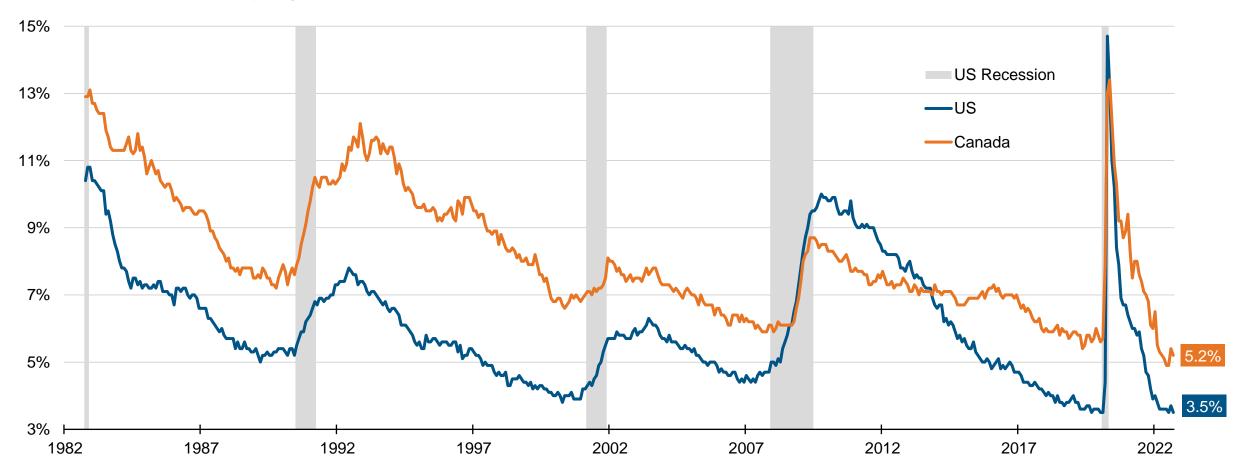
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Tight labour markets are adding to the inflation <u>narrative</u>

Canada & US unemployment rates



Source: Bloomberg, September 2022.

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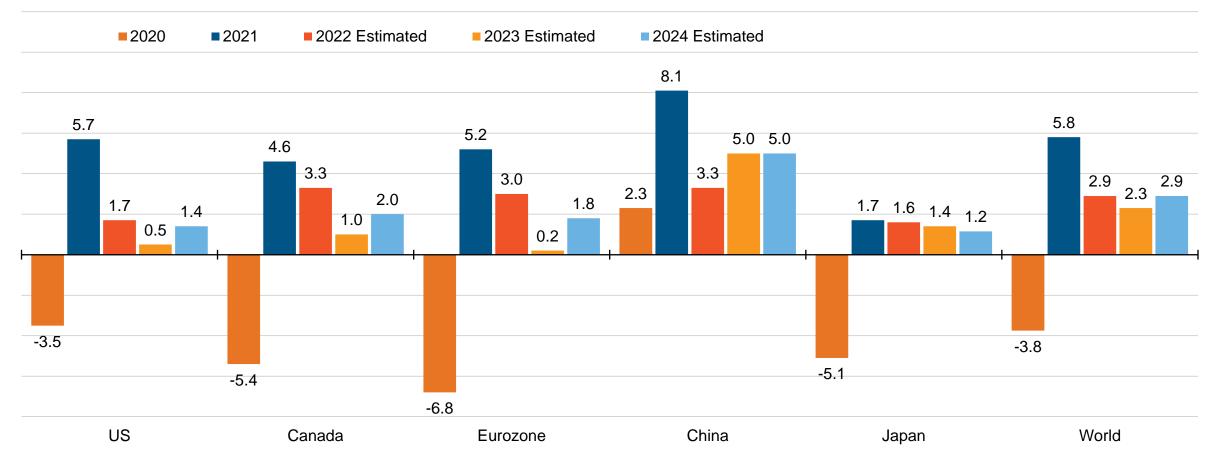
Economic slowdown – how broad, how deep





Slowing economic backdrop shapes the plot of our story

Real GDP growth (y/y % change)



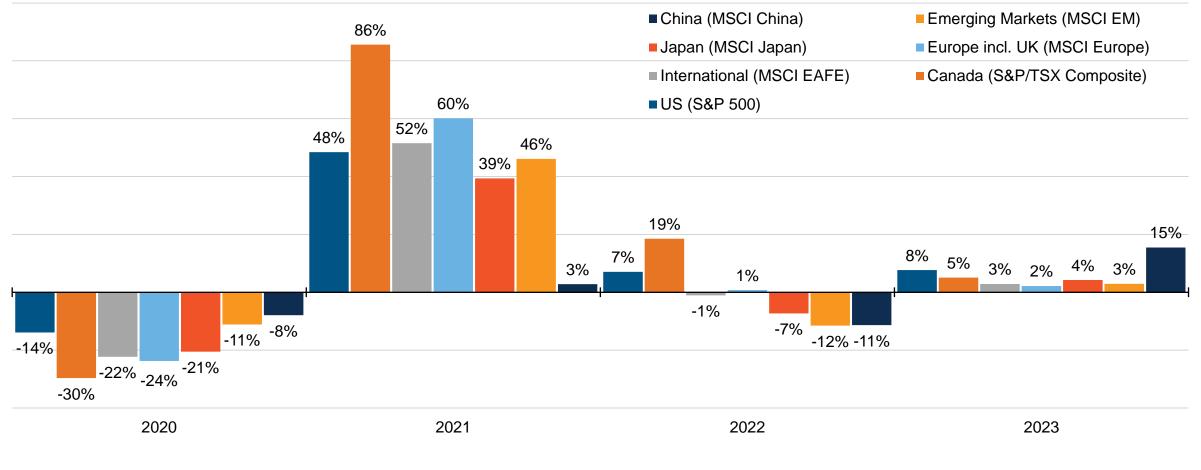
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Global earnings growth slowing

Earnings growth Y/Y % change (consensus forecasts)



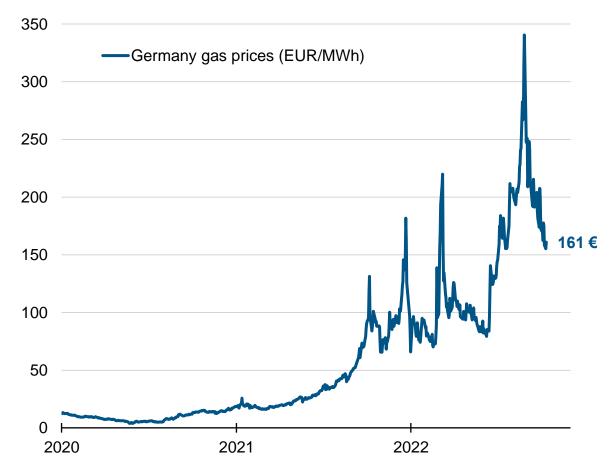
Source: FactSet October 13, 2022





Conflict: Winter is coming for Europe

Electricity costs have surged across Europe



Energy crisis in Europe



Russia weaponizing energy exports



Risk of fragmentation among Eurozone members



Surging European energy costs can spread to North America



Food insecurity worsens leading to political unrest



Recession likely in Europe



Source: Bloomberg, October 11, 2022.



China policies in conflict with global economic growth





US/China tensions escalate

Potential for sanctions on China over Taiwan

Zero-Covid policy

- Rolling lockdowns continue to disrupt supply chains
- Demand for oil dropped for the first time in 30 years



Chinese property crisis

- Home prices continue to fall
- Mortgage payment strikes



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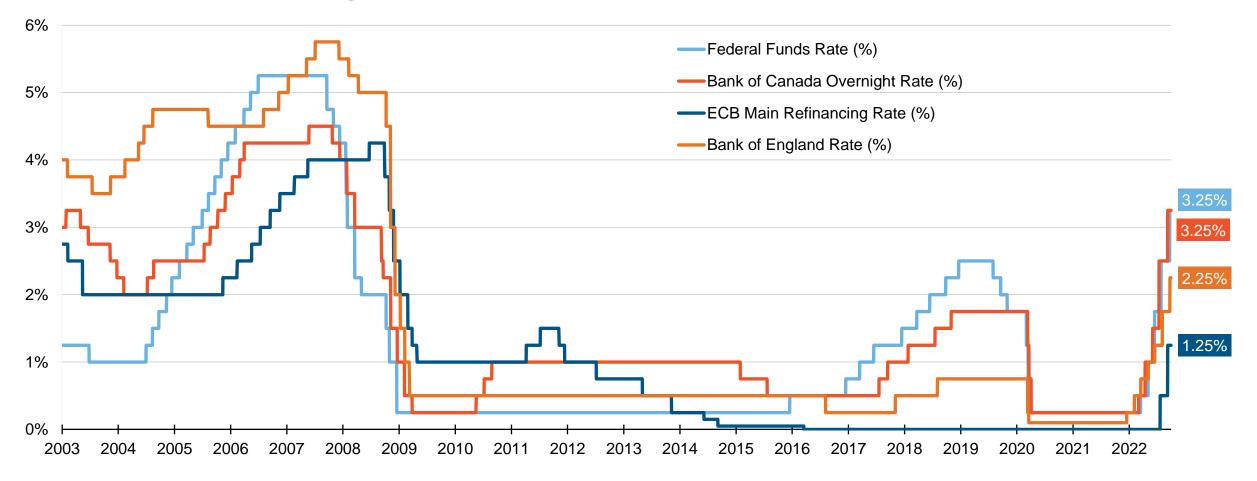
Central bankers – no "pain" no gain

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Central bankers are the central 'characters'

Global central bank overnight rates



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Source: Bloomberg, September 30, 2022.



Central bankers prioritizing price stability above all else

"Fighting inflation will bring some pain to households and business"

- Jerome Powell, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, August 2022

"The ECB Governing Council expects to raise interest rates further, because inflation remains far too high and is likely to stay above target for an extended period"

– ECB monetary policy decision and statement, September 8, 2022

"We have a careful eye on many different things – we have a lot of work ahead of us, and we will not rest easy until we can get inflation back to target"

– Carolyn Rogers,

Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, September 8, 2022







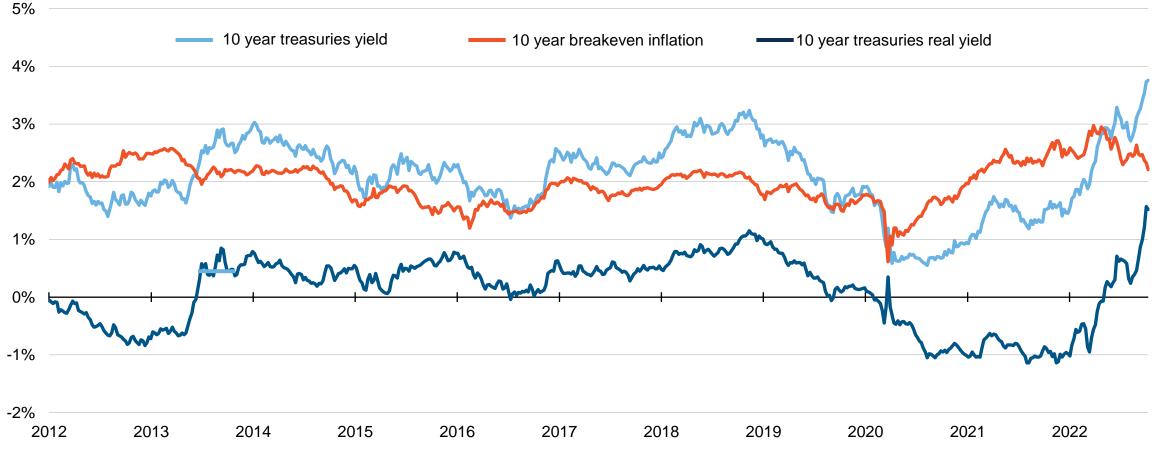
Geopolitical wildcards





Bonds Offer an <u>Attractive</u> Real Rate

Breakdown of 10-year Treasury bond yields



Source : Bloomberg, October 9 2022.



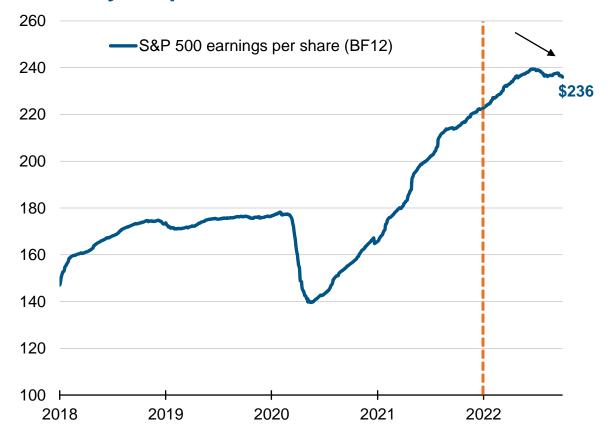


Earnings estimates rolling over

Longer-term, valuations are looking more attractive



Forward earnings have plateaued. Will they drop?



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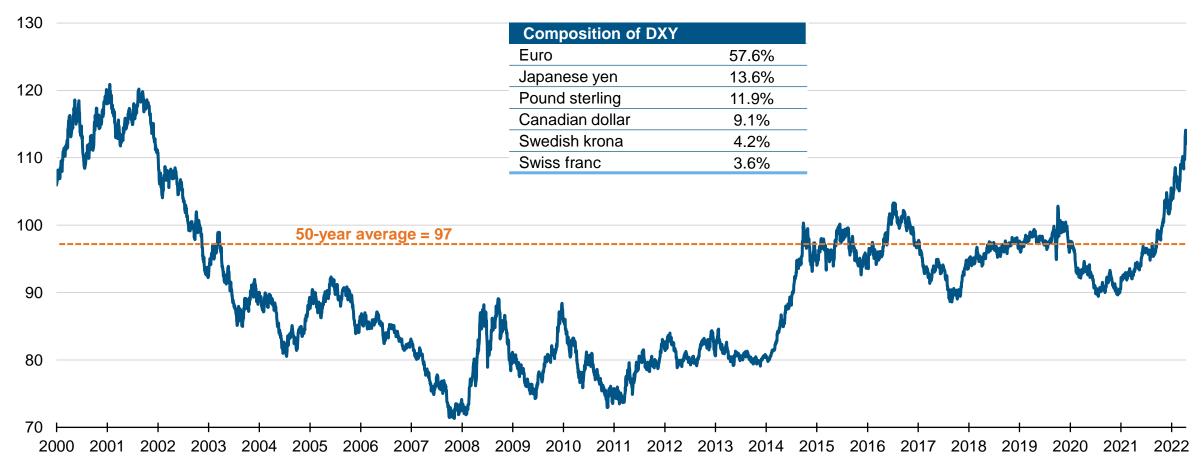
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Source: Bloomberg September 30, 2022.



Strong <u>US dollar</u> a headwind for emerging markets

US Dollar Index (DXY)



Source: Bloomberg, September 30, 2022.



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Our conclusions

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Resolution – our conclusions

Goldilocks era of investing is over

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Inflation was muted

 Globalization, technology and productivity kept a lid on costs

Low inflation supported easy monetary policy

 Inflation remained at or below target rate



Geopolitical risks proved temporary

 No major events shifted fundamentals materially

Where the story is heading



Inflation will be stickier than expectations

• Portfolios should reflect inflation protection



Liquidity conditions will continue to tighten

- Major market trend will be risk off
- Align portfolios with risk tolerance



Geopolitical risks remain

• Favours lower volatility, dividend paying investments





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