

Fathom's Global Outlook — Autumn 2022

# Bear market rally or new bull market?

Is bad news on the economy good news for risk assets?

## Join us to find out more

Here at Fathom, we're looking forward to presenting our latest *Global Outlook* – an independent and data-driven quarterly assessment of the prospects for the **global economy, financial markets and geopolitics**.

Signs of recession abound. While the US has suffered two negative quarters of GDP growth, Europe seems the most exposed to a more severe downturn with exposure to Russian gas set to keep inflation at extremely high levels. Some have argued that high inflation will be self-correcting, as demand slows: **will the impending global slowdown (or worse) eventually bring inflation down towards central bank targets**, allowing central banks to 'pivot' towards easing in due course? Does this mean that the recent uptick in equity markets has legs, or **will it turn out to be a classic bear market rally?**

In China, that pivot has already happened, with the PBOC unexpectedly easing interest rates. Beijing faces an ongoing housing slump, zero-COVID pressures and heightened geopolitical tensions. Looking forward, **China's 'annus horribilis' may not be the end of its economic woes**.

With an ascendant greenback and rising US interest rates, our proprietary Financial Vulnerability Indicator has been warning for some time that **risks to EMs will be most pronounced at the end of 2022**. Sri Lanka shows how things can go badly wrong. Who is most exposed and is there any chance of a soft landing?

## Agenda:

- Bear market rally or new bull market?
- Impact of recession on inflation
- Seeking: signs of CB pivots
- China: from bad to worse
- ROW: stormy waves ahead

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