DFIC Newsletter March 10, 2023

## **Equity Returns: Last Twelve Months**



#### **Economics**

- The Bank of Canada kept interest rates unchanged for the first time in nine meetings. It was the first pause among major central banks, which was expected by both markets and economists. The benchmark overnight rate remains at 4.5%.
- The Canadian economy added 21,800 jobs in February while the unemployment rate remained at 5.0%: beating expectations for an increase of 10,000 jobs and a jobless rate of 5.1%. The job market continues to defy expectations and may test the Bank of Canada's commitment to pausing rate hikes.
- Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell cautioned that interest rates will likely head higher than central bank policymakers had expected. He also indicated that the Fed is prepared to increase the pace of rate hikes if needed.
- US job vacancies dropped to 10.8M in January, but still exceeded estimates of 10.5M openings. The reading highlights persistent labour tightness in the US and supports the Fed's need for higher interest rates.
- The UK economy is proving to be more resilient than expected after GDP expanded 0.3% in January from a decline of 0.5% a month prior. Growth in January was driven by the services sector, which grew by 0.5%. Consumerfacing services rebounded from the impacts of strikes by healthcare workers, as well as postal and rail staff, last month.

#### **Politics**

- President Joe Biden's budget seeks to cut \$3.0T from the federal deficit over the next decade with a 25.0% minimum tax on the wealthiest Americans. Biden's budget would also increase revenue by raising taxes on oil and gas companies and increasing the corporate tax rate to 28.0% from 21.0%. The budget also increases military spending to more than \$835.0B, making it among the largest peacetime expenditures in US history.
- Chinese lawmakers unanimously voted Xi Jinping into a third term as president, officially giving him five more years in power. He also won unanimously in 2018, when China's parliament also voted to repeal presidential term limits set after Mao Zedong's rule.

#### **Markets**

- Silicon Valley Bank (NASDAQ: SIVB), a major lender in the technology and venture capital industries, has closed after an unsuccessful attempt to raise capital and exit cash from tech startups. This failure makes it the second largest bank failure in US history after the closure of Washington Mutual in 2008.
- Iran discovered a lithium deposit holding 8.5M tons of the metal, which could be the second-largest in the world. The country is currently one of the world's top oil and gas producers, but its limitations in exporting due to sanctions has hindered revenue growth.

## **Changes & Ranges**

| Security  | Price      | Weekly Δ |         | 52 Week Range |          |
|-----------|------------|----------|---------|---------------|----------|
| S&P 500   | 3,862      | (4.5%)   | 1       |               |          |
|           |            |          | 3,577   |               | 4,632    |
| S&P/TSX   | 19,775     | (3.9%)   |         | 1             |          |
|           |            |          | 18,206  |               | 22,087   |
| 10Y Yield | 3.70%      | -25 bps  |         |               | 1        |
|           |            |          | 1.85%   |               | 4.24%    |
| 10Y TIPS  | 1.41%      | -3 bps   |         |               |          |
|           |            | '        | -1.08%  |               | 1.75%    |
| USD Index | 104.6      | 0.1%     |         | 1             |          |
|           |            |          | 97.8    |               | 114.1    |
| VIX Index | 24.8       | 6.3      |         | 1             |          |
|           |            |          | 17.9    |               | 35.1     |
| WTI       | 76.7/bbl   | (3.8%)   | 1       |               |          |
|           |            |          | \$71.02 |               | \$123.70 |
| Gold      | \$1,868/oz | 0.63%    |         | 1             |          |
|           |            |          | \$1,622 |               | \$2,051  |

## **Recent Transaction Activity**

| Name     | Туре | Value  | Notes   |
|----------|------|--------|---|
| Diversey | M&A  | \$4.6B | Solenis LLC announced the acquisition of Diversey Holdings Ltd (NASDAQ: DSEY).  |
|          | M&A  | \$3.4B | Vistra Corp. (NYSE: VST) announced the acquisition of Energy Harbor Corp.   |
| NJOY     | M&A  | \$2.8B | A consortium led by Mudrick Capital<br>Management LP announced the sale of NJOY<br>Holdings Inc. to Altria Group Inc. (NYSE: MO). |

#### **DFIC Notices**



Women in PF

 Join us for our Women in Private Equity Panel on March 15th from 7-8 PM. This event is a fantastic opportunity to learn from some of the best and brightest minds in the industry.



 Office tour at Mackenzie Investments is happening on March 22nd in the afternoon. Please sign up by March 16th at 11:59 PM. National Bank Financial is hosting us on March 30th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please sign up by March 27th at 11:59 PM.

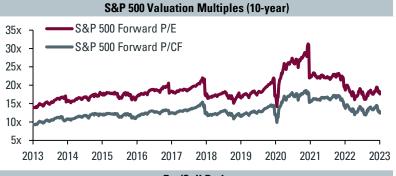


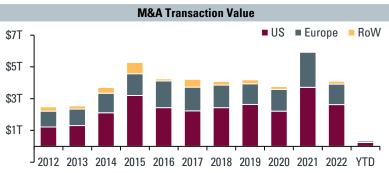
**Networking Night** 

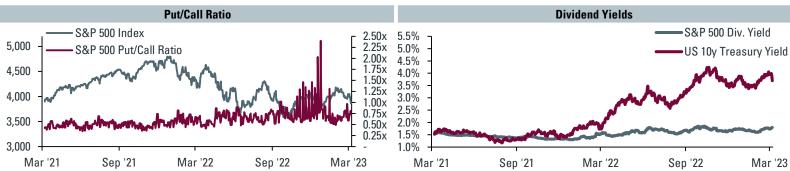
 DFIC is hosting our Spring Networking Night on March 29th from 6-9 PM at 81 Bay Street in Toronto: an invaluable opportunity to build connections ahead of the next recruiting season! Spots are limited, so sign up before March 17th using the Linktree.

# **Equities**

|                              |         | Performance |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|------------|---------|
| Description                  | Price   | 1w          | 1m     | 3m      | Qtd    | Ytd    | 1y      | <b>2</b> y | 5у      |
| United States                |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| Equity Indices               |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| S&P 500 Index                | 3,862   | (4.5%)      | (5.6%) | (1.9%)  | 0.6%   | 0.6%   | (9.3%)  | (1.0%)     | 38.6%   |
| NASDAQ Composite Index       | 11,139  | (4.7%)      | (4.9%) | 1.2%    | 6.4%   | 6.4%   | (15.2%) | (14.8%)    | 47.3%   |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 31,910  | (4.4%)      | (5.8%) | (4.7%)  | (3.7%) | (3.7%) | (3.8%)  | (1.2%)     | 25.9%   |
| CBOE SPX Volatility Index    | 24.8    | 5.3         | 3.3    | 1.0     | 2.1    | 2.1    | (6.4)   | 1.2        | 9.2     |
| US Dollar Index              | 104.6   | 0.1%        | 1.0%   | (0.2%)  | 1.1%   | 1.1%   | 6.2%    | 14.0%      | 16.1%   |
| S&P 500 Sector Performance   |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| Consumer Discretionary       | 1,072   | (5.6%)      | (6.8%) | (0.7%)  | 6.7%   | 6.7%   | (19.9%) | (18.0%)    | 27.0%   |
| Consumer Staples             | 741     | (1.9%)      | (2.8%) | (6.1%)  | (4.9%) | (4.9%) | (1.6%)  | 10.3%      | 32.2%   |
| Energy                       | 629     | (5.3%)      | (9.1%) | (0.1%)  | (6.5%) | (6.5%) | 7.4%    | 57.3%      | 25.2%   |
| Financials                   | 546     | (8.6%)      | (9.9%) | (4.6%)  | (4.2%) | (4.2%) | (10.2%) | (4.5%)     | 10.9%   |
| Healthcare                   | 1,444   | (4.0%)      | (6.4%) | (10.0%) | (8.9%) | (8.9%) | (4.5%)  | 9.2%       | 44.5%   |
| Industrials                  | 835     | (4.5%)      | (3.3%) | (0.0%)  | 0.5%   | 0.5%   | 0.3%    | 3.8%       | 27.1%   |
| Information Technology       | 2,367   | (3.1%)      | (3.3%) | 3.7%    | 9.0%   | 9.0%   | (7.9%)  | 4.2%       | 92.4%   |
| Materials                    | 491     | (7.6%)      | (5.0%) | (3.3%)  | 0.3%   | 0.3%   | (4.9%)  | 0.5%       | 28.2%   |
| Telecommunication Services   | 171     | (4.1%)      | (5.1%) | 4.0%    | 7.1%   | 7.1%   | (23.7%) | (28.1%)    | 8.8%    |
| Utilities                    | 325     | (2.9%)      | (5.4%) | (9.1%)  | (9.3%) | (9.3%) | (8.9%)  | 4.3%       | 30.7%   |
| Global Indices               |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| Americas                     |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| S&P/TSX Composite            | 19,775  | (3.9%)      | (4.1%) | (0.9%)  | 2.0%   | 2.0%   | (8.4%)  | 5.8%       | 26.9%   |
| Mexico IPC Index             | 52,795  | (2.6%)      | 0.6%   | 4.6%    | 8.9%   | 8.9%   | (1.1%)  | 11.0%      | 8.7%    |
| Brazil Bovespa Index         | 103,618 | (0.2%)      | (4.1%) | (3.6%)  | (5.6%) | (5.6%) | (8.8%)  | (8.1%)     | 20.0%   |
| Europe                       |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| EURO STOXX 50 Index          | 4,230   | (1.5%)      | 0.8%   | 7.3%    | 11.5%  | 11.5%  | 15.8%   | 10.7%      | 23.7%   |
| FTSE 100 Index               | 7,748   | (2.5%)      | (1.7%) | 3.6%    | 4.0%   | 4.0%   | 9.1%    | 15.2%      | 7.3%    |
| Germany DAX Index            | 15,428  | (1.0%)      | 0.8%   | 7.4%    | 10.8%  | 10.8%  | 14.8%   | 6.1%       | 25.0%   |
| France CAC 40 Index          | 7,221   | (1.7%)      | 1.3%   | 8.1%    | 11.5%  | 11.5%  | 16.3%   | 20.5%      | 36.9%   |
| Switzerland SMI Index        | 10,765  | (3.8%)      | (3.3%) | (2.7%)  | 0.3%   | 0.3%   | (5.5%)  | (1.3%)     | 20.5%   |
| Asia                         |         |             |        |         |        |        |         |            |         |
| Nikkei 225 Index             | 28,144  | 0.8%        | 1.7%   | 0.9%    | 7.9%   | 7.9%   | 9.6%    | (3.1%)     | 31.1%   |
| Hang Seng Index              | 19,320  | (6.1%)      | (8.8%) | (2.9%)  | (2.3%) | (2.3%) | (7.5%)  | (33.2%)    | (37.7%) |
| S&P/ASX 200 Index            | 7,145   | (1.9%)      | (3.9%) | (0.9%)  | 1.5%   | 1.5%   | 0.2%    | 6.4%       | 19.8%   |



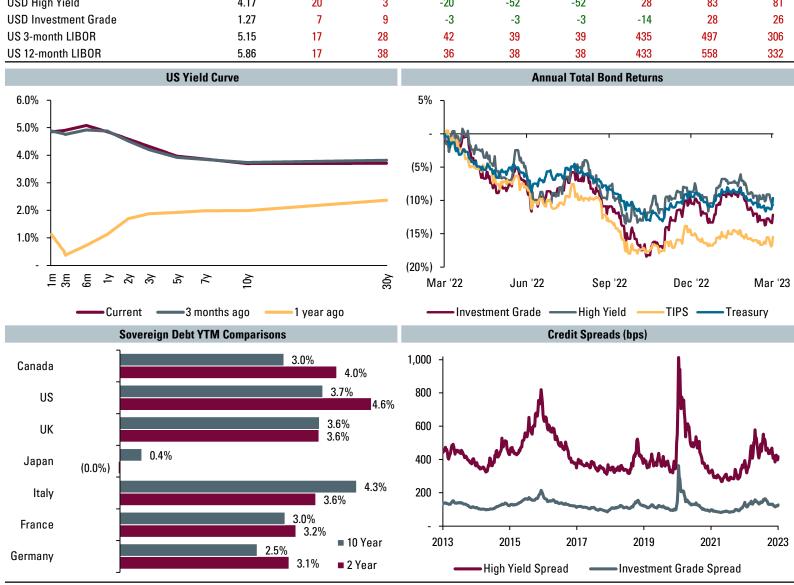




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Fixed Income March 10, 2023

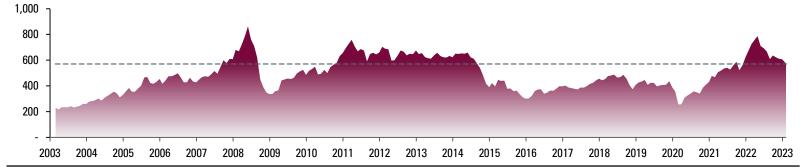
|                                | Performance |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Description                    | Yield       | 1w  | 1m  | 3m  | Qtd | Ytd | 1y   | 2у   | 5у   |
| North America                  |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| US Treasury Yields             |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 3-month                        | 4.91        | 6   | 15  | 63  | 53  | 53  | 453  | 487  | 324  |
| 12-month                       | 4.85        | -17 | -3  | 15  | 14  | 14  | 372  | 477  | 283  |
| 2-year                         | 4.59        | -27 | 7   | 24  | 16  | 16  | 289  | 443  | 233  |
| 10-year                        | 3.70        | -25 | -4  | 12  | -18 | -18 | 171  | 218  | 81   |
| 30-year                        | 3.71        | -17 | -11 | 15  | -26 | -26 | 134  | 147  | 55   |
| 5-year TIPS                    | 1.61        | 8   | 15  | 17  | -4  | -4  | 318  | 340  | 113  |
| 10-year TIPS                   | 1.41        | -3  | 1   | 10  | -17 | -17 | 231  | 216  | 64   |
| 30-year TIPS                   | 1.44        | -4  | -9  | 17  | -22 | -22 | 158  | 141  | 42   |
| 2-10-year spread               | -89.38      | 2   | -10 | -12 | -34 | -34 | -118 | -225 | -153 |
| 1-year inflation expectations  | 3.21        | -45 | 59  | 110 | 108 | 108 | -244 | 43   | 87   |
| 10-year inflation expectations | 2.29        | -23 | -5  | 1   | -1  | -1  | -60  | 2    | 16   |
| Canada Treasury Yields         |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| 3-month                        | 4.52        | -2  | 1   | 31  | 26  | 26  | 397  | 441  | 341  |
| 12-month                       | 4.62        | -8  | -12 | 21  | 1   | 1   | 329  | 443  | 303  |
| 2-year                         | 3.96        | -27 | -13 | 10  | -10 | -10 | 240  | 371  | 213  |
| 10-year                        | 2.99        | -35 | -16 | 11  | -31 | -31 | 106  | 158  | 72   |
| Fixed Income Indices           |             |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| USD High Yield                 | 4.17        | 20  | 3   | -20 | -52 | -52 | 28   | 83   | 81   |
| USD Investment Grade           | 1.27        | 7   | 9   | -3  | -3  | -3  | -14  | 28   | 26   |
| US 3-month LIBOR               | 5.15        | 17  | 28  | 42  | 39  | 39  | 435  | 497  | 306  |
| US 12-month LIBOR              | 5.86        | 17  | 38  | 36  | 38  | 38  | 433  | 558  | 332  |



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|                                      |        | Performance |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Description                          | Price  | 1w          | 1m         | 3m          | Qtd        | Ytd        | 1y          | 2y           | 5у           |
| Commodities                          |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| Precious Metals                      |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| Gold spot (US\$/oz)                  | 1,868  | 0.6%        | 0.1%       | 3.9%        | 2.4%       | 2.4%       | (6.4%)      | 8.2%         | 41.1%        |
| Silver spot (US\$/oz)                | 20.54  | (3.4%)      | (6.7%)     | (12.5%)     | (14.3%)    | (14.3%)    | (20.7%)     | (21.6%)      | 23.8%        |
| Platinum spot (US\$/oz)              | 965    | (1.8%)      | 1.6%       | (6.1%)      | (10.2%)    | (10.2%)    | (10.0%)     | (20.0%)      | (0.1%)       |
| Palladium spot (US\$/oz)             | 1,384  | (5.1%)      | (10.5%)    | (29.3%)     | (22.8%)    | (22.8%)    | (52.8%)     | (40.3%)      | 38.6%        |
| Base and Industrial Metals           |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| LME copper spot (US\$/lb)            | 4.00   | (1.5%)      | (1.1%)     | 3.7%        | 5.0%       | 5.0%       | (13.2%)     | (1.5%)       | 29.4%        |
| LME lead spot (US\$/lb)              | 0.94   | (2.9%)      | (1.0%)     | (5.9%)      | (11.1%)    | (11.1%)    | (13.5%)     | 7.9%         | (11.7%)      |
| LME zinc spot (US\$/Ib)              | 1.35   | (4.0%)      | (4.9%)     | (8.6%)      | (1.9%)     | (1.9%)     | (25.1%)     | 7.9%         | (7.7%)       |
| LME nickel spot (US\$/lb)            | 10.53  | (4.8%)      | (16.2%)    | (22.2%)     | (23.7%)    | (23.7%)    | (46.0%)     | 44.8%        | 74.0%        |
| LME aluminum spot (US\$/lb)          | 1.04   | (3.0%)      | (5.9%)     | (6.6%)      | (2.9%)     | (2.9%)     | (35.2%)     | 6.6%         | 10.2%        |
| NYME coil steel (US\$/tonne)         | 1,056  | 0.6%        | 22.8%      | 37.1%       | 32.0%      | 32.0%      | (26.2%)     | NA           | NA           |
| Energy                               |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| WTI (US\$/bbl)                       | 76.68  | (3.8%)      | (3.8%)     | 8.0%        | (4.5%)     | (4.5%)     | (27.7%)     | 19.0%        | 23.6%        |
| ICE Brent (US\$/bbl)                 | 82.79  | (3.5%)      | (3.7%)     | 7.5%        | (2.9%)     | (2.9%)     | (5.5%)      | 41.3%        | 45.6%        |
| Natural Gas (US\$/mmd)               | 2.43   | (19.2%)     | (6.8%)     | (50.6%)     | (38.0%)    | (38.0%)    | (32.1%)     | 1.5%         | (10.9%)      |
| Other                                |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| Baltic dry index (US\$/tonne/day)    | 1,379  | 13.9%       | 129.1%     | (0.5%)      | (9.0%)     | (9.0%)     | (49.0%)     | (30.4%)      | 14.8%        |
| CBT corn futures (US\$/bu)           | 624    | (3.3%)      | (8.3%)     | (1.7%)      | (8.0%)     | (8.0%)     | (17.6%)     | 14.0%        | 63.0%        |
| CBT wheat futures (US\$/bu)          | 667    | (4.2%)      | (15.2%)    | (6.5%)      | (15.8%)    | (15.8%)    | (37.9%)     | 2.5%         | 36.3%        |
| CBT soybean futures (US\$/bu)        | 1,513  | (1.1%)      | (1.9%)     | 2.0%        | (0.4%)     | (0.4%)     | (11.0%)     | 7.2%         | 47.0%        |
| Lumber futures (US\$/1,000 bf)       | 356    | (4.0%)      | (15.2%)    | (13.7%)     | (4.7%)     | (4.7%)     | (73.6%)     | (63.9%)      | (29.5%)      |
| Bitcoin / USD cross rate (US\$)      | 20,102 | (9.6%)      | (6.7%)     | 17.4%       | 21.1%      | 21.1%      | (48.9%)     | (64.7%)      | 123.2%       |
| Ethereum / USD cross rate (US\$)     | 1,426  | (8.6%)      | (5.3%)     | 12.4%       | 18.6%      | 18.6%      | (45.2%)     | (21.5%)      | 104.3%       |
| Currencies                           |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| Foreign Exchange Ratios (US\$ Cross) |        |             |            |             |            |            |             |              |              |
| US dollar index                      | 104.64 | 0.1%        | 1.0%       | (0.2%)      | 1.1%       | 1.1%       | 6.2%        | 14.0%        | 16.1%        |
| Euro                                 | 0.94   | (0.1%)      | 0.3%       | (1.0%)      | 0.6%       | 0.6%       | 3.2%        | 12.1%        | 15.6%        |
| British pound                        | 0.83   | 0.1%        | 0.3%       | 1.9%        | 0.4%       | 0.4%       | 8.8%        | 15.8%        | 15.1%        |
| Japanese yen                         | 135.03 | (0.6%)      | 2.8%       | (1.1%)      | 3.0%       | 3.0%       | 16.3%       | 24.6%        | 26.4%        |
| Canadian dollar                      | 1.38   | 1.7%        | 3.7%       | 1.4%        | 2.1%       | 2.1%       | 8.3%        | 9.6%         | 8.0%         |
| Australian dollar                    | 1.52   | 2.9%        | 5.1%       | 3.3%        | 3.5%       | 3.5%       | 11.8%       | 17.6%        | 19.3%        |
| Chinese yuan                         | 6.92   | 0.2%        | 1.5%       | (0.6%)      | 0.3%       | 0.3%       | 9.4%        | 6.3%         | 9.2%         |
| Mexican peso                         | 18.50  | 3.1%        | (0.9%)     | (6.4%)      | (5.1%)     | (5.1%)     | (11.6%)     | (11.5%)      | (0.6%)       |
| Chilean peso                         | 796.90 | (0.9%)      | (0.0%)     | (7.5%)      | (6.4%)     | (6.4%)     | (0.8%)      | 9.7%         | 32.2%        |
| Brazilian real                       | 5.21   | 0.3%        | 0.0%       | (0.6%)      | (1.2%)     | (1.2%)     | 3.9%        | (8.1%)       | 60.2%        |
| Argentine peso                       | 200.74 | 1.2%        | 5.3%       | 18.2%       | 13.3%      | 13.3%      | 84.5%       | 121.3%       | 891.5%       |
| Swiss franc                          | 0.92   | (1.7%)      | (0.3%)     | (1.4%)      | (0.4%)     | (0.4%)     | (1.0%)      | (1.0%)       | (3.2%)       |
| Turkish lira                         | 18.97  | 0.9%        | 0.8%       | 1.7%        | 1.4%       | 1.4%       | 27.8%       |              | 397.5%       |
| Russian ruble                        | NA     | 0.9%<br>NA  | 0.6%<br>NA | 1.7 %<br>NA | 1.4%<br>NA | 1.4%<br>NA | 27.6%<br>NA | 152.8%<br>NA | 397.5%<br>NA |
| Indian rupee                         | 82.05  | 0.1%        | (0.5%)     | (0.3%)      | (0.8%)     | (0.8%)     | 7.5%        | 12.5%        | 25.9%        |

## **GSCI Commodities Spot Index**



Source: Bloomberg