

Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

Do Rising Rates, Inflation Cause a Bear Market?

Inflation is at a 40-year high and interest rates are steadily rising, but neither is “the threat to the bull market that most assume they are,” according to a post Friday on [MarketWatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com).

The conclusion is based on an analysis of 17 bear markets since 1962. In 10 of the 17 bear markets, the 10-year yield on the day the bear market began was lower than where it was three months previous. By contrast, today the 10-year yield is close to 2% versus 1.56% three months ago (and see the chart below right for how the yield fluctuated last week alone).

Then again, the history is “no guarantee” that this isn’t the beginning of a new bear market, the post added. Seven of the last 17 bear markets began at a time when, like now, the 10-year yield over the trailing three months had risen. It’s possible a bear market began in January, when the S&P 500 last hit an all-time high.

Economic Releases vs. Consensus (week of 1/31)

Balance of Trade (Dec): -\$80.7B vs. -\$83.0B
CPI/Core CPI (y/y): 7.5%/6.0% vs. 7.3%/5.9%
Mich. Consumer Sentiment: 61.7 vs. 67.5

Economic Releases this Week

PPI/Core PPI (2/15)
Retail Sales (2/16)
Housing Starts (2/17)
Existing Home Sales (2/18)

MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS (\$MIL)¹

	Last	2 Wks	3 Wks	4 Wks	Weekly	YTD
As of 2/9/22	Week	Ago	Ago	Ago	Streak	Flows
Commodities Broad	1,005	795	515	366	6	3,226
Derivative Income	578	543	596	538	63	3,455
Nontraditional Bond	406	354	57	154	6	1,930
Multistrategy	243	154	338	156	9	1,443
Energy LPs	212	4	(23)	36	2	425
Relative Value Arb	157	194	337	195	63	1,285
Equity Mkt Neutral	146	179	178	113	17	737
Options Trading	141	636	523	398	63	2,722
Infrastructure	122	129	(85)	13	2	397
Long-Short Equity	94	59	61	82	3	383
Event Driven	93	38	39	86	5	442
Systematic Trend	81	52	60	50	6	418
Macro Trading	38	14	59	32	10	171
Convertibles	(182)	(280)	(454)	(75)	-6	(1,290)
Real Estate	(243)	(230)	(422)	(47)	-4	1,204

BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	-1.79	-2.09	-7.16	-7.16
Russell 3000	-1.38	-1.78	-7.56	-7.56
Russell 2000	1.42	0.13	-9.51	-9.51
Russell 1000	-1.56	-1.90	-7.44	-7.44
Russell Mid Cap	0.18	-0.04	-7.40	-7.40
MSCI EM	1.61	2.70	0.77	0.77
MSCI ACWI	-0.43	-0.22	-5.10	-5.10
MSCI World	-0.70	-0.60	-5.84	-5.84
MSCI EAFE	1.43	2.58	-2.37	-2.37
ICE BofA Global 300 Convnt	0.21	0.26	-5.00	-5.00
ICE BofA All US Convertible	0.35	-0.12	-6.66	-6.66
ICE BofA US High Yield	-0.87	-1.24	-3.96	-3.96
Bloomberg US Corp Bond	-0.39	-1.56	-4.87	-4.87
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit	-0.35	-1.34	-3.74	-3.74
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	-0.41	-1.32	-3.45	-3.45

COMMODITIES²

	2.11.22	1.31.22	12.31.21	2.11.21
Gold	1831	1795	1820	1843
Oil	91.3	89.2	75.5	58.2
Gasoline	3.44	3.37	3.28	2.46
Bitcoin	42,392	38,430	46,245	48,121

MARKET PULSE¹

MONTH-TO-DATE			As of	YEAR-TO-DATE		
VALUE	CORE	GROWTH	2/11/2022	VALUE	CORE	GROWTH
0.00	-1.90	-3.71	LARGE	-2.33	-7.44	-11.97
0.29	-0.04	-0.68	MID	-3.99	-7.40	-13.49
0.46	0.13	-0.23	SMALL	-5.39	-9.51	-13.60

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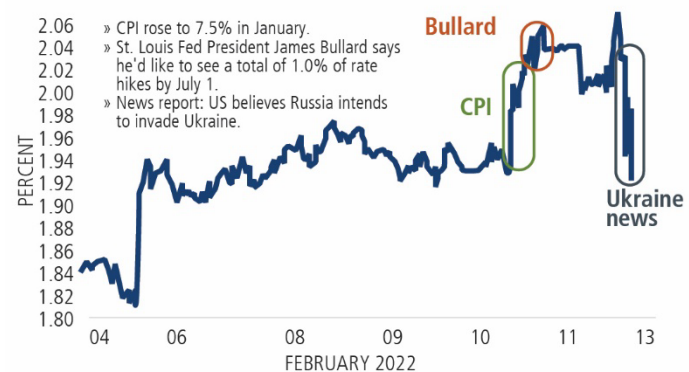
MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Energy Limited Partnership	1.50	4.53	12.65	12.65
Systematic Trend	0.88	2.39	4.31	4.31
Commodities Broad Basket	0.78	2.71	10.60	10.60
Convertibles	0.30	-0.07	-5.99	-5.99
Equity Market Neutral	0.20	0.63	2.23	2.23
Event Driven	0.11	-0.02	-0.72	-0.72
Macro Trading	0.06	0.36	-0.53	-0.53
Relative Value Arbitrage	-0.04	-0.11	-0.80	-0.80
Multistrategy	-0.05	0.00	-1.04	-1.04
Nontraditional Bond	-0.28	-0.44	-1.32	-1.32
Infrastructure	-0.39	-0.71	-4.45	-4.45
Long-Short Equity	-0.43	-0.47	-2.50	-2.50
Derivative Income	-0.87	-1.02	-3.44	-3.44
Options Trading	-0.94	-1.13	-3.50	-3.50
Real Estate	-1.31	-2.62	-9.74	-9.74

BOND RATES²

	2.11.22	1.31.22	12.31.21	2.11.21
Effective Fed Funds Rate	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
2-Year Treasury	1.61	1.18	0.75	0.11
10-Year Treasury	2.03	1.79	1.55	1.16
ICE BofA US Corp. AAA	2.66	2.44	2.03	1.70

THE 10-YEAR TREASURY YIELD LAST WEEK



Source: MortgageNewsDaily.com

Definitions and Disclosures

The **Nontraditional Bond** category contains funds that pursue strategies divergent in one or more ways from conventional practice in the broader bond-fund universe. **Multistrategy** portfolios offer investors exposure to two or more alternative investment strategies, as defined by Morningstar's alternative category classifications, through either a single-manager or multi-manager approach. **Macro Trading** strategies, using either systematic or discretionary methods, look for investment opportunities by studying such factors as the global economy, government policies, interest rates, inflation, and market trends. **Systematic Trend** funds primarily trade liquid global futures, options, swaps, and foreign exchange contracts, both listed and over-the-counter. **Commodities Broad-basket portfolios** can invest in a diversified basket of commodity goods including but not limited to grains, minerals, metals, livestock, cotton, oils, sugar, coffee, and cocoa. **Commodities Precious Metals** can invest in precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, and palladium. **Energy Limited Partnership** strategies invest a significant amount of their portfolio in energy master limited partnerships, also known as MLPs. **Relative Value Arbitrage** strategies seek out pricing discrepancies between pairs or combinations of securities regardless of asset class. **Equity Market Neutral** strategies attempt to profit from long and short stock selection decisions while minimizing systematic risk created by exposure to factors such as overall equity market beta, sectors, market-cap ranges, investment styles, or countries. **Event-driven** strategies attempt to profit when security prices change in response to certain corporate actions, such as bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, emergence from bankruptcy, shifts in corporate strategy, and other atypical events. **Real Estate** portfolios invest primarily in real estate investment trusts of various types. REITs are companies that develop and manage real estate properties. **Convertible-bond portfolios** are designed to offer some of the capital-appreciation potential of stock portfolios while also supplying some of the safety and yield of bond portfolios. **Options trading** strategies use a variety of options trades, including put writing, options spreads, options-based hedged equity, and collar strategies, among others. **Derivative Income** strategies primarily use an options overlay to generate income while maintaining significant exposure to equity market risk. **Long-Short Equity** funds hold sizeable stakes in both long and short positions in equities, exchange traded funds, and related derivatives. **Infrastructure equity funds** invest more than 60% of their assets in stocks of companies engaged in infrastructure activities. Industries considered to be part of the infrastructure sector include: oil & gas midstream; waste management; airports; integrated shipping; railroads; shipping & ports; trucking; engineering & construction; infrastructure operations; and the utilities sector.

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