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Asset Price Monitor

Local Equity Markets

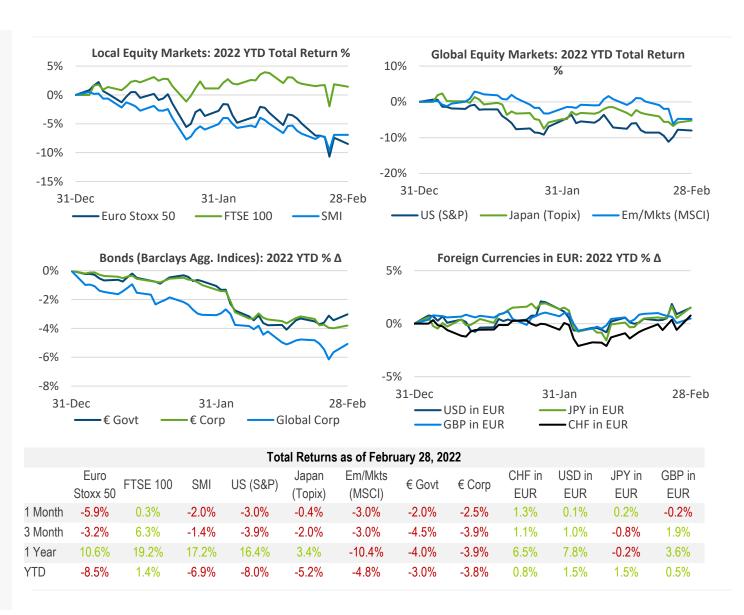
- Most major equity markets suffered losses in February as the conflict in Ukraine intensified, dampening the global growth outlook, and adding to concerns over inflation.
- The Euro Stoxx 50 lost 5.9%.
- The FTSE 100 outperformed for the second consecutive month, returning 0.3%.

Global Equity Markets

- The S&P 500 was down 3.0%, matching the losses suffered by the MSCI Emerging Markets index.
- The Japanese Topix dropped by 0.4%.

Bond/FX Markets

- The European government bond index fell by 2.0%.
- The European corporate bond index lost 2.5%.
- The Euro had a relatively flat month against most major currencies except for the Swiss Franc, with the Euro ending the month 1.3% weaker against the Swiss currency.



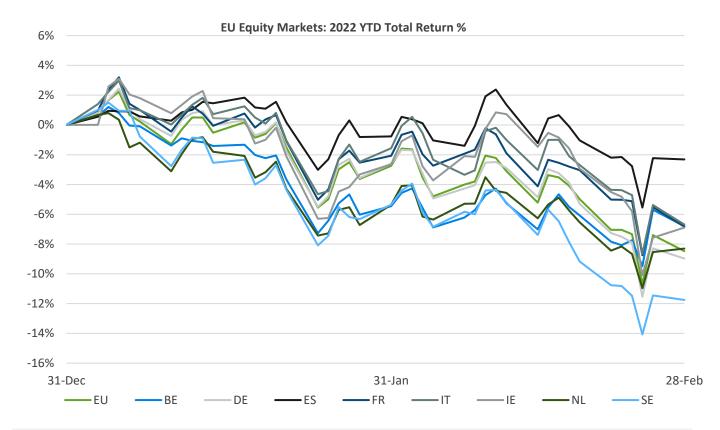


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Eurozone Equity

- All major European equity indices made losses in February.
- The Belgian equity market outperformed, ending the month down 1.4%.
- The Swedish equity market was the worst performing equity index for the month as well as for the year-to-date, in the region. The index fell by 6.8% in February, down 11.8% for the year so far.
- The Spanish equity market has suffered the smallest loss year-to-date, having dropped 2.3% during this period.



Equity Returns as of February 28, 2022									
	EU	Belgium	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Ireland	Netherlands	Sweden
1 Month	-5.9%	-1.4%	-6.5%	-1.6%	-4.9%	-5.2%	-4.4%	-3.1%	-6.8%
3 Month	-3.2%	-2.2%	-4.2%	2.8%	-0.8%	-1.1%	0.2%	-5.9%	-4.7%
QTD	-8.5%	-6.8%	-9.0%	-2.3%	-6.8%	-6.7%	-6.9%	-8.3%	-11.8%
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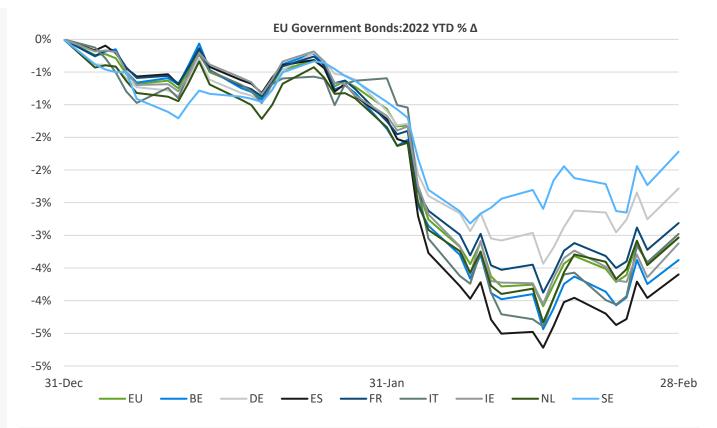


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Eurozone Government Bonds

- European government bonds continued to post losses in February.
- The Swedish government bond index was the outperformer of the month down by only 0.8%. The index has also suffered the smallest losses year-to-date, down 1.7%.
- Italian and Spanish government bonds were the worst performers in the region, both falling by 2.4%.
- The Spanish government bond index has seen the largest drop for the year so far, down 3.6% year-to-date.



Bond Returns as of February 28, 2022									
	EU	Belgium	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Ireland	Netherlands	Sweden
1 Month	-2.0%	-2.0%	-1.2%	-2.4%	-1.6%	-2.4%	-2.0%	-1.7%	-0.8%
3 Month	-4.5%	-5.3%	-3.9%	-5.0%	-4.5%	-4.3%	-4.4%	-4.6%	-2.5%
QTD	-3.0%	-3.4%	-2.3%	-3.6%	-2.8%	-3.0%	-3.1%	-3.0%	-1.7%
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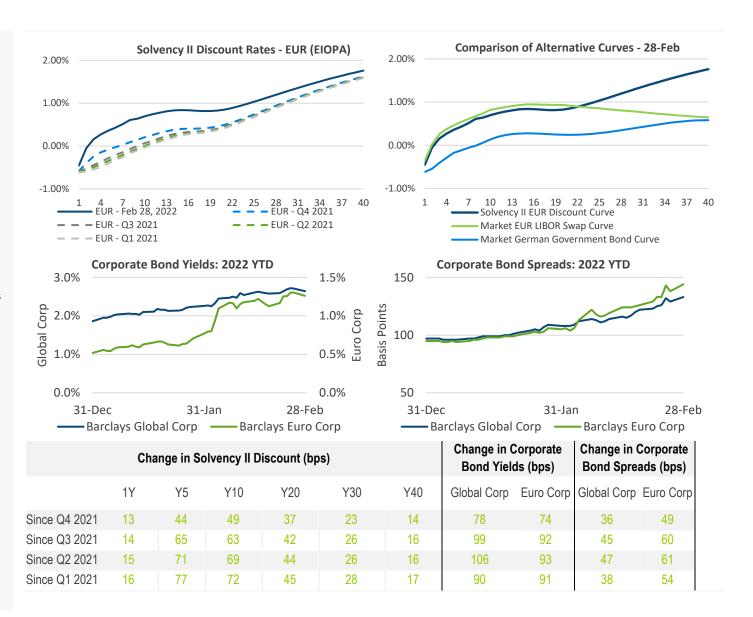
Liability Valuation Monitor

Risk Free Rates

- EUR risk-free rates increased at all terms in February.
- The largest increase came in the medium and long-end of the curve, with the 10 and 20-year rates rising by 33 and 31 basis points, respectively.

Corporate Bonds

- Global corporate bond yields increased by 38 basis points, and their European counterparts rose by 49 basis points.
- Credit spreads continued to widen further in February, with the European and global corporate spreads widening by 39 and 25 basis points, respectively.
- The rise in risk-free rates combined with the widening in the European corporate bond spreads, resulted in losses for the European corporate bond index.





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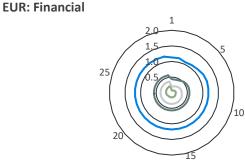
Solvency II Monitor - Spreads

Fundamental Spreads

There were no material changes since the last report.

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EUR Financial Fundamental Spread %									
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30				
AAA	0.07	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.22				
AA	0.20	0.27	0.34	0.36	0.36				
Α	0.43	0.52	0.57	0.57	0.57				
BBB	1.13	1.12	1.18	1.18	1.18				
	EUR Financial 'Before Floor' %								
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30				
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AAA	0.00	0.04	0.08	0.15	0.22				
AAA	0.00 0.03	0.04 0.06	0.08 0.11	0.15 0.18	0.22 0.26				

EUR Non-Financial Fundamental Spread %								
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30			
AAA	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.11			
AA	0.14	0.18	0.25	0.26	0.26			
Α	0.21	0.29	0.37	0.51	0.75			
BBB	0.42	0.52	0.65	0.66	0.73			
EUR Non-Financial 'Before Floor' %								
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30			
AAA	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.11			
AA	0.00	0.04	0.08	0.16	0.26			
Α	0.03	0.15	0.27	0.51	0.75			
BBB	0.10	0.21	0.33	0.55	0.73			

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The Solvency II risk-free discount rates are based on applying the Smith-Wilson Extrapolation to LIBOR swap rates sourced from Refinitiv and applying the Credit Risk Adjustment as defined in the Technical Specs. The data is provided by EIOPA and as of 28/02/22.

The Credit Risk Adjustment is a component of the risk-free discount curve defined by EIOPA. It is calculated from actual experience in the 'LIBOR-OIS' spread (3 months for EUR, 6 months for GBP), and is bounded between 0.10 and 0.35. We show actual LIBOR-OIS spread levels and the defined CRA, for both GBP and EUR.

EIOPA fundamental spreads show the credit spread corresponding to the risk of default or downgrading of an asset. This is shown here across financial and nonfinancial assets, credit quality steps 0-3 and durations of 1-30 years. The data is provided by EIOPA and as of 28/02/22. Fundamental spread = maximum (probability of default + cost of downgrade; 35% of long-term average spread). In the tables we show the 'before floor' measure = probability of default + cost of downgrade.



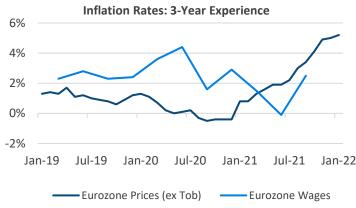
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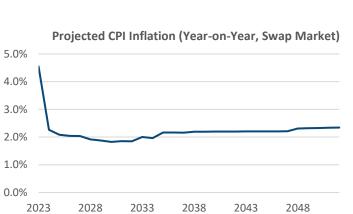
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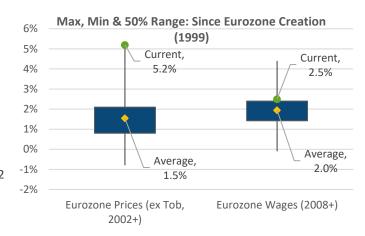
Inflation Monitor

- Eurozone price inflation increased by 20 basis points to 5.2% in January.
- The projected CPI curve increased at the very short-term, with the 1-year forward CPI going well above 4.0%.
 The rest of the curve however remained broadly unchanged.
- There were no updates to the wage inflation figures this month.





Eurozone Prices (ex Tob)





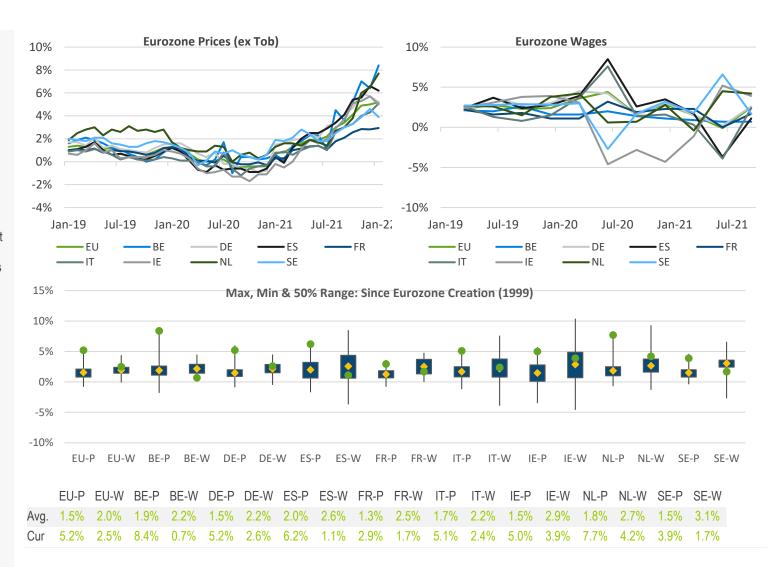


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Inflation Monitor

- Price inflation figures were mixed in the Eurozone in January.
- Belgium witnessed the largest price inflation increase in January, with prices rising by 200 basis points to 8.4%. This was also the highest reading in the region.
- Both Ireland and Sweden saw the largest price inflation decline in the region. The former posted an inflation figure of 5.0% and the latter came in at 3.9%. In both cases, a drop of 70 basis points from the previous month's reading.
- France's price inflation remained the lowest in the region in January, at 2.9%.
- There were no updates to the wage inflation figures this month.





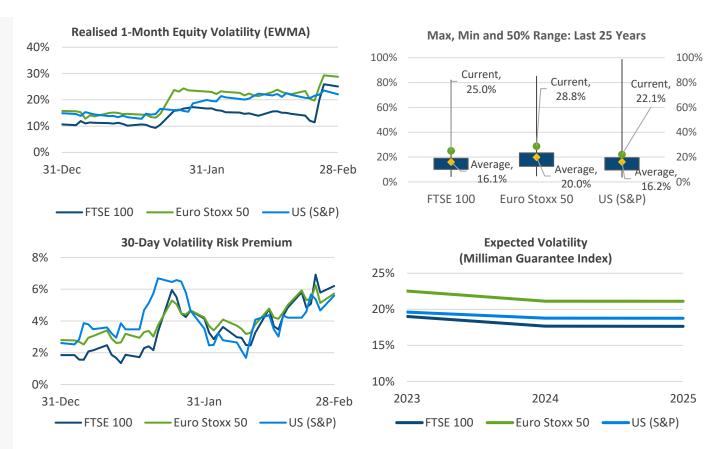
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Volatility and Hedging Cost Monitor

- Realised volatility on major equity indices remained elevated in February.
- The realised volatility of the FTSE 100 stood at 25.0% at month-end. The Euro Stoxx 50 and S&P 500 ended the month with a realised volatility of 28.8% and 22.1%, respectively.
- Volatility risk premiums on global equity indices trended higher throughout the month. The measure stood at 6.2% on the FTSE 100 at month-end. The volatility risk premium on the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 stood at 5.7% and 5.6%, respectively.

Please contact Milliman for more information on the basis and methodology used for these results.





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