



Recession fears shake markets

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Economic and monetary policy environment

Macro: Growth concerns increase

- Ukraine war, ongoing supply chain issues, China growth slump and tightening monetary/financial environment further increase global economic downside risks
- Inflation rates reach levels not measured in Western industrialised countries for decades and pose the risk of a wage-price spiral (stronger in the USA than in Europe)
- Large established economies are proving quite resilient, but risk of a bumpy or even "hard landing" (sharper recession) of the global economy is increasing

Central banks: Under pressure

- Central banks around the world remain under pressure to act in view of persistently high inflation rates and worsening consumer sentiment (purchasing power effect)
- Fed and ECB have recently accelerated monetary tightening and started to gradually phase out bond-buying programmes
- Weaker economic data unlikely to halt monetary tightening until inflation figures show trend reversal

Markets

Bonds: Hardly any relief on the bond market

- Sustained high inflation and revised market expectations of (upcoming) interest rate steps by central banks have been the dominant factors so far
- However, weaker economic figures have recently brought growth and recession concerns into focus
- Risk premiums of peripheral government bonds initially widened, but stabilised recently

Shares: Headwinds do not abate

- Stock prices continue to head south amid unfavourable combination of inflation, interest rate and growth concerns
- Significant economic slowdown already appears priced in; volatility likely to persist for the time being
- As the economy slows, the outlook for corporate profits is also likely to dim

Currencies, gold and commodities: US dollar strength continues

- Fed's tighter monetary policy supports US currency
- Crude oil price takes rollercoaster ride, but remains at high level
- Gold gives back most of March's gains

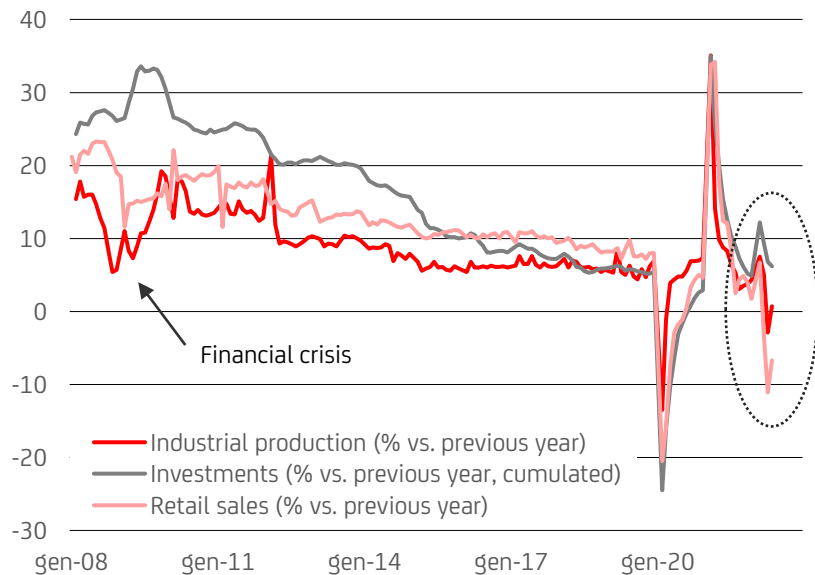


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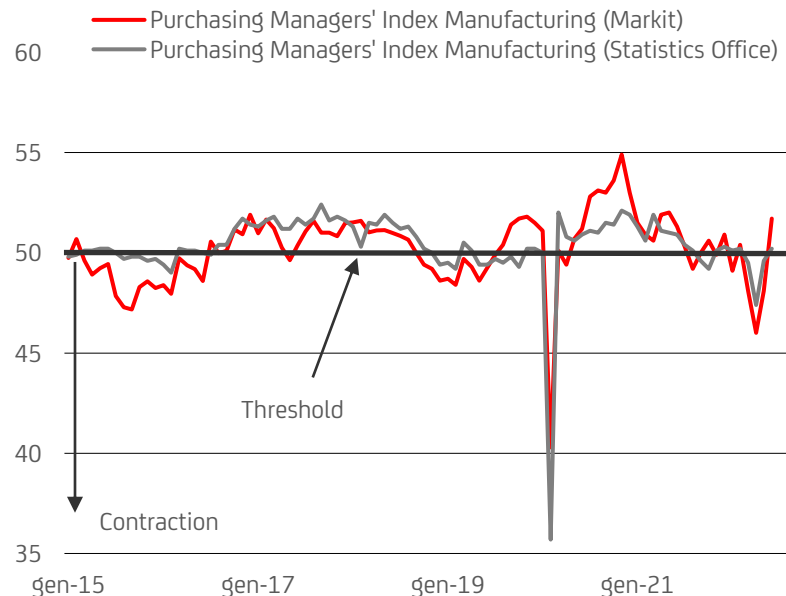
China's economy probably contracted in spring

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Economic slump due to Corona lockdowns ...



... but economy back on expansion course in June



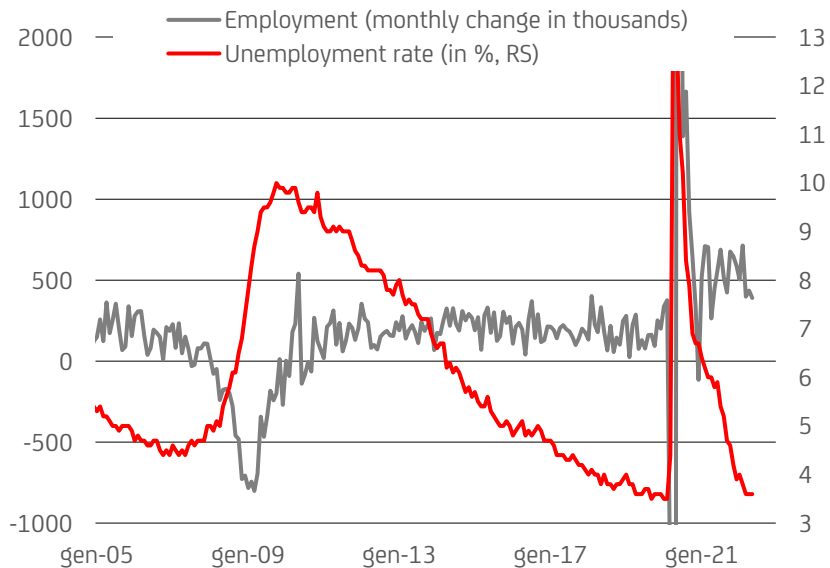
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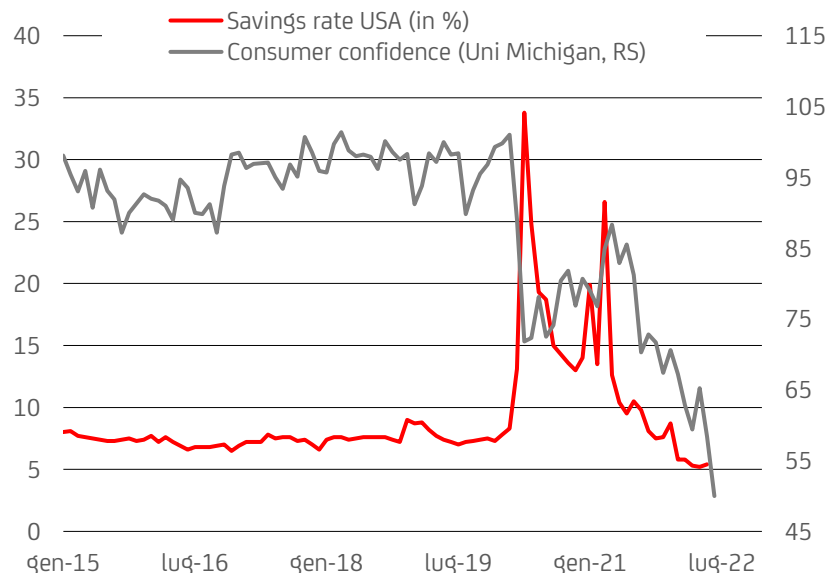
Macro: Global economic downside risks increase

US economy shows resilience but weakens

US labour market continues to grow solidly, unemployment at very low level



However, falling consumer confidence and low savings rates weigh on consumer prospects

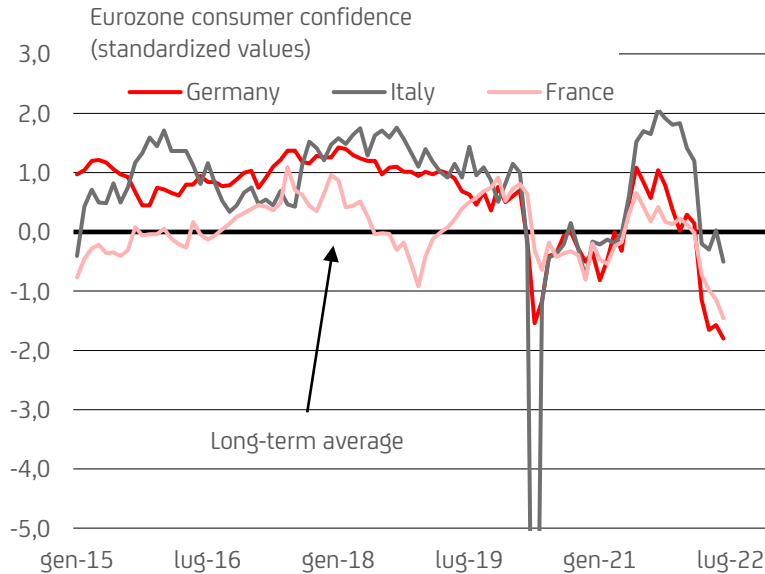


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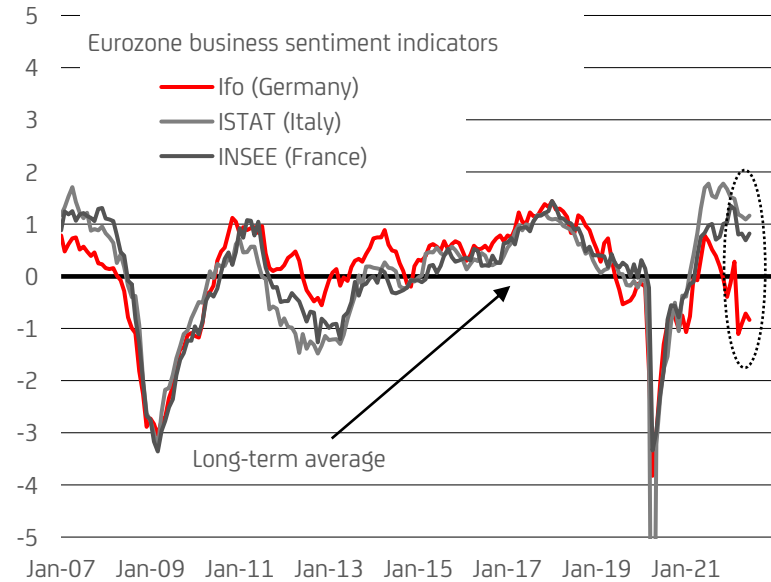


Euro area: Growth concerns are likely to be exaggerated

Eurozone consumer confidence also declines noticeably



Nevertheless, business sentiment remains quite robust (despite risks)

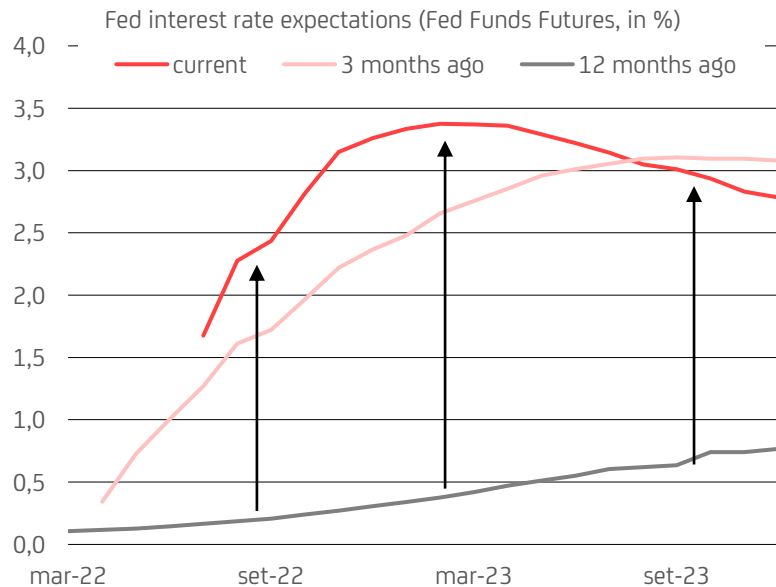


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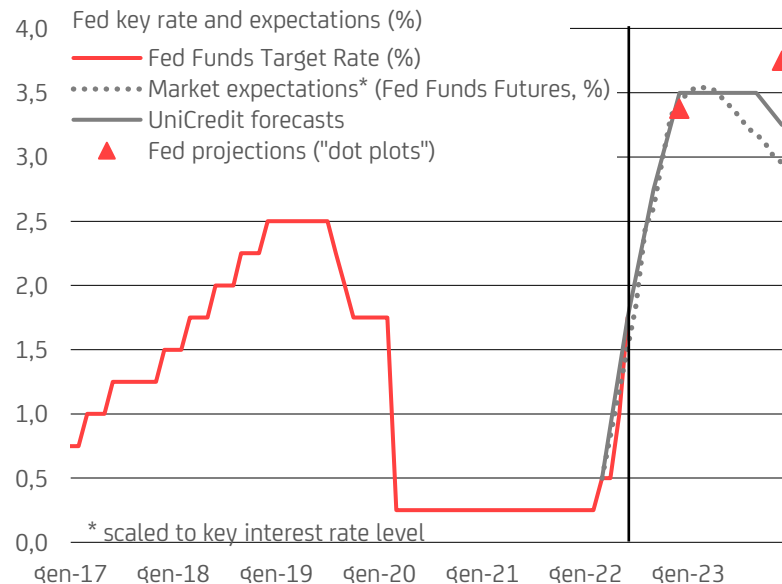
Market expectations for the Fed significantly revised upwards

Markets have recently revised expectations sharply upwards



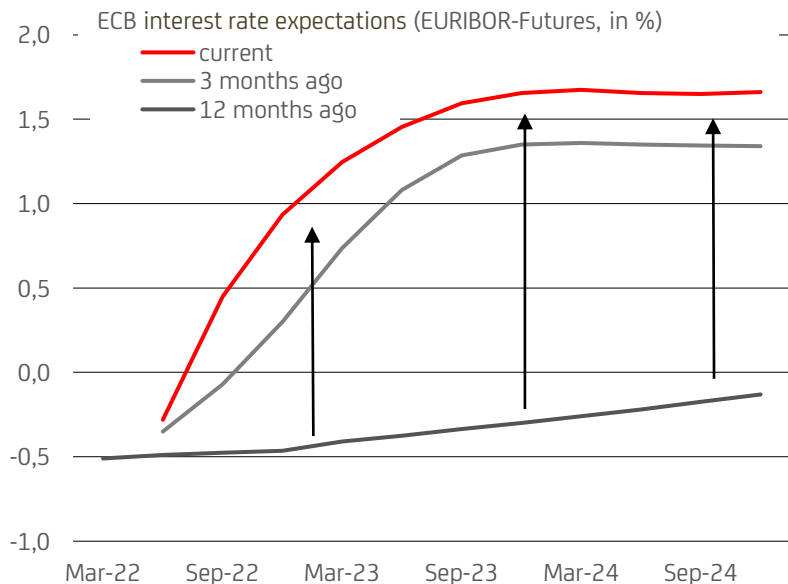
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Recession fears, however, depress market expectations for 2023 below Fed interest rate path

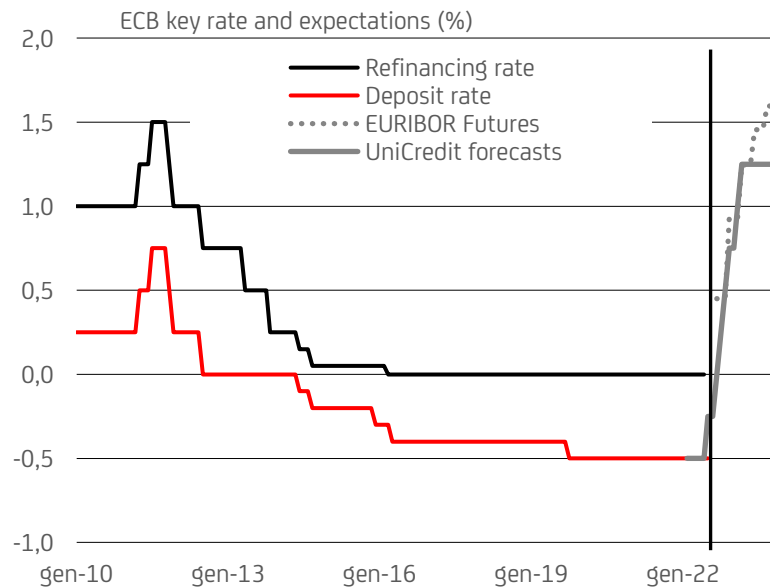


ECB market expectations also revised significantly upwards

The markets have also revised their interest rate expectations upwards for the ECB ...



... and are betting on further interest rate hikes next year



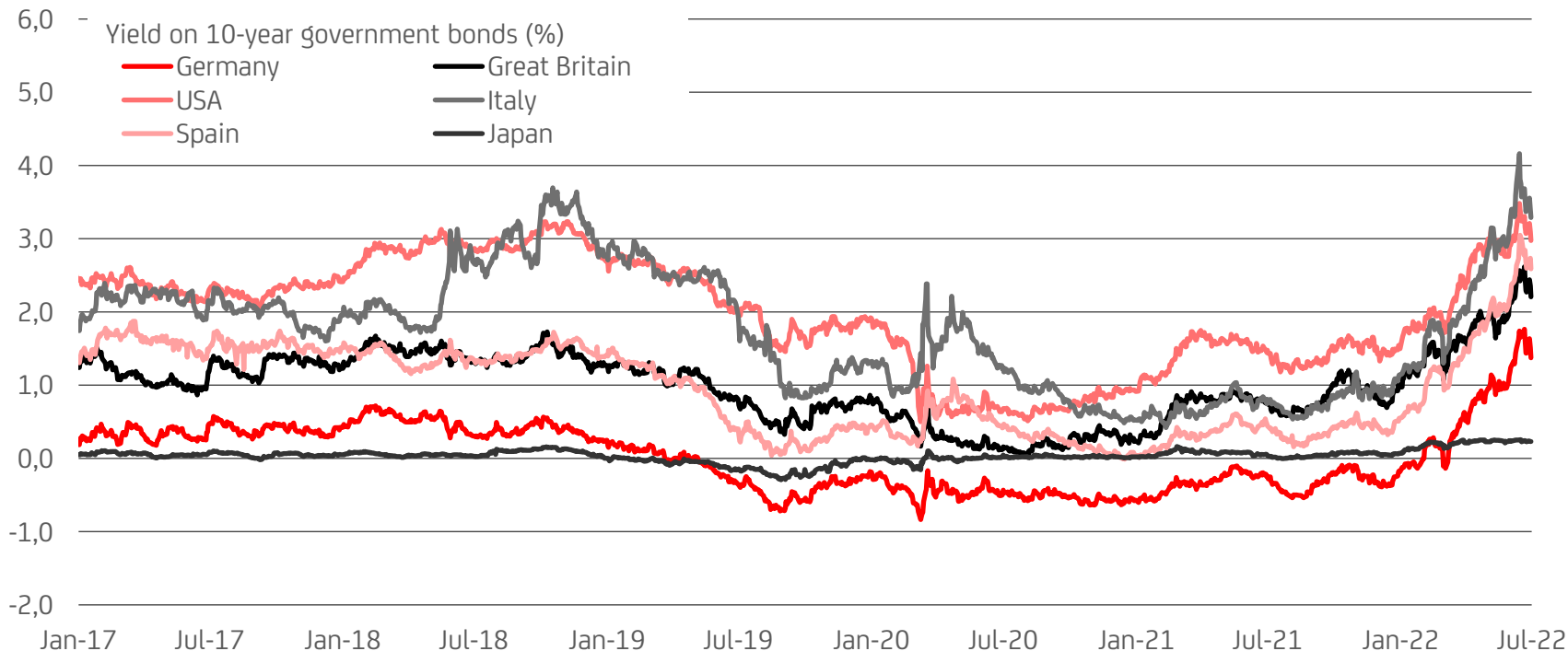
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Bonds: Inflation and monetary tightening weigh on bonds

Yield on 10-year US Treasuries above 3% mark

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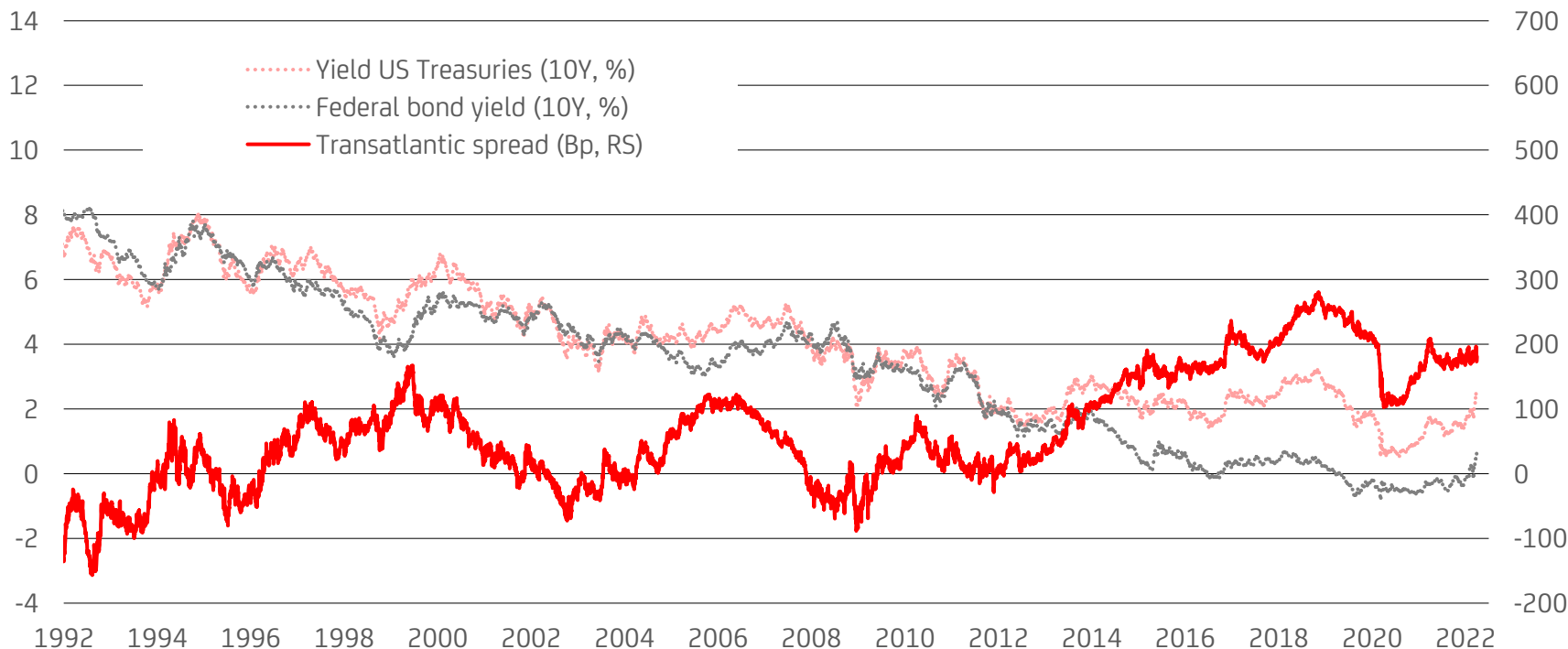
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US yield advantage remains

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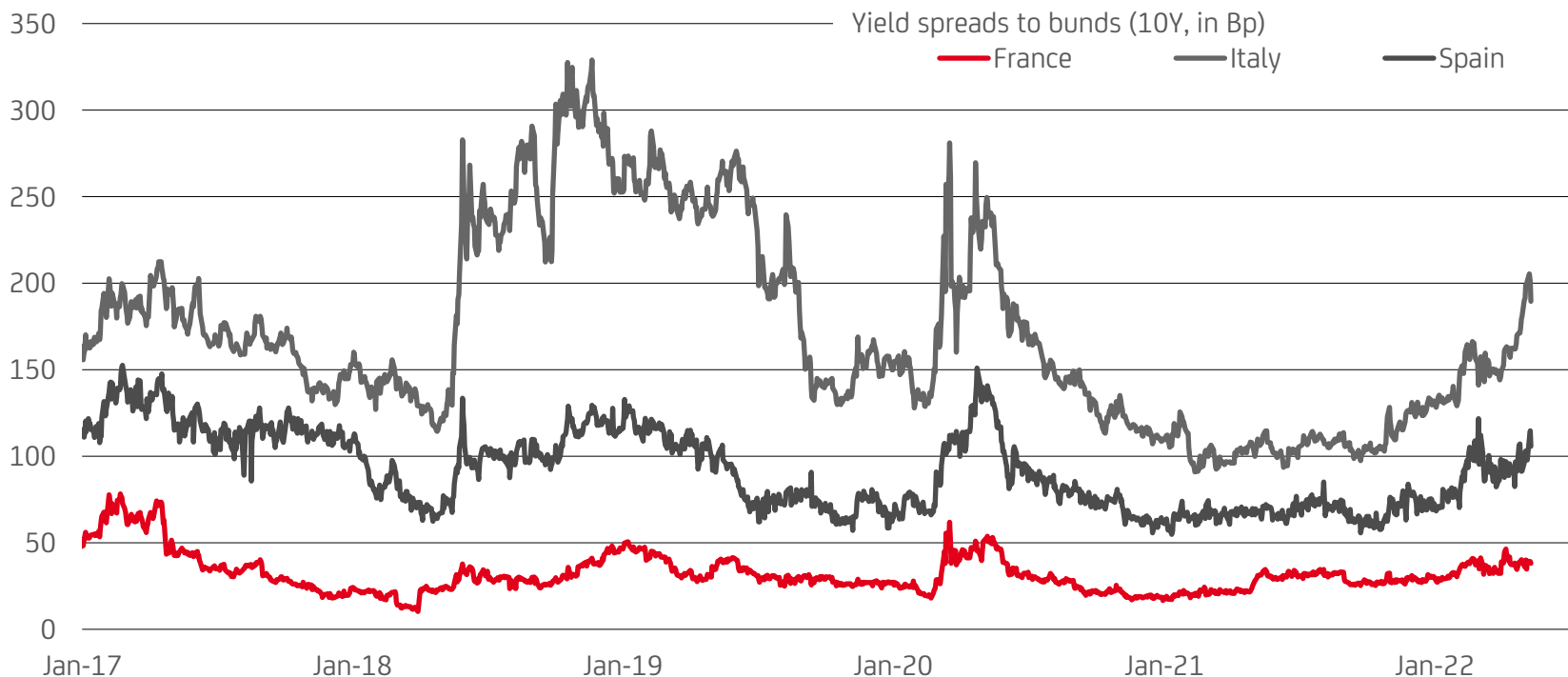
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Yield spreads in the periphery increased significantly



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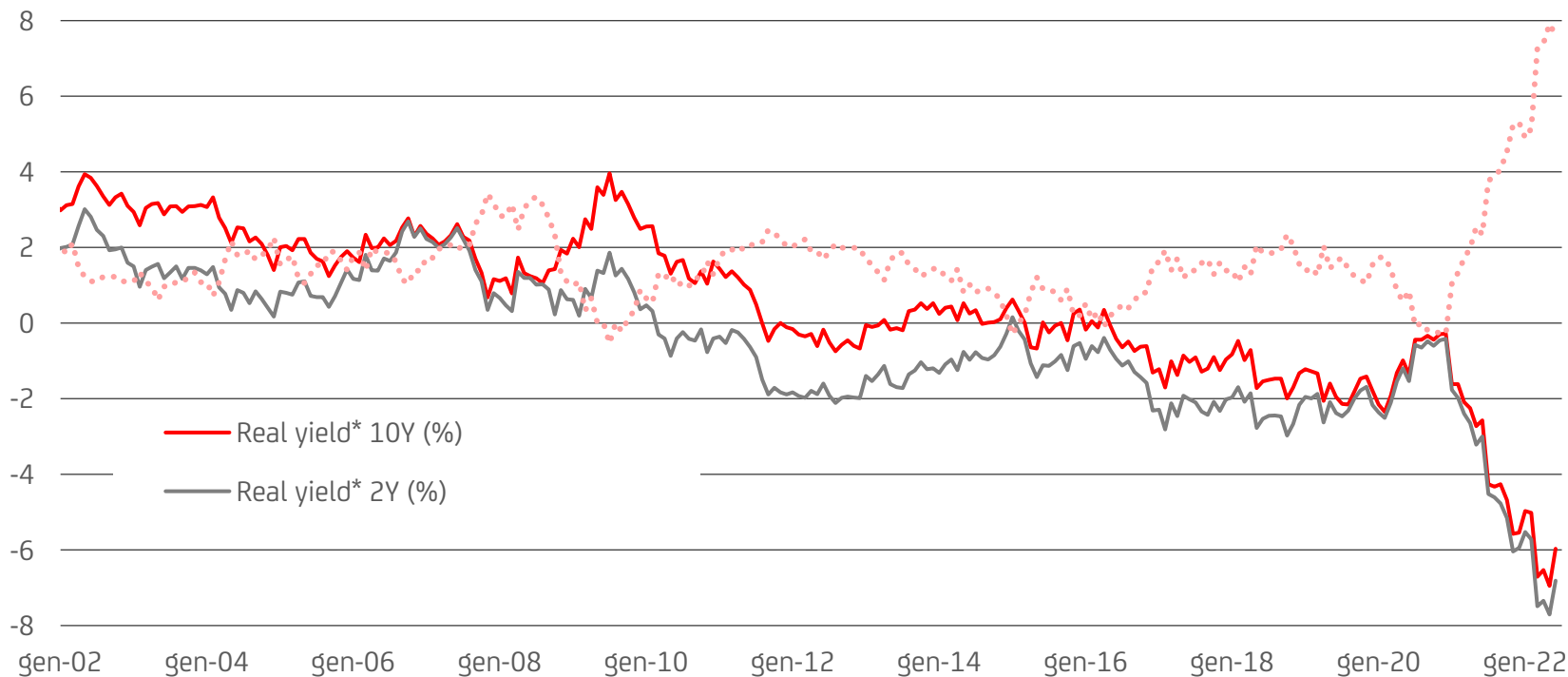
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Still no sign of real value retention in Germany

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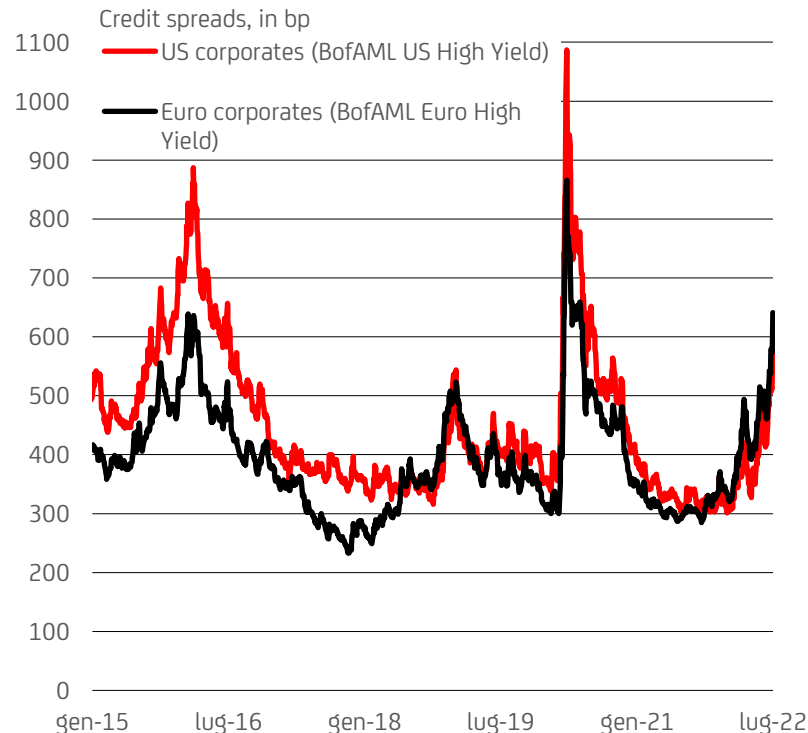
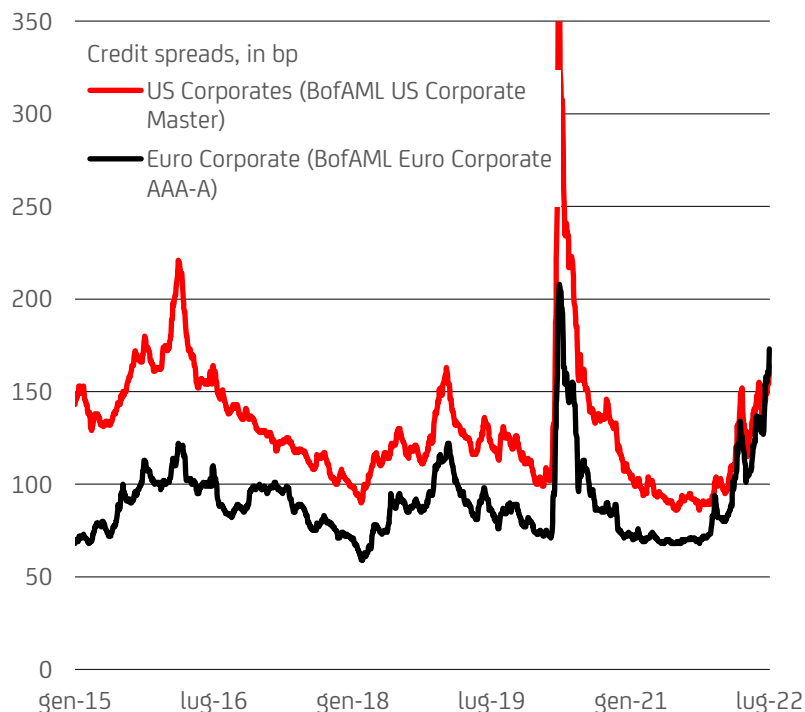
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Uncertainty causes corporate bond spreads to rise further



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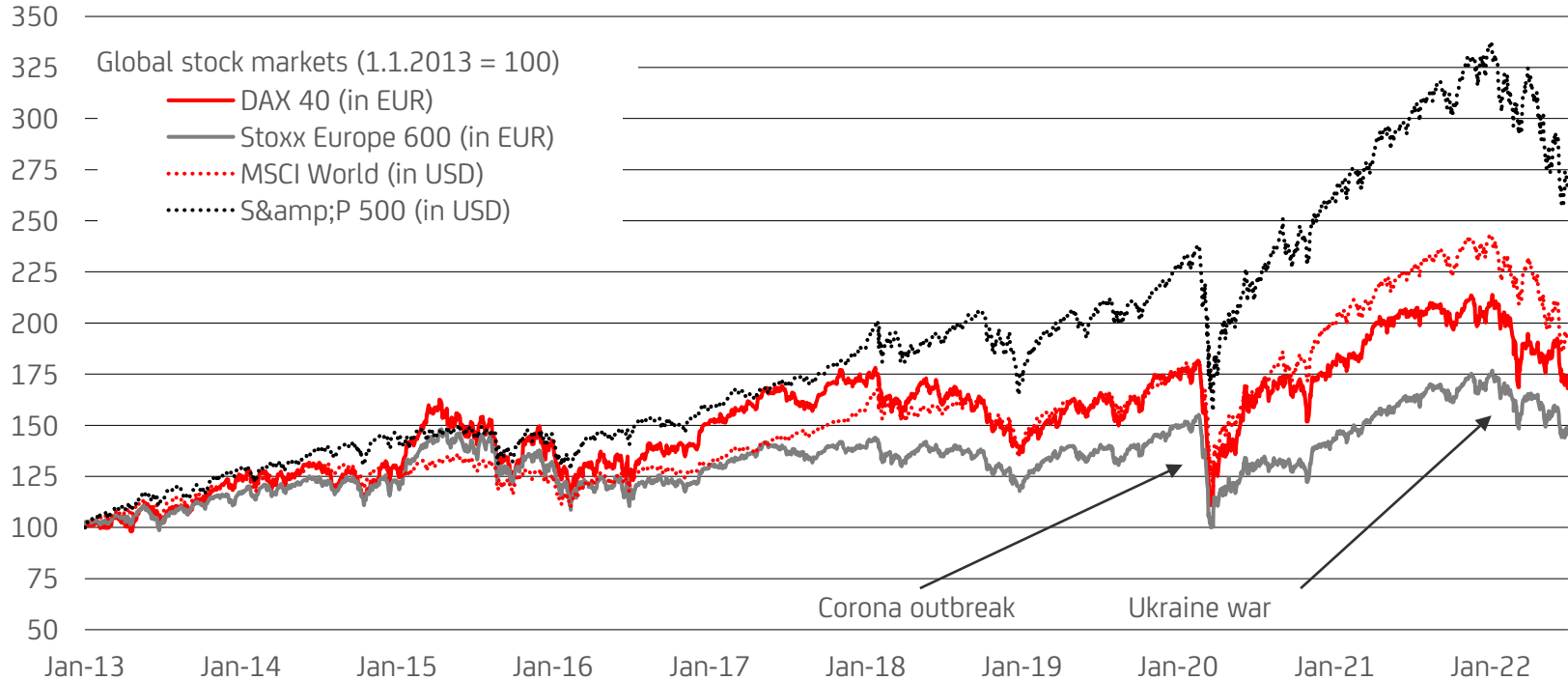
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Shares: Prices continue to head south

Weakest first half-year performance in decades

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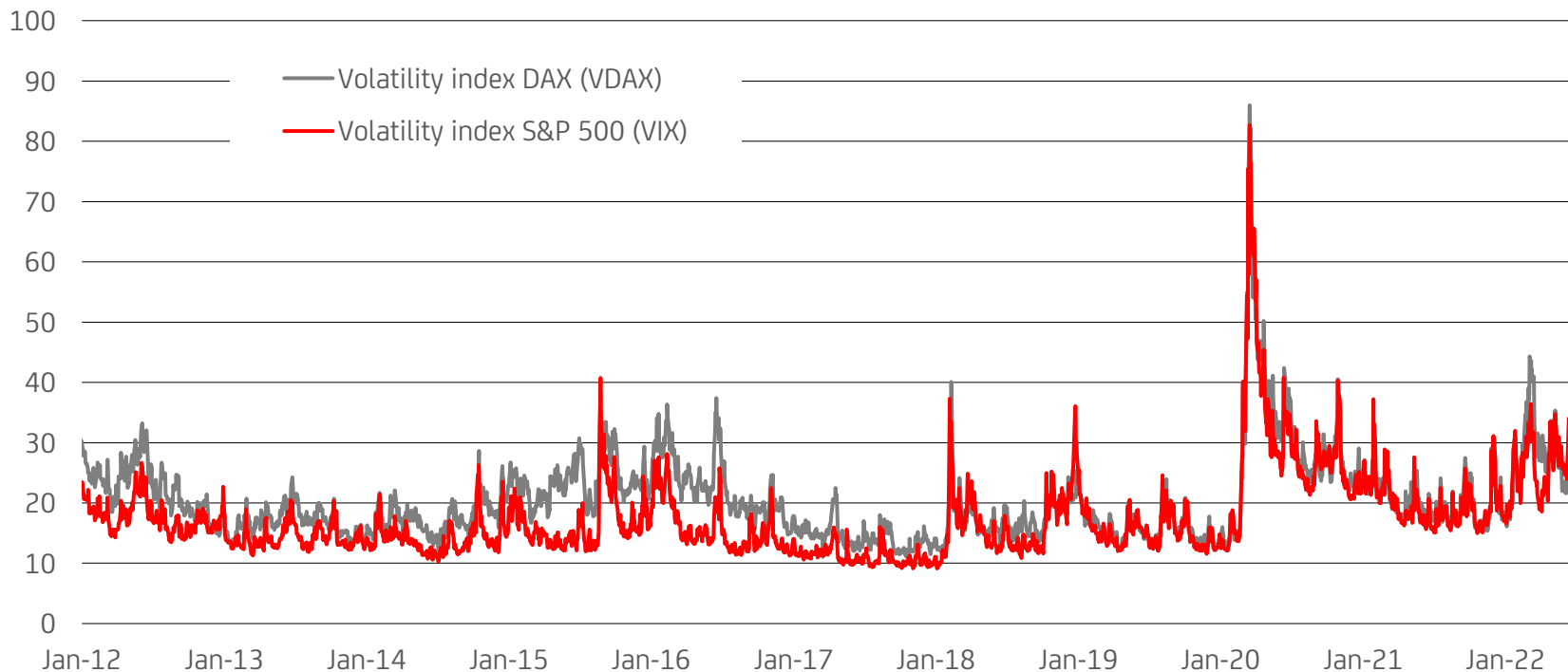
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Volatility likely to remain high for the time being

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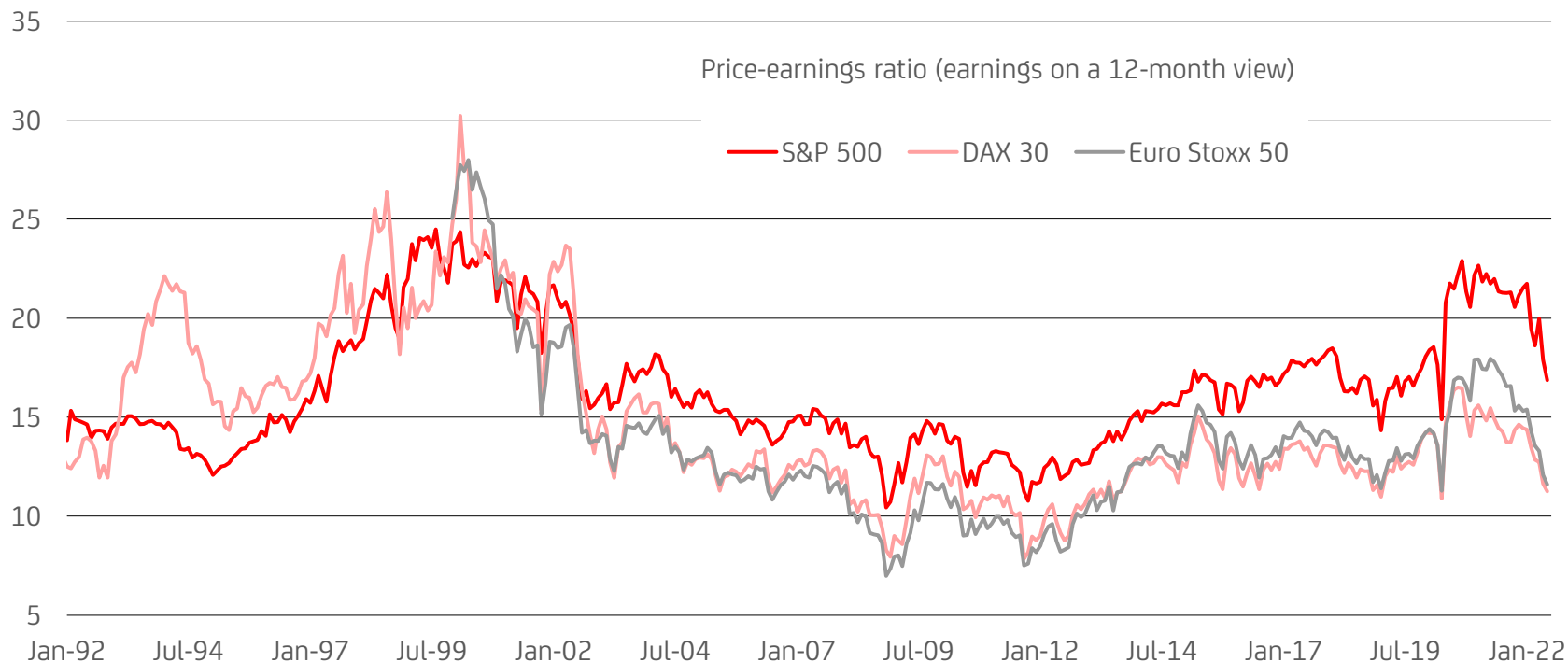
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Equities: Prices continue to head south

But lower P/E ratios in Europe signal upside potential

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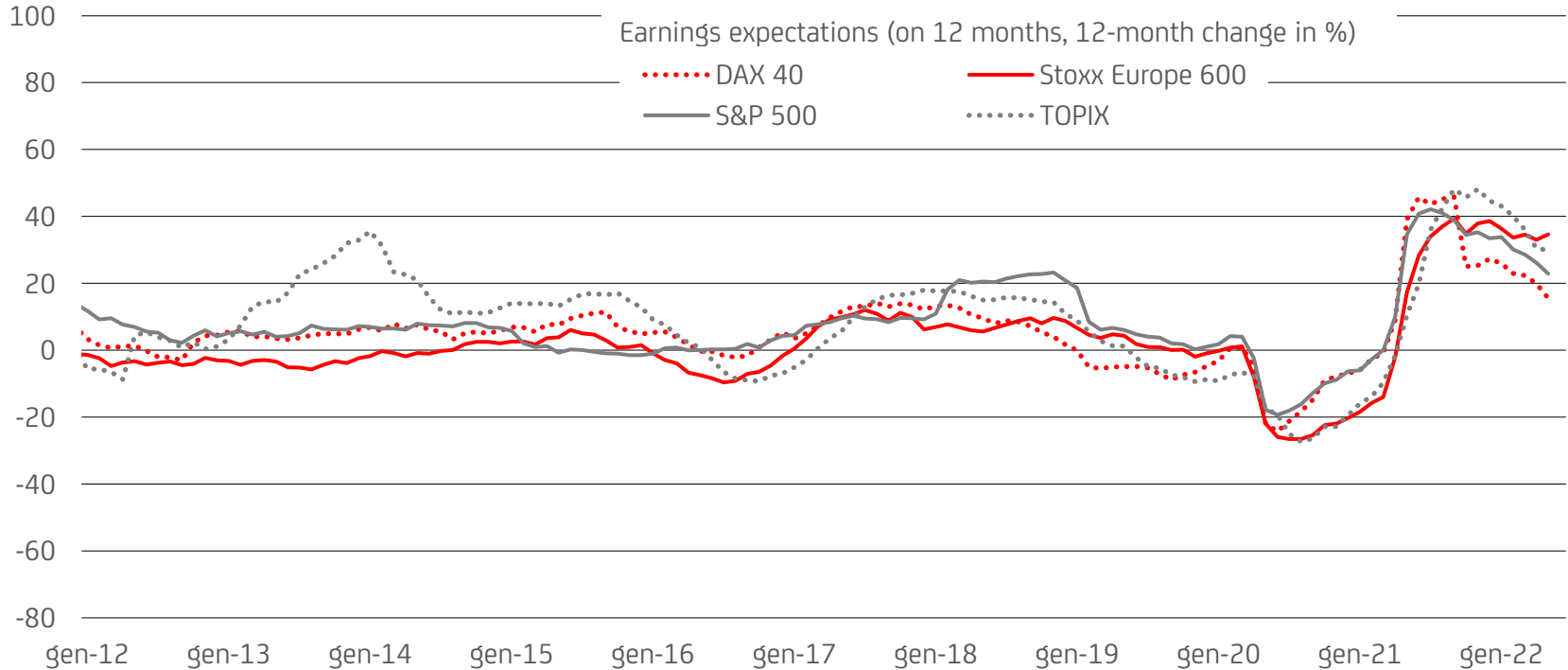
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Profit expectations possibly too optimistic

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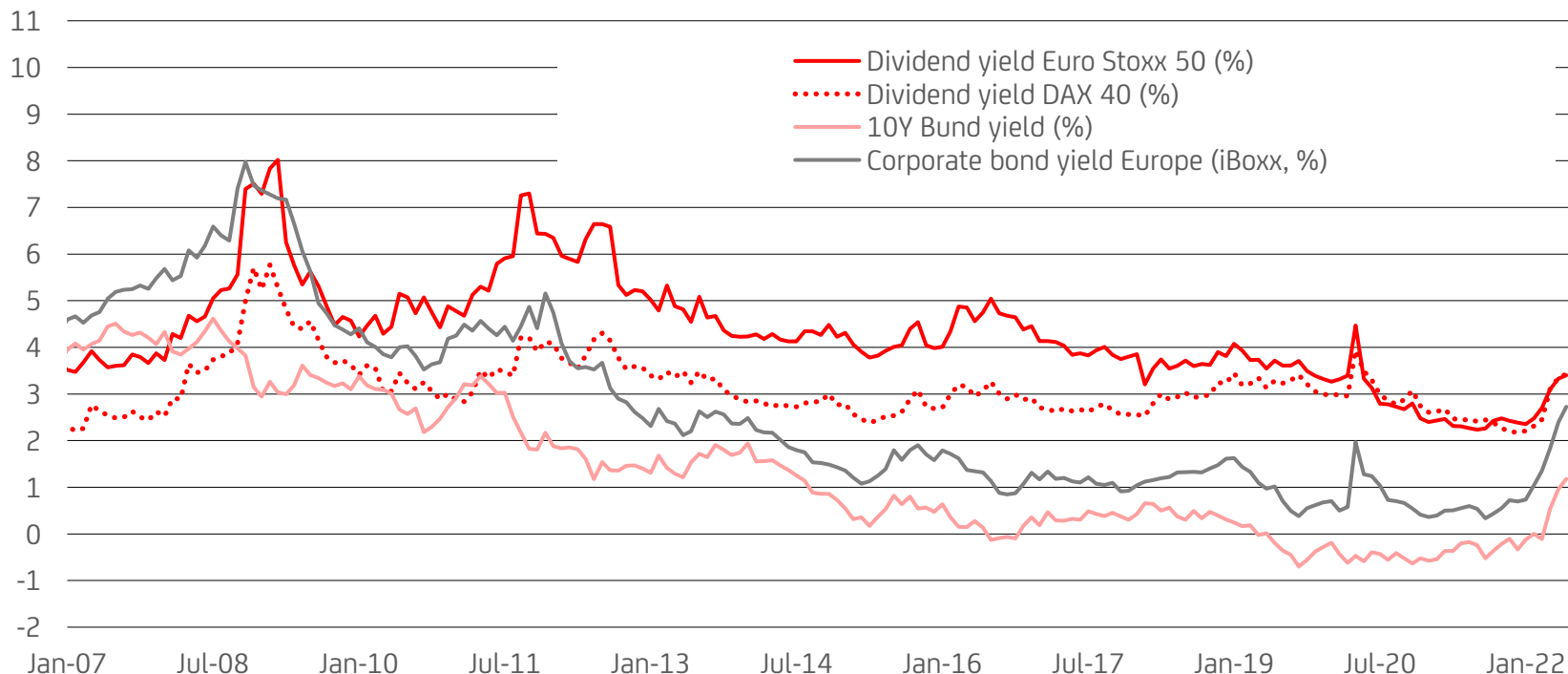
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Nevertheless, shares should remain interesting in the long term

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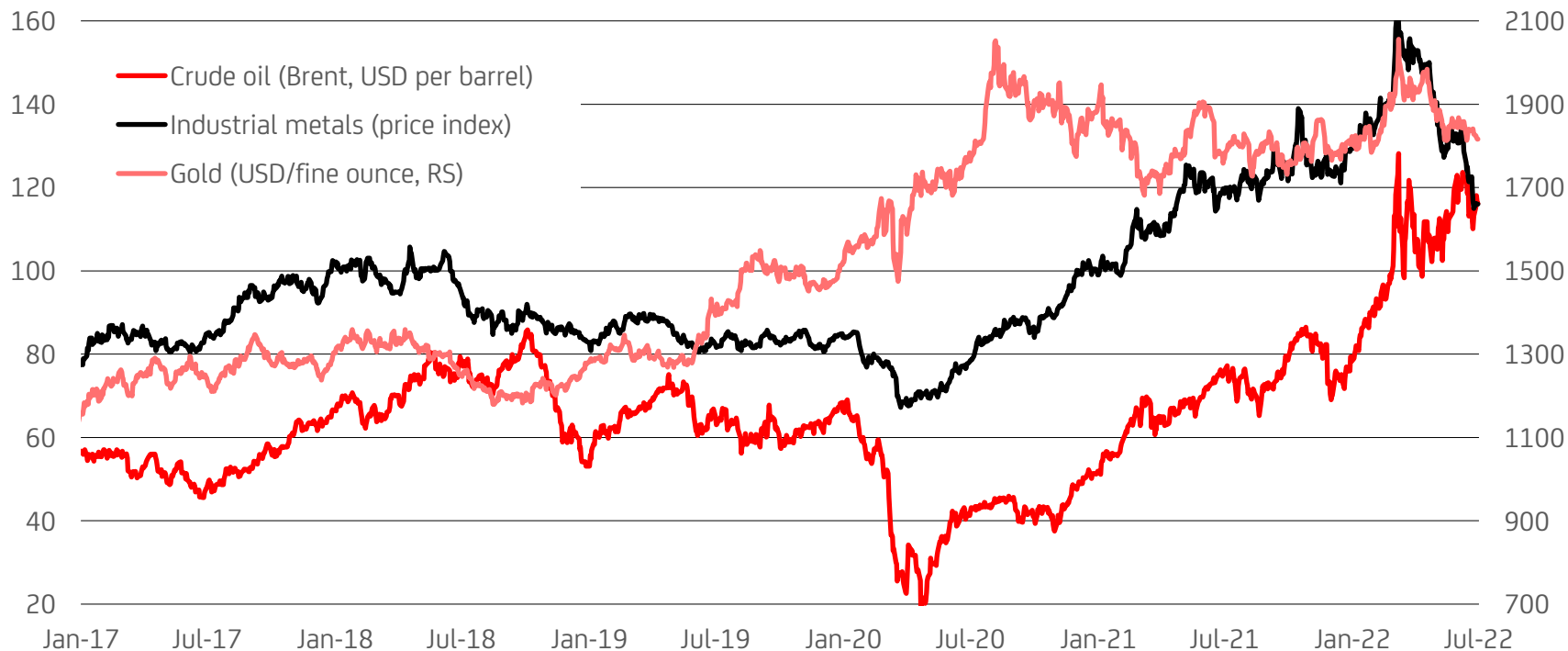
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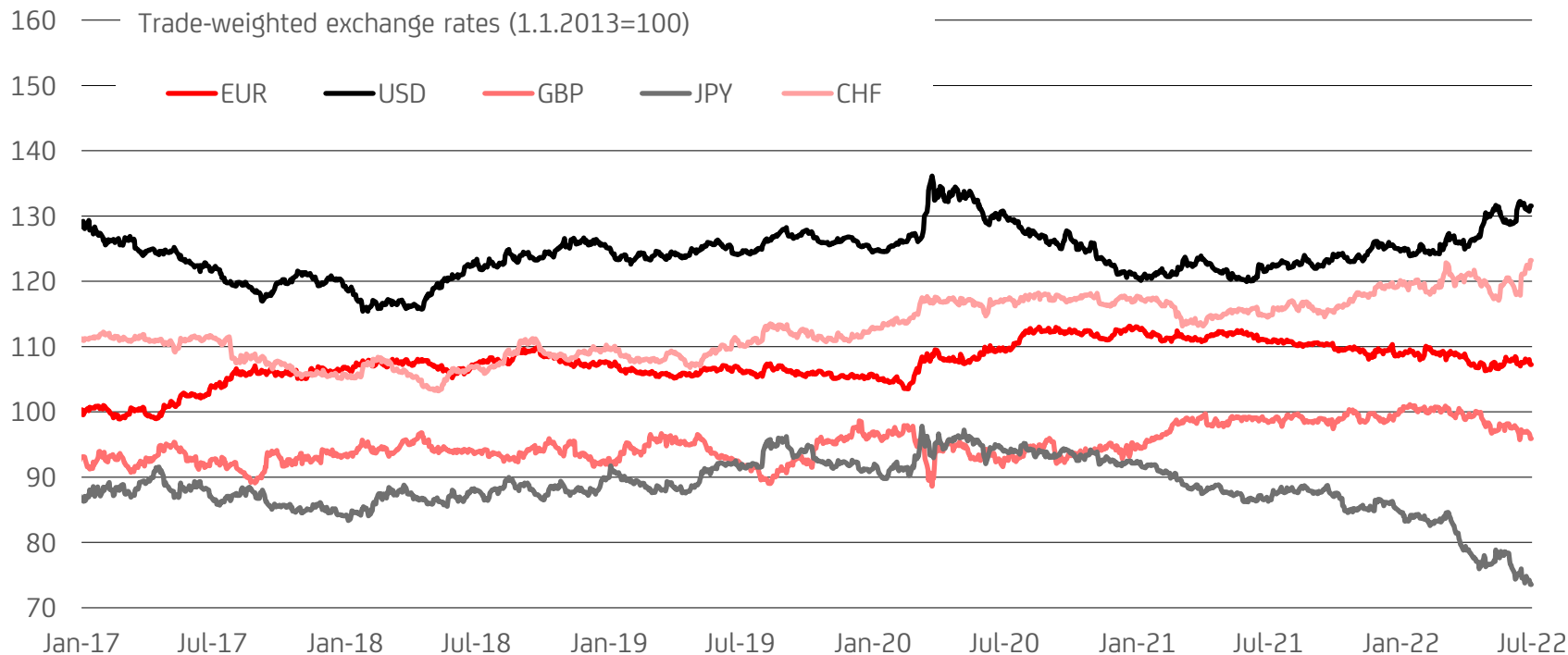
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"Quantitative Tightening" of the Fed supports the US dollar



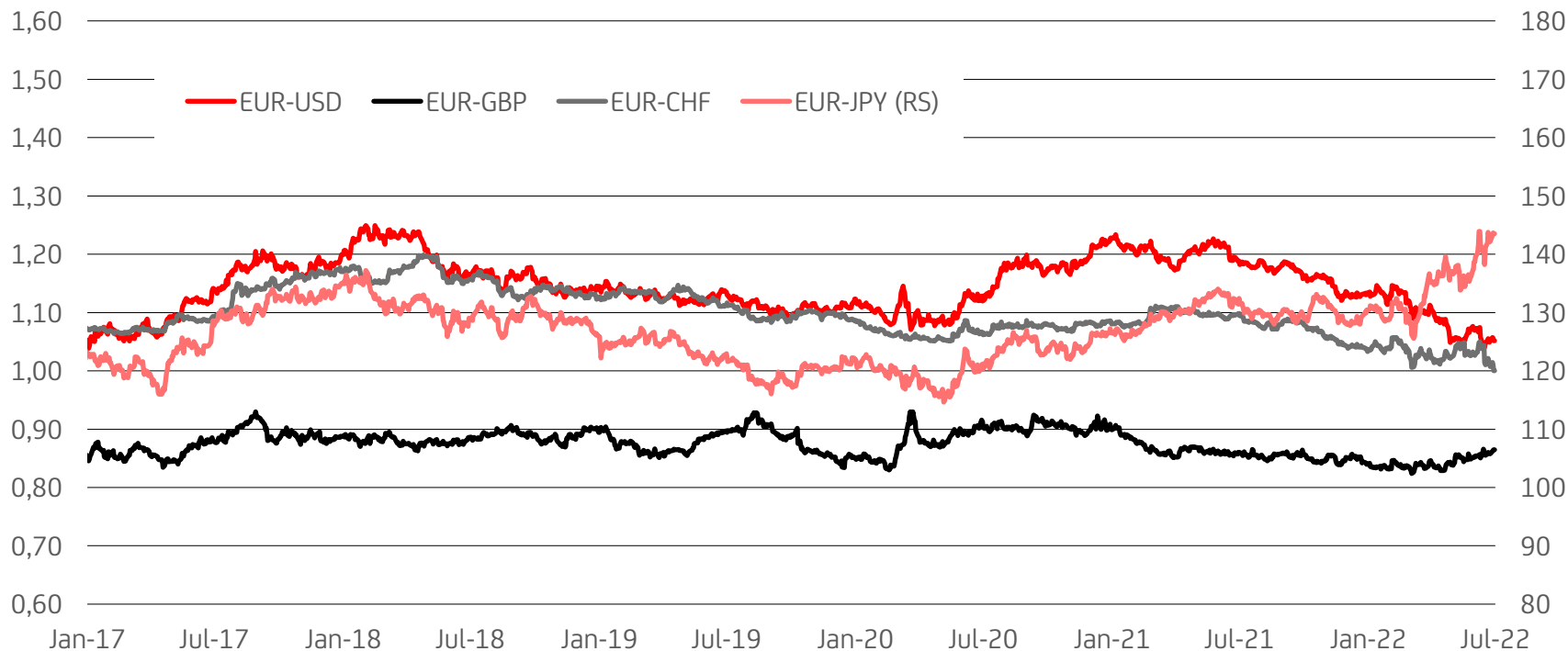
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Commodities, gold and currencies: US dollar strength continues

EUR-USD recently stabilises at a low level

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