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### **Advanced Technical Analysis**







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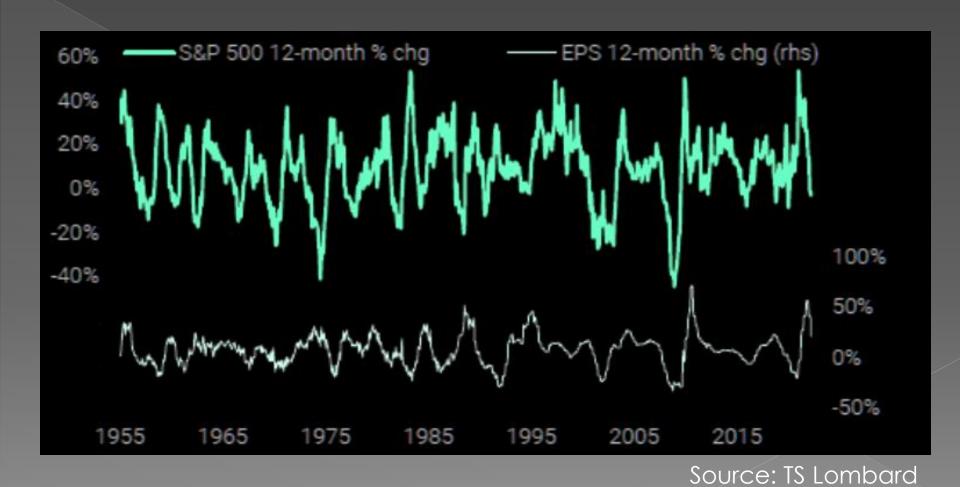
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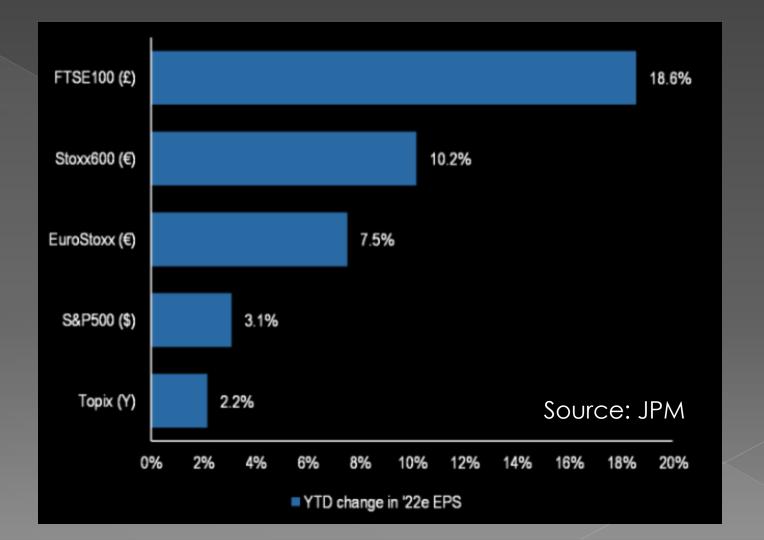
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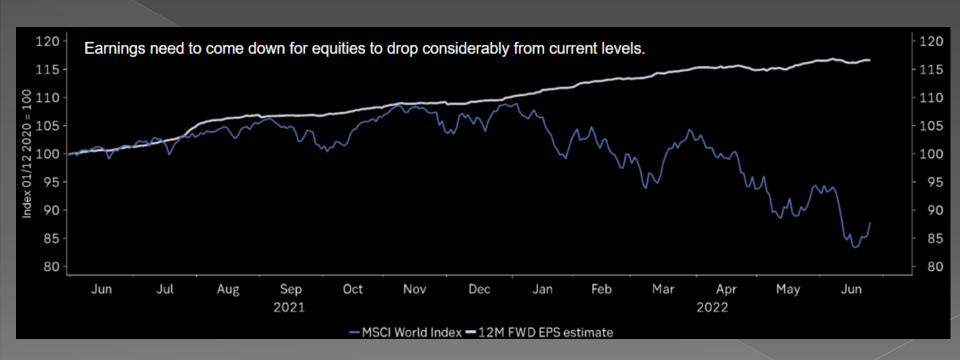


### **SELL SIDE V BUY SIDE**

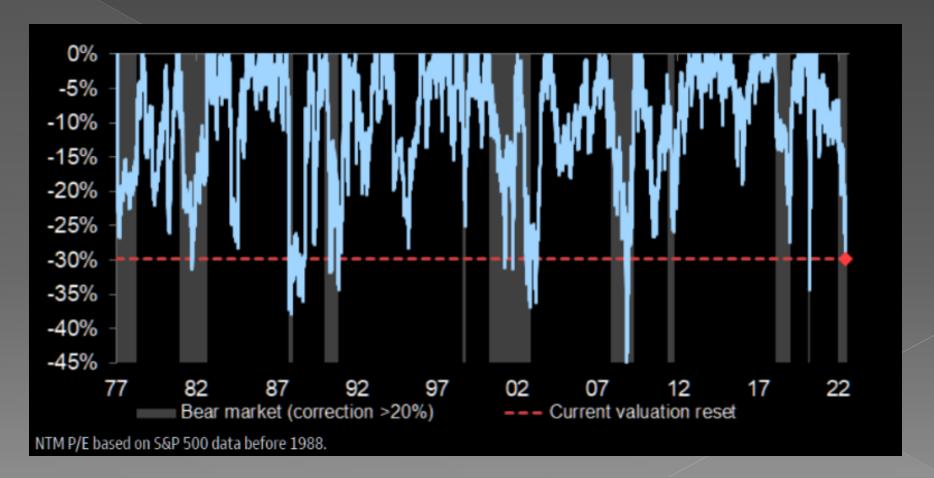
Not one sell-side strategist expects less than a 10% rally for 2H?

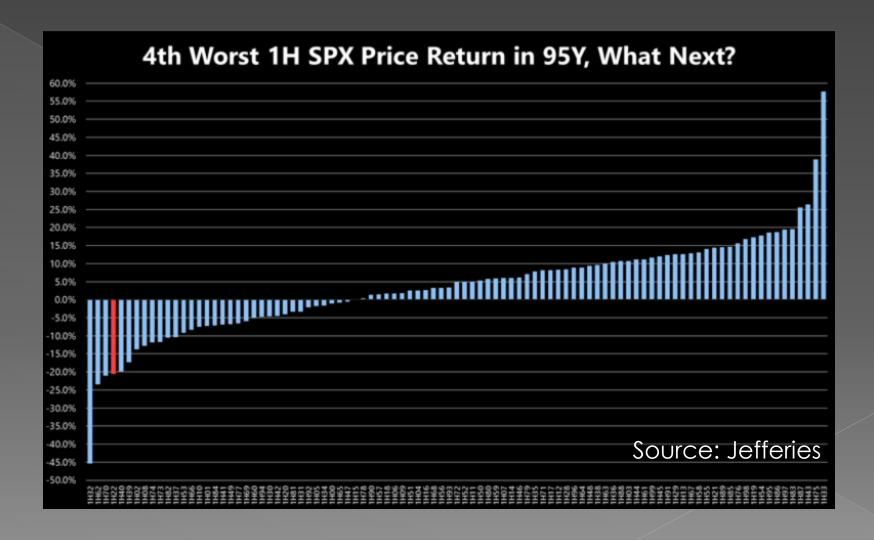
#### Exhibit 1: S&P 500 Strategist Estimates for the End of 2022

Firm (in alphabetical order)	S&P 500 Forecast (year-end 2022)	S&P 500 Forecast (year-end 2022, as of March 31, 2022)	S&P 500 Forecast (year-end 2022, as of June 30, 2022)
Bank of America	4,600	4,600	4,500
Barclays	4,800	4,500	4,500
BMO	5,300	5,300	4,800
BNP Paribas	5,100	4,900	4,400
Cantor Fitzgerald	4,800	4,800	3,900
Citigroup	4,900	4,700	4,200
Cornerstone Macro / Piper Sandler*	4,600	4,800	4,000
Credit Suisse	5,000	5,200	4,900
Goldman Sachs	5,100	4,700	4,300
Jefferies	5,000	5,000	4,650
JPMorgan	5,050	4,900	4,800
Morgan Stanley	4,400	4,400	3,900
RBC Capital Markets	5,050	5,050	4,700
Scotiabank	4,800	5,000	4,600
UBS	4,850	4,850	4,850
Wells Fargo	5,200	4,715	4,715
Average 2022 Forecast (points)	4,909	4,838	4,482
2022 Forecast Standard Deviation (%)	4.9%	5.0%	7.5%



### **VALUATIONS HAVE RESET!**





#### **TOP-DOWN ESTIMATES**

- 1. Slowing Economy = Slowing Earnings,
- 2. Interest Rates: Leverage, Gearing
- 3. Inflation Rate: Forward Discounting
- 4. Buybacks: EPS
- 5. Recessions: Degree Earnings Impact,
- 6. International Earnings: Repatriation

FORWARD GUESS – LITTLE TIMING

#### **BOTTOM-UP ESTIMATES**

- 1. Actual Earnings v Estimates
- 2. Management Guidance
  - Timing: This Quarter, Net, YE
- 3. Granularity: Revenue, Margin, Taxes, Cost, Shares Outstanding

SHORT TERM ACTUAL – LITTLE POOR PROJECTIONS

### IT IS ABOUT FALSE EXPECTATIONS

**CONSISTENTLY WRONG!** 

YOU WILL LOSS MONEY

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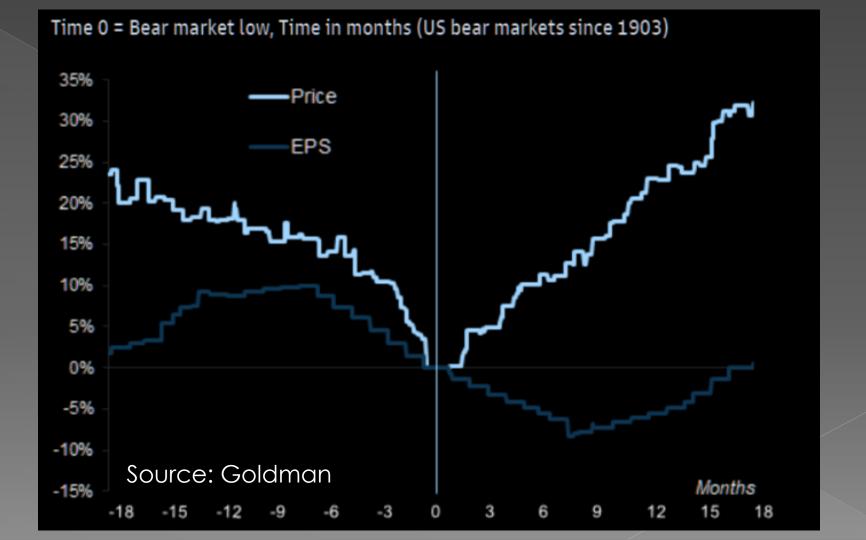
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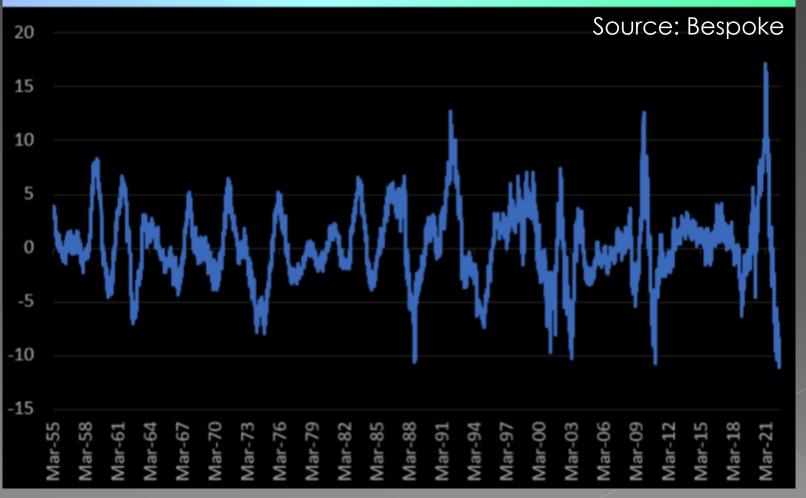
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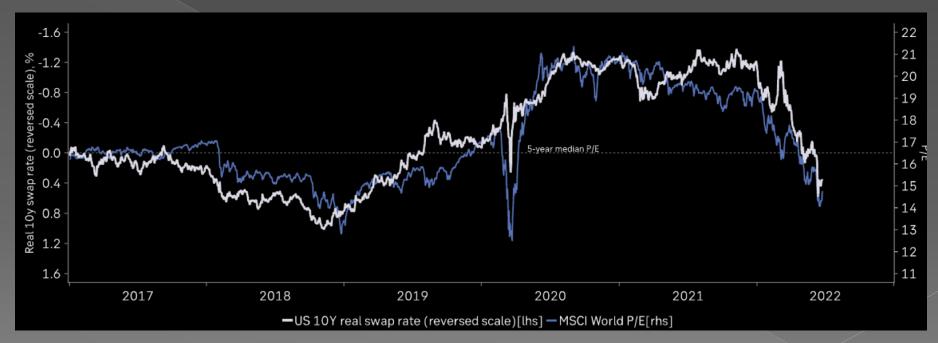
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### YoY Change in S&P 500 Trailing 12-Month P/E Ratio

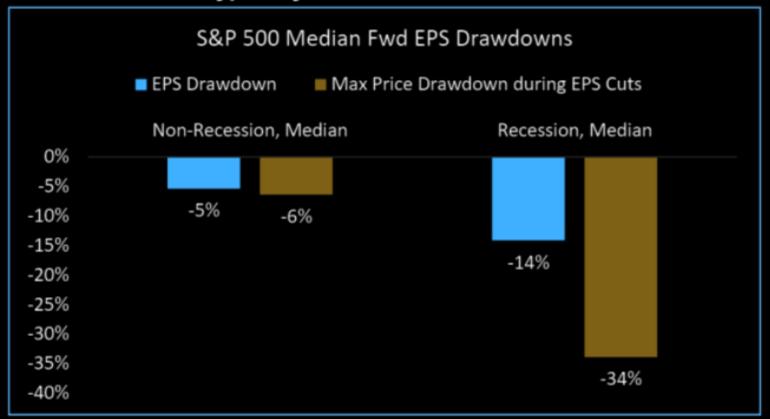


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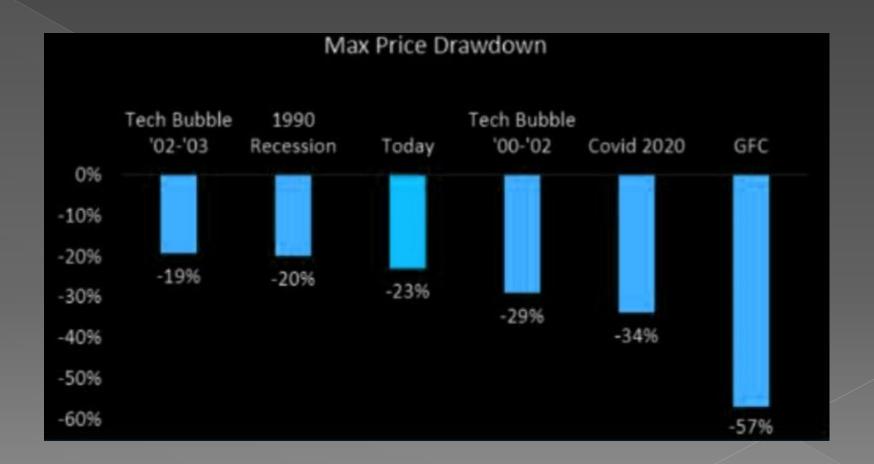


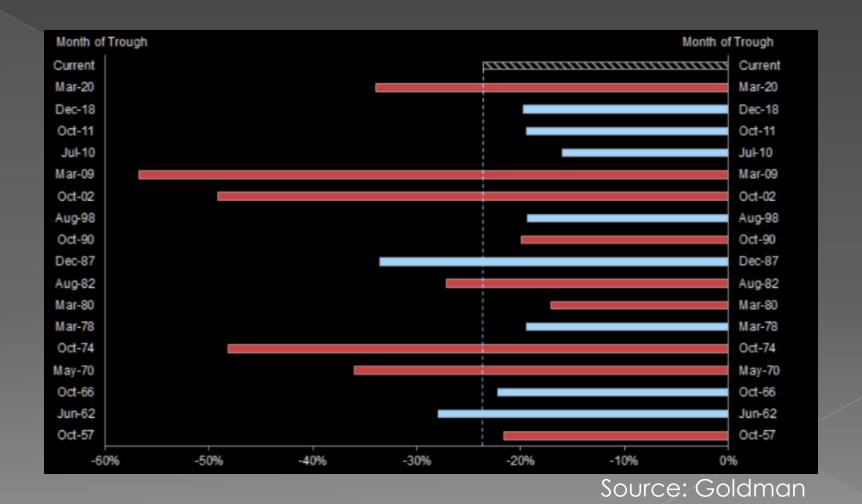
Source: Macrobond

### Recessions Typically See a ~15% Fwd EPS Contraction



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research





## Only A Mild Recession Is Currently Priced In

- Equities will struggle until earnings estimates resettle.
- Barclays weighs in when it comes to what the real E is and if stocks are cheap.
  - Barclays: "Lower P/Es now reflect much tighter financial conditions."
  - It may cushion the impact of a further rise in real rates and improve long-term return prospects for EU equities.
  - EPS risk is high, though.
  - So while a mild recession seems priced in, equities & cyclicals may struggle to form a bottom until estimates are reset lower" (Barclays Equity strategy)

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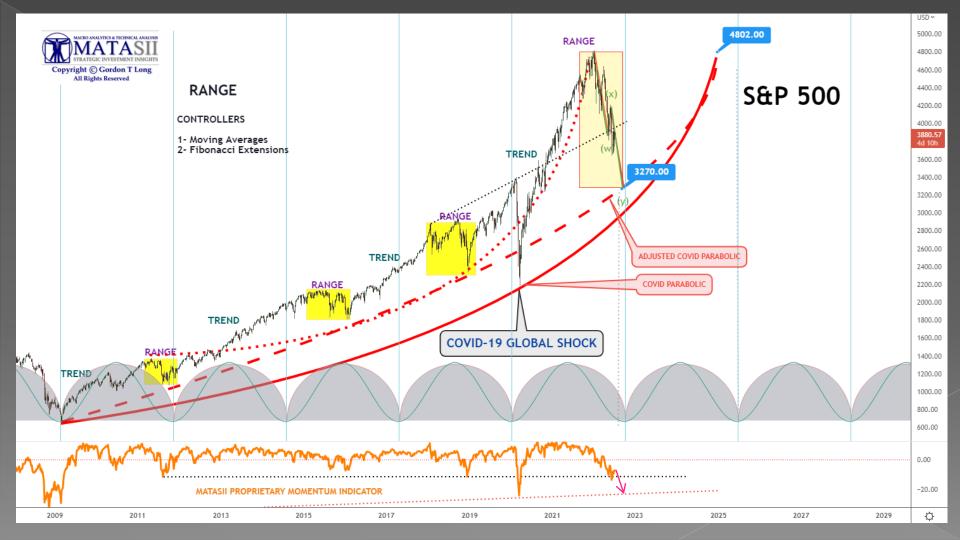
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2022 Earnings	~\$190
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2023 Earnings ~\$200

10% Downside from Here 17.5 PE (Year End of 3325)

20% 15.0 PE 50% Downside from High 12.0 PE

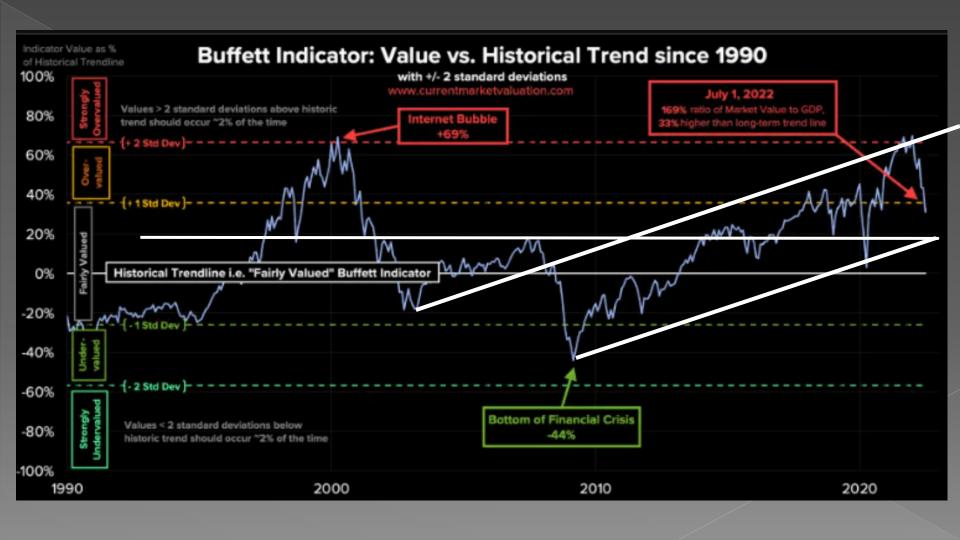


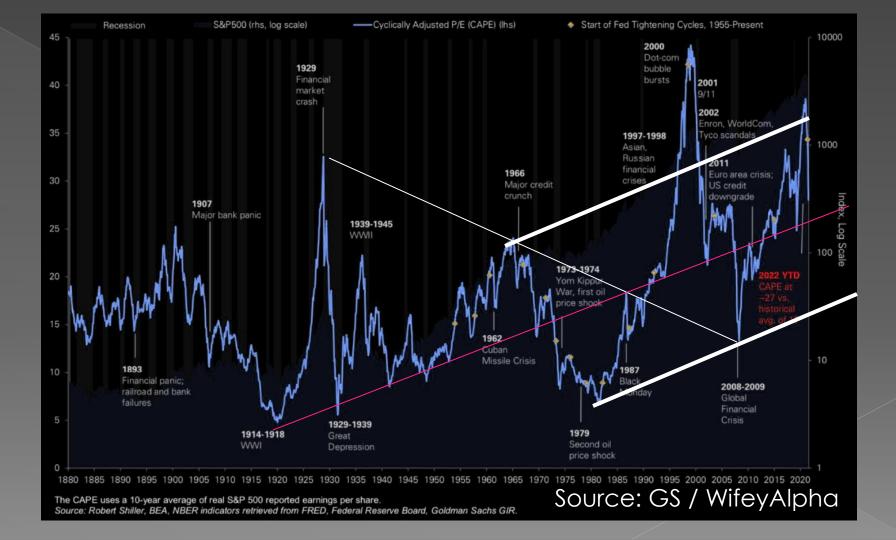


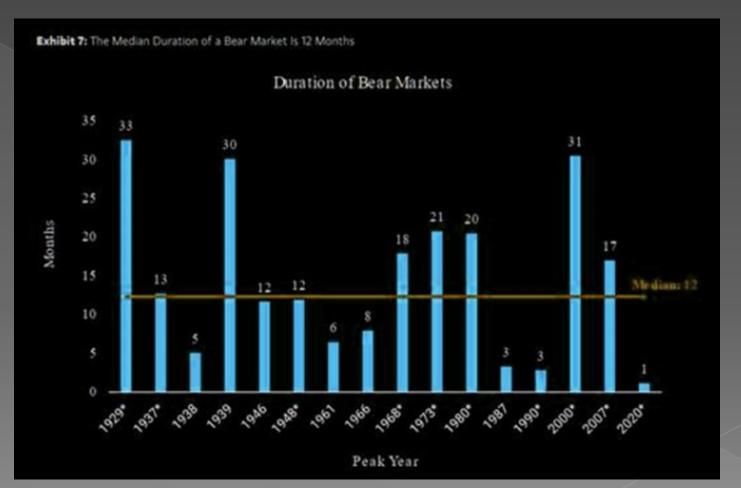












Source: Morgan Stanley

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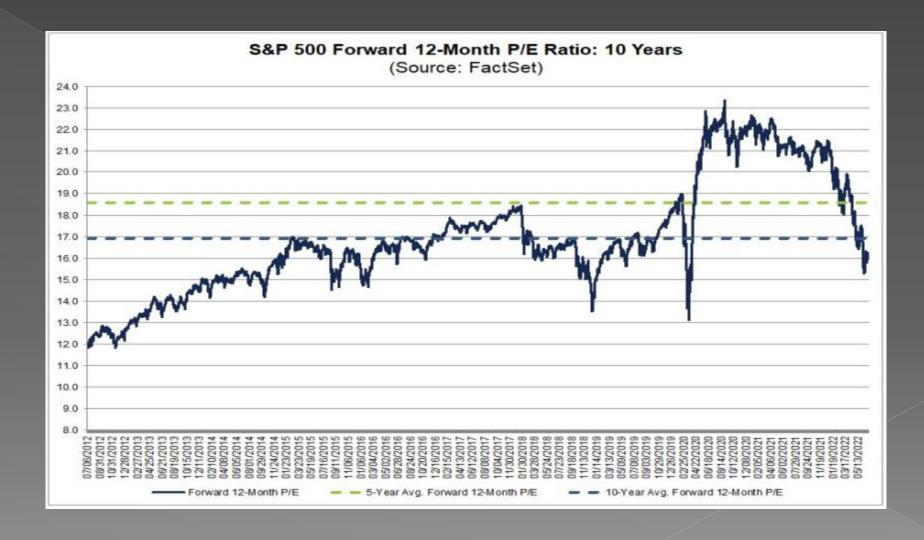
## **Q2 HIGHLIGHTS (as of 07/08/22)**

- **Earnings Growth**: For Q2 2022, the estimated earnings growth rate for the S&P 500 is 4.3%. If 4.3% is the actual growth rate for the quarter, it will mark the lowest earnings growth rate reported by the index since Q4 2020 (4.0%).
- Earnings Revisions: On March 31, the estimated earnings growth rate for Q2 2022 was 5.9%. Seven sectors are expected to report lower earnings today (compared to March 31) due to downward revisions to EPS estimates.
- Earnings Guidance: For Q2 2022, 71 S&P 500 companies have issued negative EPS guidance and 31 S&P 500 companies have issued positive EPS guidance.
- Valuation: The forward 12-month P/E ratio for the S&P 500 is 16.3. This P/E ratio is below the 5-year average (18.6) and below the 10-year average (17.0).
- Earnings Scorecard: For Q2 2022 (with 18 S&P 500 companies reporting actual results), 13 S&P 500 companies have reported a positive EPS surprise and 14 S&P 500 companies have reported a positive revenue surprise.

#### S&P 500 Change in Forward 12-Month EPS vs. Change in Price: 10 Yrs.

(Source: FactSet)





# **BofA Bull & Bear Indicator (B&B)**

Our BofA Bull & Bear Indicator is at 0.3, signal is Buy.

Chart 23: BofA Bull & Bear Indicator Down to 0.3 from 0.4



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy

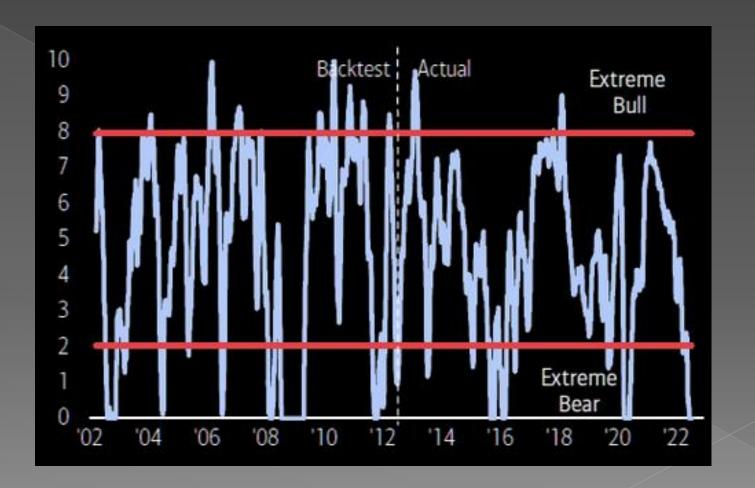
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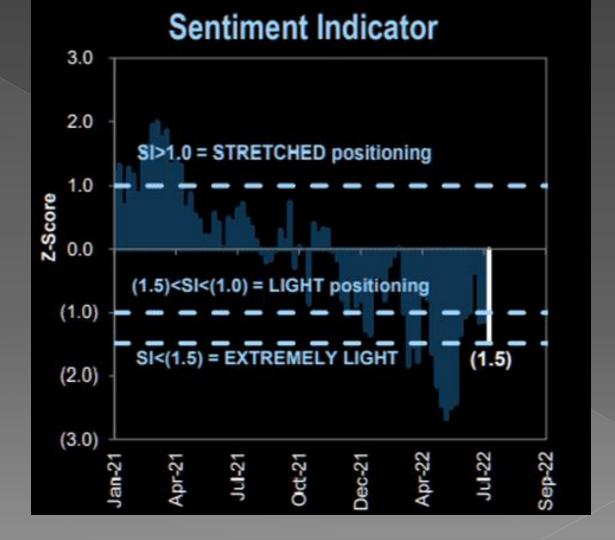
Table 7: BofA B&B Indicator
BofA Bull & Bear current component readings

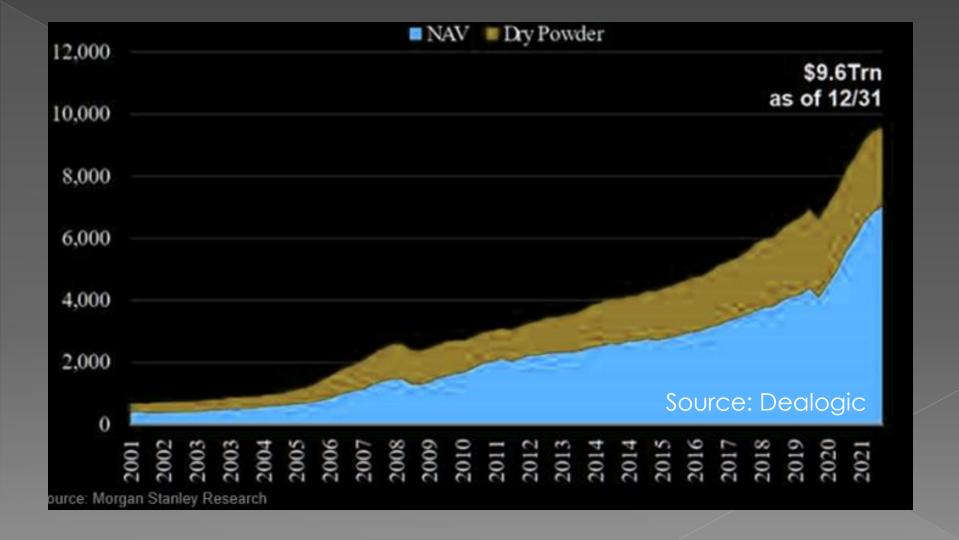
Components	Percentile	Sentiment
HF positioning	64%	Bullish
Credit mkt technicals	36%	Neutral
Equity market breadth	7%	V Bearish
Equity flows	41%	Neutral
Bond flows	8%	V Bearish
LO positioning	4%	V Bearish

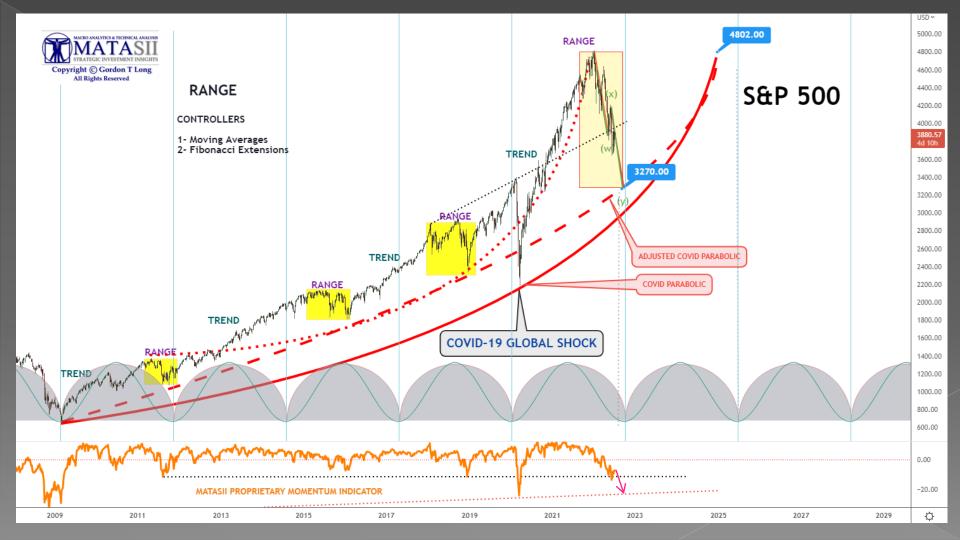
**Source:** BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg, EPFR Global, Lipper FMI, Global FMS, CFTC, MSCI

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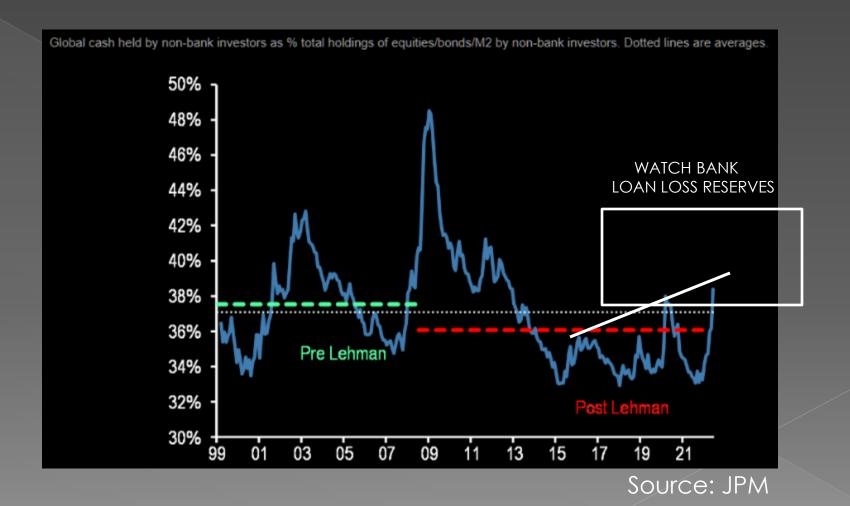
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"Expect the best. Prepare for the worst. Capitalize on what comes."

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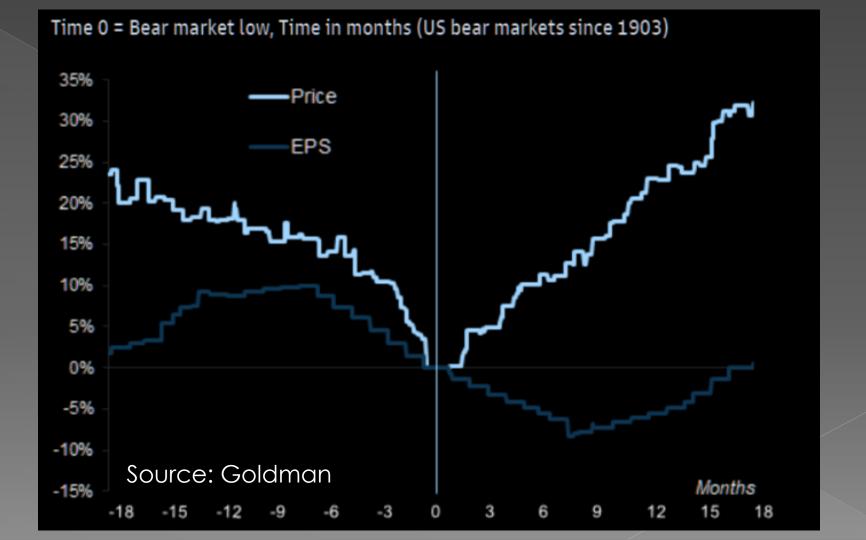
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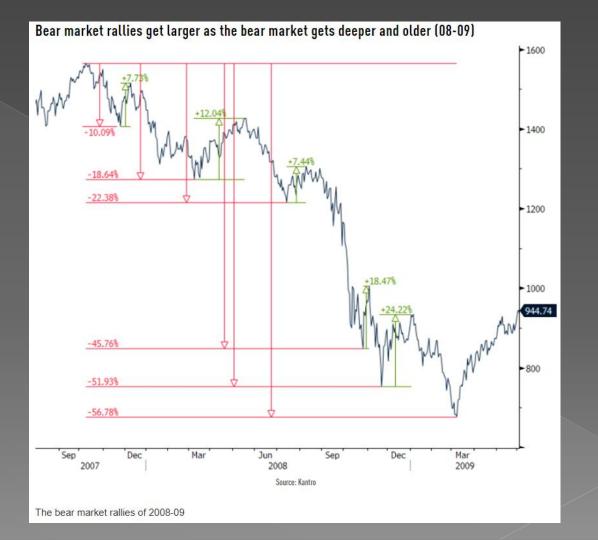


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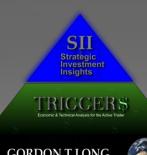
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