

### Timing and shape of the global economic rebound

Regional themes with potential global spillovers

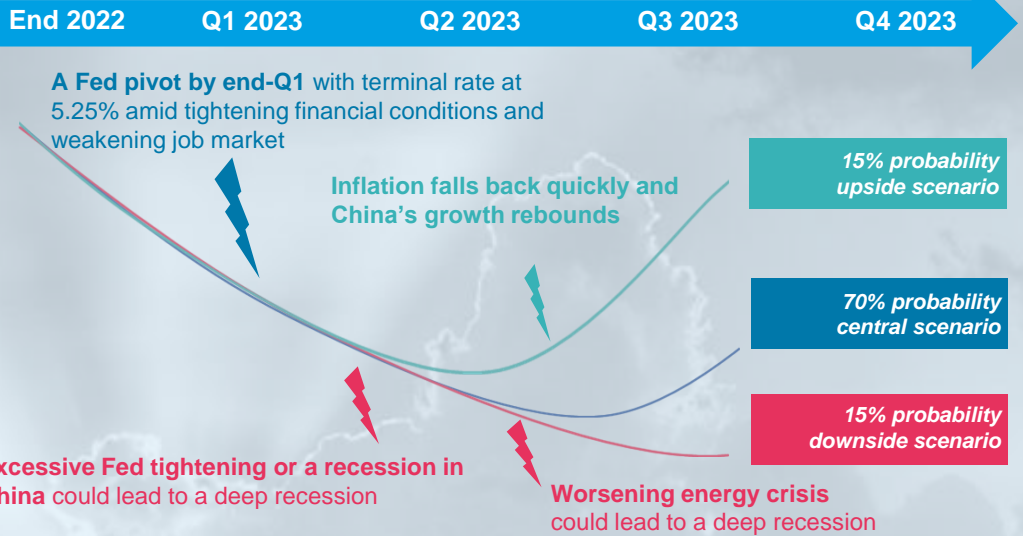
**US: Fed pivot**



**Europe: Energy crisis**



**China: Growth path**

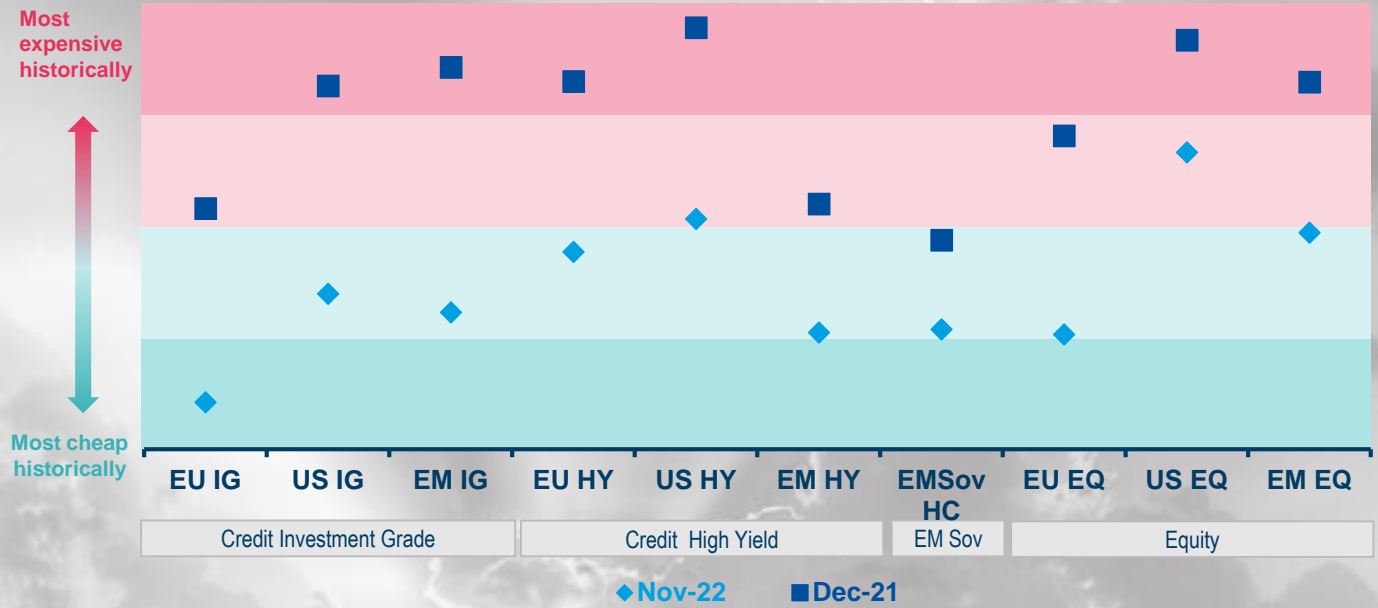
## CENTRAL AND ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS

15% DOWNSIDE SCENARIO Deep global slump	70% CENTRAL SCENARIO Stagflationary episode, with rising divergences and persistent inflation	15% UPSIDE SCENARIO Inflation falls back ending the stagflationary episode
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worsening / expanding Ukraine war.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stalemate in the Ukraine war.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ceasefire in Ukraine.</li> <li>Russia partially resumes gas exports to Europe.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>De-anchored inflation expectations, CB over-react.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inconsistent fiscal and monetary policy.</li> <li><b>Fed</b> ends tightening in Q1 2023, more dovish stance in Q4 2023; <b>BoE</b>: soft hiking cycle; <b>ECB</b> raises rates / activates TPI; <b>PBoC</b> easing.</li> <li>EU activates rescue plan to deal with energy crisis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiscal discipline gradually restored.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global economic downturn (US, China, Europe) / renewed deflationary pressures, inflation out of control / de-anchored inflation expectations.</li> <li>Energy crisis back to acute in H2 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softening energy crisis in H2 2023.</li> <li>Inflation: above CB target until 2024.</li> <li>Global nominal GDP growth trends higher with recession (EU), modest rebound (China), sub-par growth (US).</li> <li>Corporate profit recession to go on in H1 2023, followed by recovery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inflation falls back quickly.</li> <li>Lower uncertainty, extra savings and renewed purchasing power fuel DM demand.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global financial crisis, debt crisis with several EM defaults.</li> <li>Credit event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global financial conditions to deteriorate amid continuation of the tightening cycle.</li> <li>Limited spread widening.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return of risk-on sentiment in the market</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate transition measures postponed.</li> <li>Broad-based extreme climate conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate change adds to stagflationary trends.</li> <li>Climate risk hampers growth.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate change policy and energy transition as top priorities</li> </ul>

Source: Amundi Institute as of 28 October 2022. DM: developed markets. EM: emerging markets. CB: central banks. Fed: Federal Reserve. BoE: Bank of England. ECB: European Central Bank. PBoC: People's Bank of China. QT: quantitative tightening. TPI: Transmission Protection Instrument by the ECB.

# END OF 2022: MORE APPEALING VALUATIONS

Valuation levels, historic percentiles since 1998



## INVESTING IN 2023: FOLLOW THE SEQUENCE



	End 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	
<b>CENTRAL SCENARIO</b>	<b>Bonds are back</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government bonds;</li> <li>IG credit;</li> <li>Cautious in HY credit and selective in EM HC bonds.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus remains on high-quality credit;</li> <li>Add EM bonds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HY credit may start to offer selective opportunities.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Equity seeks entry points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caution overall;</li> <li>Play quality-value and high dividend;</li> <li>US equity vs. rest of the world.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add global equity;</li> <li>Look for some selective EM equities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deep-value equity opportunities, cyclical, small caps and EM.</li> </ul>	
	<b>60-40 reloaded</b>	60-40 paradigm is back in a decelerating economic environment, with focus still on inflation.				
	<b>ESG themes</b>	Look for ESG improvers, accelerate on the net-zero path, play the energy transition and food security themes and, more broadly, climate change and socially-oriented strategies (agriculture, infrastructure, transportation, healthcare).				
<b>ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS</b>	<b>Downside scenario</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to a very cautious stance in risky assets;</li> <li>Favour cash, gold, USD and US Treasuries as hedges;</li> <li>Play minimum-volatility strategies.</li> </ul>				
	<b>Upside scenario</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase risky asset exposure, favour cyclical and value;</li> <li>Favour inflation-linkers and play inflation diversification.</li> </ul>				

Source: Amundi Institute, Bloomberg, DataStream. Latest monthly data is as of 14 November 2022. EU IG, US IG, EM IG, EU HY, US HY, EM HY are ICE BofA corporate bond indices. IG: investment grade. HY: high yield. EM Sov HC: is JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified. EU EQ, US EQ, EM EQ are MSCI indices for equity markets. All indices refer to a specific region (EU: Europe, US: United States, EM: emerging markets). Analysis is based on spreads for bond indices and on twelve-month forward PE ratio for equity indices. Valuation are in historic percentile since 1998. Cheapest means is in the first quartile, Most expensive is in the fourth quartile.

	Asset class	Current stance	H1 2023 outlook	
EQUITY PLATFORM	United States	=/+	=/+	Stable
	US value	+	+	Stable
	US growth	-	-/=	Improving
	Europe	-	=/+	Improving
	Japan	=	=	Stable
	China	=	=/+	Improving
	Emerging markets ex-China	=	=/+	Improving
FIXED INCOME PLATFORM	US govies	=/+	+	Improving
	US IG corporate	=/+	+	Improving
	US HY corporate	-	-/=	Improving
	European govies (core)	=	=/+	Improving
	European govies (peripherals)	-/=	=/+	Improving
	Euro IG corporate	=	=/+	Improving
	Euro HY corporate	-	-/=	Improving
	China govies	=/+	=/+	Stable
	EM bonds HC	=/+	+	Improving
	EM bonds LC	=	=/+	Improving
OTHER	Commodities	=/+	=/+	Stable
	Currencies (USD vs. G10)	+	=	Deteriorating

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 Negative Neutral Positive

Source: Amundi as of 16 November 2022.



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