



# WEALTHSHIELD

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#### RELEASING STRATEGIC OIL RESERVES.

The Biden administration is considering a massive release from America's strategic reserves. At about 1mm bpd for several months, the drawdown could amount to as much as 180mm bbls.

#### YIELD CURVE INVERTS.

The differential between the two/ten-year Treasury yields turned negative briefly in March. The inversion signals investors' worries of a potential recession on the horizon. It's been quite reliable historically.



#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ACCELERATES FURTHER YEAR OVER YEAR.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 7.9% YoY in February, the sharpest rise in 40 years. This follows a 7.5% YoY increase in January.



#### CRYPTO HACK.

The hackers stole roughly \$600 million from a blockchain network connected to the Axie Infinity online game. The heist represents one of the largest crypto attacks to date and reiterates the fragility and vulnerabilities of the cryptocurrency universe.

#### POWELL SAYS 50 BASIS POINTS.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell stated that the central bank is prepared to raise interest rates by 50-basis points (0.50%) in May, if needed. This follows a 25-basis point move already implemented this year.

Sources: Bloomberg



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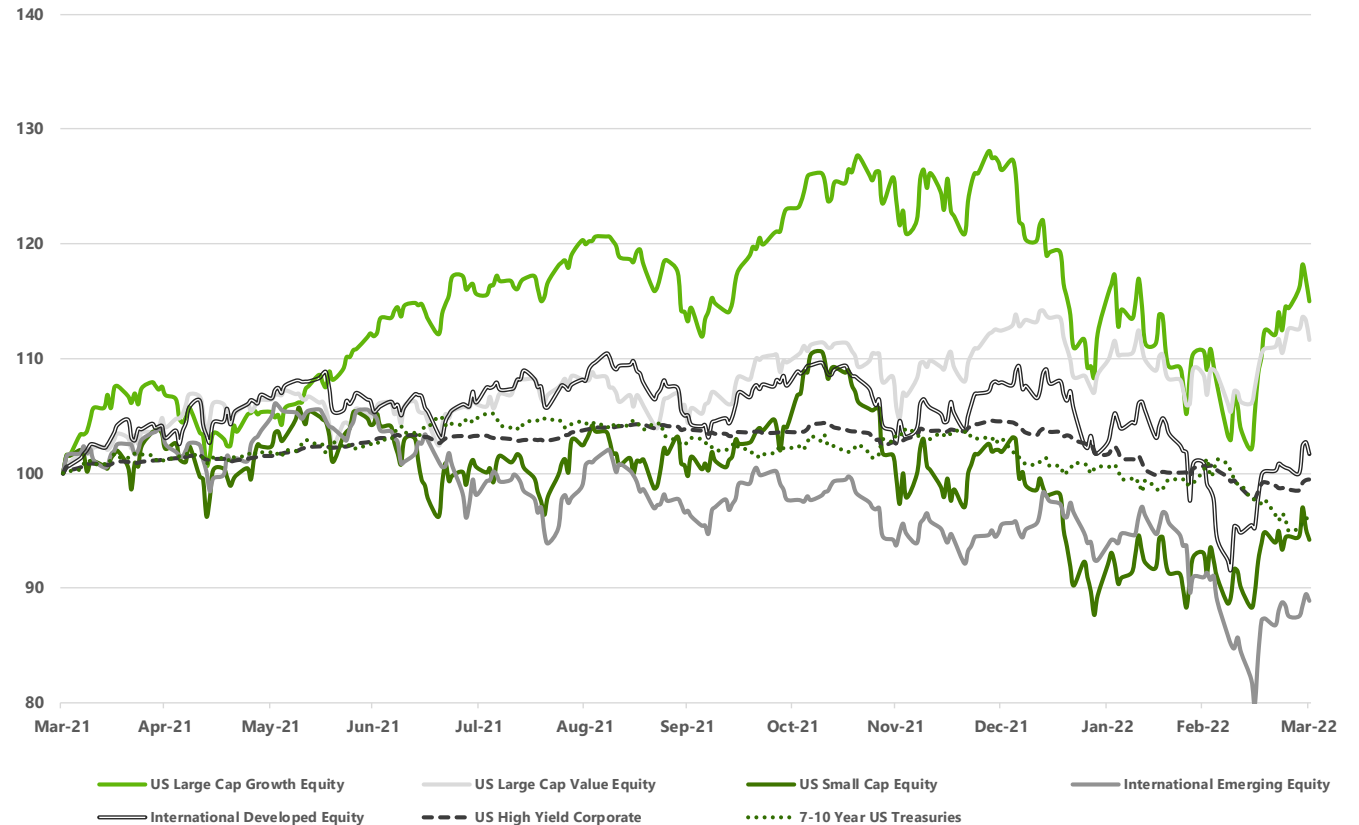
### Equity Performance (Total Return)

Asset	1-Month	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	3.71%	-4.60%	-4.60%
US Large Cap Growth Equity	3.91%	-9.04%	-9.04%
US Large Cap Value Equity	2.82%	-0.74%	-0.74%
US Small Cap Equity	1.24%	-7.53%	-7.53%
International Emerging Equity	-2.25%	-6.99%	-6.99%
International Developed Equity	0.74%	-5.77%	-5.77%

### Fixed Income Performance (Total Return)

Asset	1-Month	QTD	YTD
US Investment Grade Corporate	-2.52%	-7.69%	-7.69%
US High Yield Corporate	-1.15%	-4.84%	-4.84%
1-3 Year US Treasuries	-1.41%	-2.51%	-2.51%
7-10 Year US Treasuries	-4.05%	-6.61%	-6.61%
20+ Year US Treasuries	-5.49%	-11.01%	-11.01%
US Municipal Bond	-3.24%	-6.23%	-6.23%

### Trailing 12-Month Performance



Source: Bloomberg, Wealthshield; As of 03/31/2022