



# WEALTHSHIELD

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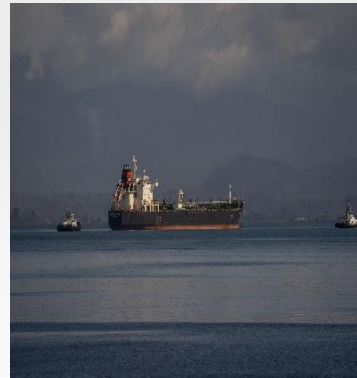
### ECONOMISTS SAY BRACE FOR STAGFLATION

Global Chief Economist at the Economist Intelligence Unit, Simon Baptist says that stagflation is unavoidable. As the Russia-Ukraine war drags on and countries continue to be impacted by the pandemic, supply chains will continue to suffer. Baptist says to expect stagflation to remain for at least the next 12 months.



### FED RAISES INTEREST RATES BY HALF A PERCENT-

In their meeting May 3-4, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 50 basis points to .75%-1% in order to fight inflation and restore price stability. The rate increase is the largest since 2000. They also announced intent to begin quantitative tightening starting June 1.



### RUSSIAN OIL CONTINUES TO ACCUMULATE AT SEA

The U.S and other countries have banned Russian oil imports. This has led to a record high of 62 million barrels of oil being accumulated at sea as traders struggle to find buyers. The number of cargos with no destination has reached 15% which is also a new high. Most of Russian oil sales have gone to Asia.



### U.S SET TO BLOCK RUSSIAN BOND PAYMENTS

The Biden administration is set to begin blocking Russian bond payments following a temporary exemption that expired May 25<sup>th</sup>. This could lead to the first default on Russian foreign debt in a century. Russia has payments equaling around \$500 million due at the end of June and say that they will pay their debt in Rubles if need be.



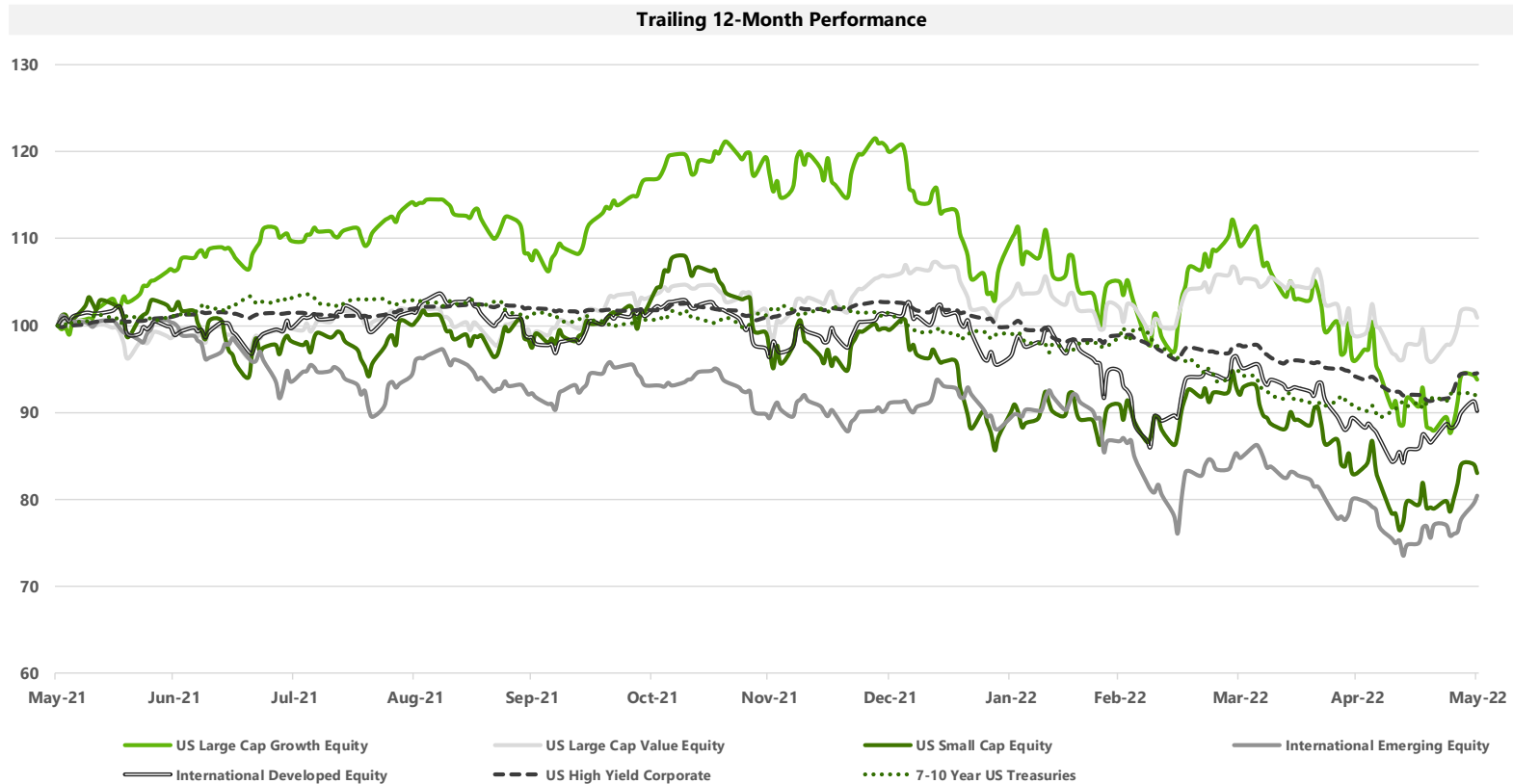
### ELON MUSK FACES LAWSUIT OVER ALLEGED MARKET MANIPULATION

Twitter shareholders are suing Musk and Twitter over allegations of market manipulation due to the chaotic acquisition deal still in progress. Since his bid, Twitter shares have dropped as much as 12%. Shareholders argue that Musk purposefully put the negotiations on hold to try and lower Twitter's share price and get a better deal.



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Source: Bloomberg, Wealthshield; As of 05/31/2022

### Equity Performance (Total Return)

Asset	1-Month	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	0.18%	-8.55%	-12.76%
US Large Cap Growth Equity	-2.32%	-14.12%	-21.88%
US Large Cap Value Equity	1.94%	-3.81%	-4.52%
US Small Cap Equity	0.14%	-9.79%	-16.58%
International Emerging Equity	0.46%	-5.11%	-11.72%
International Developed Equity	0.88%	-5.58%	-10.99%

### Fixed Income Performance (Total Return)

Asset	1-Month	QTD	YTD
US Investment Grade Corporate	0.93%	-4.59%	-11.92%
US High Yield Corporate	0.25%	-3.32%	-8.00%
1-3 Year US Treasuries	0.59%	0.11%	-2.39%
7-10 Year US Treasuries	0.69%	-3.52%	-9.90%
20+ Year US Treasuries	-2.20%	-11.41%	-21.17%
US Municipal Bond	1.49%	-1.32%	-7.47%

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Asset Class	Proxy	Asset Class	Proxy
Large Cap Value	Russell 1000 Value TR USD	Large Cap Value Equity	S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats TR USD
Large Cap Value Equity	Russell 1000 Dividend Select EW TR USD	Large Cap Growth	Pacer US Cash Cows Growth Index TR
Large Cap Growth Equity	Russell 1000 Growth TR USD	Momentum Equity	MSCI USA Momentum NR USD
Small Cap Equity	Russell 2000 TR USD	Managed Futures	SG Trend Index
International Developed Equity	MSCI EAFE NR USD	Dividend Growth Strategies	S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats TR USD
Small Cap Dividend Growth	Russell 2000 Dividend Growth Select USD	Large Cap Dividend Growth	Russell 1000 Dividend Select EW TR USD
International Emerging Equity	MSCI EM NR USD	Quality	MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality NR USD
Intermediate/Aggregate Bond	BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD	Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity TR USD
Municipal Bonds	S&P Municipal Bond TR USD	Private Equity	Cambridge Associates US Private Equity USD
International Bond	BBgBarc Gbl Agg Ex USD TR Hdg USD	Short Term Bond/Cash	BBgBarc US Aggregate 1-3 Yr TR USD
High Yield Bond	BbgBarc US Corporate High Yield TR USD	Long Term Treasuries	ICE U.S. Treasury 20+ Year Bond TR USD
Intermediate Treasuries	ICE U.S. Treasury 7-10 Year Bond TR USD	Short Term Treasuries	ICE U.S Treasury 1-3 Year Bond TR USD
Mid Cap Equity	Russell Mid Cap TR USD	Real Estate	NCREIF Indexes
International Equity	MSCI ACWI Ex US NR USD	US Equity	Russell 3000 TR USD
Global Equity	MSCI ACWI NR USD	Low Volatility Equity	S&P 500 Low Volatility TR USD
Global Alternatives	Hedge Fund Research HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	Long Short Alternatives	Bloomberg Long/Short Hedge Fund Index
Merger Arbitrage	Hedge Fund Research Merger Arbitrage Index	Private Credit/Direct Lending	Cliffwater Direct Lending Index

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