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MARKET WEEKLY *(Weekly FunTech Report)*

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GLOBAL MARKET SUMMARY

Rising Inflation, Strong job numbers, Interest rate hikes, FED Tapering expected early 2022, Supply chain issues, Ukraine and Russia Tension.

- **Fed Chair Jerome Powell said this week that he is leaning toward supporting a single 25-basis point hike in March.**
- **The Bank of England on Thursday raised interest rates again. the BOE's Monetary Policy Committee voted unanimously for a 25-basis point rate increase to take the main Bank Rate to 0.5%.**
- **The European Central Bank opted to hold interest rates steady, defying growing pressure to curb stimulus plans. Inflation in the euro zone rose to 5.1% in January, despite expectations for a sharp drop to 4.4%.**
- **U.S. - Markets are now pricing in five quarter-percentage-point interest rate hikes in 2022 with the first coming in March.**
- **Japan's central bank left its short-term interest rate target unchanged at -0.1%, in line with market expectations. inflation forecast was raised from an earlier estimate of 0.9% to 1.1%. For fiscal 2023, inflation expectation was raised from 1% to 1.1%. Still, those figures remain below the central bank's inflation target of 2%.**
- **FED - Given the outlooks for the economy, the labour market, and inflation, it may become warranted to increase the federal funds rate sooner or at a faster pace than participants had earlier anticipated.**
- **Inflation and monetary policy are also expected to be key themes for 2022.**
- **The ECB left its benchmark refinancing rate unchanged at 0%, while the rate on its marginal lending facility remained at 0.25% and the rate on its deposit facility was kept at -0.5%, in line with expectations.**
- **The Bank of England increased its main interest rate to 0.25% from its historic low of 0.1% as inflation pressures mount, citing a strong labour market and the need to return inflation towards its 2% target. The impact of omicron variant remains uncertain.**
- **The Reserve Bank of Australia maintained its cash rate at 0.1% on Tuesday, going against market expectations for a rate hike, although it ended its bond buying program as predicted. Australia central bank governor said the Reserve Bank of Australia will not increase interest rates until actual inflation is sustainably in the 2% to 3% target range — that is unlikely to happen next year.**
- **Fed Chief Powell said "at this point, the economy is very strong and inflationary pressures are higher, and it is therefore appropriate in my view to consider wrapping up the taper of our asset purchases … perhaps a few months sooner"**
- **U.S. Congress approve a $1.2 trillion infrastructure spending package.**
- **Tracking inflation, which has risen sharply around the world as spiking energy prices and supply chain bottlenecks converge, sending euro zone inflation to a 13-year high in September.**
- **Singapore's central bank tightens monetary policy**
- **Rising bond yields**
- **Slowing growth in China/ China headwinds**
- **A litany of proposed tax increases.**

Market	Factor	Indicators
ASX 200, FTSE 100 & NDX 100	ECONOMIC	INFLATION

FUN (Fundamental Report)

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U.S.
Current Situation – (04/03/2022)

- Stocks were split in volatile trading on Monday as investors monitored developments in the Russian invasion of Ukraine, including a new batch of sanctions from the U.S. and its allies. Monday's moves capped off a rough February for stocks, with the major averages all posting sharp monthly losses.
- The volatile session came amid turmoil over the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, where Ukrainian forces have held key cities including the capital of Kyiv. Officials from both countries held a round of negotiations near the Belarus border on Monday.
- "War is fundamentally a 'risk off' environment for risky assets as global investors move into sovereign bonds and other 'safe havens' until some kind of conclusion/new normal becomes priced in. ... Everything about this is unprecedented, so about the only rational thing to say about equities is to expect volatility to continue pending a resolution," Raymond James strategist Tavis McCourt said in a note. Government bond yields were sharply lower across the curve, with the benchmark 10-year Treasury note most recently at 1.83%, off 15 basis points on the session. A basis point is 0.01%; yields move opposite prices and were lower amid high demand for safe-haven bonds.
- Currency markets were a major area of volatility on Monday. The Central Bank of Russia more than doubled its key interest rate, to 20% from 9.5% in reaction to a currency move that saw the ruble tumble nearly 22% against the U.S. dollar. The ruble hit a record low against the dollar early Monday.
- "Some Russian banks being removed from SWIFT (energy transactions exempt) and the freezing of the Russian central bank's access to its foreign currency reserves held in the West clearly increases economic tail risk," said Dennis DeBusschere of 22V Research. Meanwhile, Russian military vehicles entered Ukraine's second-largest city Kharkiv with reports of fighting taking place and residents being warned to stay in shelters. Russian President Vladimir Putin put his country's nuclear deterrence forces on high alert Sunday amid a growing global backlash against the invasion.
- Stocks fell on Friday despite a stronger-than-expected jobs report as worrisome developments in Ukraine weighed on sentiment. The decline for stocks followed reports that smoke was visible from a nuclear power plant in Ukraine — the largest in Europe — after Russian troops attacked. Reports Friday morning indicated that Russian forces had seized the plant in Zaporizhzhia. The U.S. embassy in Kyiv called the attack a war crime.
- "I think the market perhaps is in a bottoming process, but it's very hard to map or model these types of geopolitical issues," said Jeff Mortimer, director of investment strategy at BNY Mellon Wealth Management. "History is full of teachings that you buy during periods of conflict ... but every war and situation is different."
- Government bond yields plunged as investors cut risk, with the benchmark 10-year Treasury falling to around 1.73%.
- Financial stocks, which can benefit from higher interest rates, declined, with American Express losing 3.8% and JPMorgan Chase falling 2.8%.Energy stocks rose along with oil prices.
- The developments in Ukraine appeared to overshadow a stronger-than-expected February jobs report. The economy added 678,000 jobs last month, above the 440,000 expected by economists, according to Dow Jones. The unemployment rate ticked down to 3.8%.
- This is the last jobs report before the Federal Reserve's next meeting, where the central bank is expected to begin hiking interest rates. **Fed Chair Jerome Powell said this week that he is leaning toward supporting a single 25-basis point hike in March. A basis point is equal to 0.01%.**
- "With today's employment numbers another proof point that the U.S. economy is robust enough to withstand a rapid tightening cycle, uncertainty around the conflict [in Ukraine] does not reduce the Fed's immediate urgency to tighten," Seema Shah, chief strategist at Principal Global Investors, said in a note.
- European stocks fell sharply on Friday and finished the week down 7% for their worst stretch since March 2020.

U.S.
Previously – (25/02/2022)

- The S&P 500 closed in correction territory on Tuesday, as intensifying tensions between Russia and Ukraine dented market sentiment to start the week.
- The major averages pared losses late in the trading day, however. At its session low, the Dow had lost more than 700 points.
- President Joe Biden on Tuesday announced sanctions on Russian bank VEB and its military bank, Russia's sovereign debt and certain wealthy individuals and their families. The U.K. has also started targeted economic sanctions against five Russian banks and three wealthy individuals.
- That move came a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin said he would recognize the independence of two breakaway regions in Ukraine, potentially undercutting peace talks with Biden. Putin also ordered forces into the two breakaway regions.

- "The Russia/Ukraine situation remains very fluid, and tensions remain high, and in the short term that will remain a headwind on stocks," said Tom Essaye, founder of the Sevens Report.
- The Russia-Ukraine conflict has put pressure on market sentiment recently, with the major averages coming off of back-to-back weekly losses.
- Anxieties over the Federal Reserve's move to raise interest rates – particularly the prospect of a half-point rate hike – have pushed stocks lower in recent weeks. However, the latest escalation in the Russia-Ukraine conflict ultimately threw the S&P 500 into correction territory.
- Traders are betting that there is a 100% chance of a Fed rate hike after the March 15-16 meeting, with expectations tilting toward a 0.25 percentage point move, according to the CME Group's FedWatch tool.
- Stocks fell sharply once again Wednesday, as escalating tensions between Russia and Ukraine push the major averages to fresh lows for the year so far. Both the Dow and Nasdaq fell for a fifth straight session, while the S&P 500 notched a four-day losing streak. Wednesday's decline pushed the Nasdaq closer to bear market territory, as it sits more than 18% from its November closing record.
- "While uncertainties remain, our work shows that historically military/crisis events tend to inject volatility into markets and often cause a short-term dip, but stocks tend to eventually rebound unless the event pushes the economy into recession," Eylem Senyuz, senior global macro strategist at Truist, wrote in a note to clients.
- Stocks rose broadly on Thursday, staging a massive comeback from steep declines seen earlier in the day, as investors looked past Russia's attack on Ukraine.
- Despite the stunning reversal, the S&P 500 remains in correction territory — more than 10% off its Jan. 3 record close. The Nasdaq Composite opened in bear market territory on Thursday, down more than 20% from its record high in November, before bouncing off those levels. The Nasdaq still sits about 16% from its all-time high, however.
- nvestors bought the dip on some of the biggest tech names during Thursday's volatile session. Amazon, Netflix, Alphabet and Microsoft all closed higher — erasing sharp declines from earlier in the day. Netflix rose 6.1%, and Microsoft added 5.1%. Alphabet and Meta Platforms popped 4% and 4.6%, respectively.
- President Joe Biden addressed Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Thursday, announcing that the U.S. will introduce a new wave of sanctions against Russia in a broad effort to isolate Moscow from the global economy.
- The White House has also authorized additional troops to be stationed in Germany as NATO allies look to bolster defenses in Europe, Biden said.
- Moscow launched the military action in Ukraine overnight Thursday. There were reports of explosions and missile strikes on several key Ukrainian cities including its capital, Kyiv. Russian President Vladimir Putin called the invasion "the demilitarization" of Ukraine and said Russia's plans do not include the occupation of Ukrainian territories.
- NATO, the most powerful military alliance in the world, is set to reinforce its presence on its eastern front following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- The Russia invasion "is really worse than a baseline expectation that we had or the markets had. I would argue we are talking basically another 5% to 6% down which would put us close to 20% or bear market territory," said Binky Chadha, chief U.S. equity and global strategist at Deutsche Bank," on CNBC's "Squawk Box" Thursday.
- Oil prices settled well off their highs alongside the recovery in equities. Global oil benchmark Brent jumped 1% to around $92 per barrel, after the $100 level for the first time since 2014. he U.S. 10-year Treasury yield stayed below 2% as investors sought safe-haven bonds.
- The Cboe Volatility index, a gauge of Wall Street fear, spiked to above the 37 level on Thursday, near hits highest levels of the year. The index later slid to around 30.
- Markets have also been worried about tighter Federal Reserve policy amid escalating inflation. Traders have adjusted their views on the Fed in recent days, with the likelihood of a 0.5 percentage-point interest rate hike in March down to 13.3%, according to CME Group data.
- Stocks climbed Friday to close out a volatile week of trading, as investors continued to assess the financial risks stemming from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Stocks are coming off a whipsaw trading session Thursday in which the major indexes staged a massive comeback from steep declines earlier in the day. The Dow on Thursday erased a more than 800-point decline to close higher.
- Market sentiment got a boost Friday after the Kremlin reportedly said that Russian President Vladimir Putin is ready to send a delegation to Belarusian capital Minsk for negotiations with Ukraine. Russia is closing in on the capital city of Kyiv, according to Ukrainian officials. The capital had been hit by "horrific Russian rocket strikes," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said

Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news.

EU
Current Situation – (04/03/2022)

- European stocks closed slightly lower on Monday as global markets tracked developments in the Russia-Ukraine crisis. More sanctions have been imposed on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, with the U.S., Europe and Canada agreeing Saturday to remove key Russian banks from the interbank messaging system, SWIFT. The U.K. and EU have also closed their airspace to Russian aircraft.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin put his country's nuclear deterrence forces on high alert on Sunday amid a growing global backlash against the invasion. Ukraine's Defense Ministry said representatives for Ukraine and Russia have agreed to meet on the Ukraine-Belarus border "with no preconditions."
- U.S. stocks retreated on Monday as investors grew concerned about the economic ramifications of the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Shares in Asia-Pacific were mostly higher by Monday's close.
- Defense companies rallied hard in early trade, with Rheinmetall soaring 25% to lead gains after the German government's decision to increase defense spending. Shares of BAE Systems, Leonardo and Thales all saw double-digit bounces.
- European stocks closed firmly lower on Tuesday amid reports that a significant Russian convoy is heading toward Ukraine's capital Kyiv.Russia appeared to have upped the ante in its invasion of Ukraine overnight with reports and satellite imagery emerging of a long convoy, some 40 miles (65km) long, of Russian military vehicles heading towards Ukraine's capital Kyiv. The satellite images were taken by Maxar Technologies on Monday and show a convoy of armored trucks travelling sometimes two or three vehicles abreast on the road. Official sources have not confirmed the convoy, however.
- Other images from Maxar suggest additional military activity in southern Belarus, which borders Ukraine and is an ally of Russia, with ground forces deployments and ground attack helicopter units seen in the images. Again, official sources have not confirmed whether these units are preparing to join Russian forces in an assault on Ukraine. On Monday there were unconfirmed reports that Belarus could be preparing to help Russia's invasion.
- European stocks closed higher on Wednesday as the geopolitical crisis between Russia and Ukraine continues. The war between the neighbouring countries in Europe is leading to a surge in oil prices. That's despite the the International Energy Agency saying Tuesday it will release 60 million barrels of oil from global reserves, in a bid to ease the current supply constraint.
- European stocks closed sharply lower Thursday, after a choppy trading session, as tensions remained high over the Russia-Ukraine crisis.
- European markets closed sharply lower on Friday after Russian forces attacked and seized control of Europe's largest nuclear power plant. A fire broke out at a training facility at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant after an attack by Russian forces early Friday morning. Ukraine's nuclear agency said Russian troops have now taken control of the facility.
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EU
Previously – (25/02/2022)

- European markets closed lower on Monday as investors monitored the Russia-Ukraine situation and unexpectedly strong economic data from the euro zone and U.K.
- U.S. President Joe Biden has accepted "in principle" a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, paving the way for last-ditch diplomatic efforts to avert an invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces.
- Shares in Asia-Pacific were mostly lower on Monday as investors continued to monitor the situation surrounding Ukraine, while China left its benchmark lending rate unchanged.
- European stocks were volatile on Tuesday as global markets were shaken by developments in the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Global markets reacted to the latest news from Europe after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered troops into two breakaway regions of eastern Ukraine. The move came after he announced Monday evening that he would recognize their independence.
- The decree formalizing the move called for "peacekeeping" forces to enter the self-proclaimed and pro-Russian republics of Donetsk and Luhansk, which are in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine.
- That announcement was followed by news that U.S. President Joe Biden was set to order sanctions on the separatist regions, with the EU pledging to take additional measures.
- The U.K. initially slapped targeted sanctions on five Russian banks and three wealthy individuals, while Germany halted the certification of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, designed to transport natural gas from Russia directly to Europe.
- European stocks closed lower on Wednesday as geopolitical tensions over the Russia-Ukraine crisis overshadowed a strong set of corporate earnings. Global markets have been under pressure this week, with traders rattled by events in

Europe after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered troops into two breakaway regions of eastern Ukraine. The move came after he announced Monday evening that he would recognize their independence.

- On Wall Street, U.S. stocks were lower, with the S&P 500 dipping deeper into correction territory amid mounting Russia-Ukraine tensions.
- Analysts say the outlook for Federal Reserve rate hikes after March may become less clear if Russia continues its incursion into Ukraine. U.S. Treasury yields retreated as Ukraine-Russia tensions rose, and the yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury fell below 2% as investors sought out safe haven assets.
- European stocks sold off sharply on Thursday after Russia began an attack on Ukraine, tipping a longstanding diplomatic crisis into a military conflict.
- Russia launched an unprecedented invasion of its neighbor Ukraine on Thursday, with military assaults on several key Ukrainian cities including its capital, Kyiv.
- The attack on Ukraine is taking place both on the ground and by air, with reports that Russian forces have breached the Kyiv region.
- Starting about two hours before dawn on Thursday, explosions were felt in and around the cities of Kyiv, Odessa, Kharkiv and Mariupol.
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- The explosions are ongoing, according to reports. Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's minister of foreign affairs, said in a statement that a "full-scale invasion" of his country was underway.
- European stocks closed higher on Friday, bouncing back from a sharp sell-off as market participants assessed the impact of Western sanctions against Russia after the Kremlin launched an invasion of Ukraine.
- Russia on Thursday launched an attack on Ukraine via land, air and sea, prompting fears of a devastating humanitarian crisis and sending shockwaves through financial markets.
- A series of explosions were heard on Friday morning in the capital city of Kyiv. Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who has pledged to remain in Kyiv, warned on Friday of "enemy sabotage groups" entering the capital. The crisis in Ukraine is changing rapidly and specific reports from the country are difficult to confirm.
- U.S. and Western allies have condemned Russia's assault, coordinating a squeeze on Moscow by implementing sanctions designed to limit international trade with Russia and target banks and oligarchs.
- Investors are monitoring the potential for further sanctions against Moscow. The prospect of a decision to target SWIFT international payments system or a coordinated move to hit Russia's oil and gas exports could have broader implications for the global economy.
- To be sure, Russia is the world's second-largest producer of natural gas and one of the world's largest oil-producing nations.

Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news.

APAC
Current Situation – (04/03/2022)

- Oil futures were up around 4%, and shares in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Monday as investors monitor the Russia-Ukraine crisis and related sanctions. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures were 4.5% higher at $95.71 per barrel in Asia trade.
- Global markets were volatile last week following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Russia continued its advance into Ukraine over the weekend, with reports of fighting on the streets and forces encircling Kyiv. Many countries have also said they will close their airspace to Russian aircraft.
- Asia-Pacific markets rose on Tuesday as investors navigated the changing situation in Russia and Ukraine. The two countries held their first round of talks on Monday, and the Associated Press reported that more negotiations could happen soon. The U.S. and its allies have announced heavy sanctions on Moscow following Russia's invasion of Ukraine last week.
- Canada became the first Western nation to specifically target Russian energy when it said it will ban Russian crude oil imports.
- Russia's central bank on Monday more than doubled its key interest rate as the ruble plunged.
- Shares in Asia-Pacific mostly tumbled in Wednesday trade as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict continued to lead to a surge in oil prices. Oil prices continued surging in the afternoon of Asia trading hours, with international benchmark Brent crude futures up 6.17% to $111.45 per barrel. U.S. crude futures also saw big gains, rising 6.1% to $109.72 per barrel. Brent briefly climbed as high as $111.78 per barrel earlier, a level not seen since Jan. 2013.
- That's despite the International Energy Agency saying Tuesday it will release 60 million barrels of oil from global reserves, in a bid to ease the current supply constraint. Oil price have surged in recent days as Russia continued its assault on Ukraine, with U.S. crude futures hitting its highest level in seven years on Tuesday.
- Shares in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Thursday as U.S. stocks bounced back overnight. Oil prices, meanwhile, continued to move higher following a price surge in recent days. OPEC and its allies decided Wednesday to hold production steady despite the recent dramatic spike in oil prices.
- Shares in Asia-Pacific slipped on Friday as investors remained on edge over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The major indexes in Asia-Pacific initially extended losses Friday after reports that smoke was visible from a nuclear power plant in Ukraine — the largest in Europe — after Russian troops attacked it.

- Some of those losses were later pared after the nuclear power plant's director said the facility's nuclear security is secured at the moment. Ukrainian authorities posted a subsequent update that the fire had been put out. The situation in Ukraine is rapidly deteriorating, and reports from the country are difficult to confirm.

APAC
Previously – (25/02/2022)

- Stocks in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Monday, as investors continued to watch the situation surrounding Ukraine. Meanwhile, China left a benchmark lending rate unchanged. China on Monday held steady on a benchmark lending rate, with the one-year loan prime rate (LPR) kept unchanged at 3.7%. That was in line with predictions from all 24 financial institutions in a snap Reuters poll.
- Investor sentiment in the region may have improved after U.S. President Joe Biden accepted "in principle" a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin if Moscow has not invaded Ukraine.
- Concerns of a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine have kept investors on edge, with Biden saying Friday the U.S. believes Putin has decided to carry out an attack on Ukraine "in the coming days."
- Shares in Asia-Pacific declined on Tuesday as tensions surrounding Russia and Ukraine continued to keep investors on edge.
- Investors continued to monitor geopolitical tensions, after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered forces into two breakaway regions of eastern Ukraine, following a Monday announcement that he would recognize their independence.
- After that development, the White House responded, with U.S. President Joe Biden ordering sanctions against the separatist regions of Ukraine. The White House has also authorized additional troops to be stationed in Germany, the president said.
- Shares in Asia-Pacific rose on Wednesday as investors continued monitoring the intensifying crisis surrounding Ukraine.
- Oil futures jumped and Asia-Pacific shares fell on Thursday as investors watched the escalating situation between Russia and Ukraine.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a public address that he had authorized a military operation in Ukraine, and NBC News reported explosions were heard in Kyiv.
- Ukraine on Wednesday announced that it intends to impose a state of emergency for 30 days with the possibility of an extension. The measure must first be approved by parliament. The country also warned its citizens to leave Russia and avoid traveling there.
- On Wednesday, Russian state-controlled media reported that Moscow had started evacuating people from its embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital.
- Oil prices leaped 2% and Asia-Pacific shares mostly rose on Friday as investors assessed the Russia-Ukraine conflict following a massive comeback on Wall Street overnight.
- Investors in the U.S. appeared to shake off Russia's attack on Ukraine, with stocks mounting a stunning reversal to close higher after falling sharply earlier in the session

Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news.

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USD INDEX	ECONOMIC	INFLATION

FUN (Fundamental Report)

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OTHERS (Currencies and Commodities)
Current Situation – (04/03/2022)

- Spot gold, traditionally a safe haven in times of uncertainty, last traded at $1,896.70, rising 0.48% after giving up some gains. The White House said it has not ruled out restrictions on U.S. purchases of oil and gas, but has not sanctioned the industry so far.

OTHERS (Currencies and Commodities)
Previously – (/25/02/2022)

- Fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine have driven investors toward safe-haven assets such as gold. Spot gold briefly crossed $1,900 an ounce earlier before losing some of those gains, last sitting at $1,892 per ounce.
- The Japanese yen, also commonly seen as a safe-haven asset, traded at 115.15 per dollar — still stronger than levels above 115.6 seen against the greenback earlier this week.

Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news.

TECH (Technical Analysis)

For weekly technical analysis on major stock indices and Pre-Market checklist click: TIDT Pre Market Checklist

Source: TIDT (The Intelligent Day Traders)

WEEK AHEAD – KEY LEVELS

TIDT KRS

ASX 200				FTSE 100				NDX 100			
7198	XXXX	7380	7401	7902	7432	XXXX	7196	XXXXX	14050	14325	14397
7017	7120	7335	7359	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	12889	13845	14128	14247
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TIDT KRS (The Intelligent Day Traders Key Resistance and Support)

For complete and extended KRS on major stock indices visit: TIDT KRS

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ONGOING THEMES

- **"The long-term growth rate is challenged by factors that are changing — demographics, productivity and longer-term growth in the labor force — and drive the economy in the long-term,"**
- **Tech shares always fall as a rapid rise in rates makes their future cash flows less valuable, and in turn makes the popular stocks appear overvalued. Higher rates also hinder tech companies' ability to fund their growth and buy back stock.**
- The Fed tapering plans and rising Inflation concern will continue to dominate the market in the weeks ahead.
- Stocks have gone a relatively long period without any major sell-off. The S&P 500 notched its fifth positive month in a row, rising 2.2% in June. The broad index also posted its best first half since 2019.
- **24th June -** U.S. $1 trillion infrastructure package - White House had struck an infrastructure deal with a bipartisan group of senators. The lawmakers have worked for weeks to craft a roughly $1 trillion package that could get through Congress with support from both parties. **The framework will include $579 billion in new spending on transportation like roads, bridges and rail, electric vehicle infrastructure and electric transit, among other things.**
- https://www.cnbc.com/2021/08/02/as-the-economy-hits-its-peak-stock-market-gains-could-be-harder-to-come-by.html

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