



Mt Fort Advisers - “Update” Newsletter

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We hope this newsletter finds you well. This is a quick update on some developments at Mt Fort Advisers during this first half of the year.

H1 2022 is turning to be eventful for the worst, with a war in Ukraine triggering a humanitarian, energy and food crisis; ongoing stringent lockdowns in China, exacerbating supply chain disruptions; and a more hawkish US central bank starting tightening financial conditions. This is a perfect recipe to provoke havoc on the financial markets. All asset classes, but commodities and the energy sector, have been negatively affected with US equities falling almost -20% and US investment grade bonds over -10% YTD. This is a rare occurrence of correlated negative returns for both bonds and equities. We had elaborated on the current environment in our recently published “Compendium of interesting charts”. Furthermore, we will be running our half-year investment committee meeting with our independent macro strategist, Prof. Michel Girardin, on June 13th and will have the opportunity to share our “Investment Outlook” for H2 2022 by the end of June.

We can only reiterate, during those challenging times, the importance to reassess carefully your respective investment profile, both in terms of liquidity requirements - investment horizon, on one side, and risk tolerance - return expectations, on the other side. We also recommend an appropriate level of diversification across asset classes, sectors, regions and styles. Your whole Mt Fort Advisers Team is dedicated to supporting you in manoeuvring the current difficult conditions.

In the meantime, following the granting of our FINMA license last July, we are currently completing our first series of annual audits as a regulated entity. Our

statutory and AML audits have been conducted successfully and we are now finalizing our prudential audit, which should be formalized by the end of June.

We also had human resources developments during this first half and some good news. We are pleased to welcome two young talents: Israa Uldry has joined us back on a temporary assignment. She will be supporting Caroline who is expecting her second child by the end of October and will ensure the interim while Caroline will be on her parental leave till February next year. Israa had been previously working for us and knows our environment very well, guarantying a smooth transition. Israa holds a Master of Science in Environmental Sciences obtained in 2020 and will make us more aware of sustainability aspects. Additionally, Thomas Mouton is joining us for an internship as a financial analyst. Thomas is currently completing his Master in Asset and Risk Management with HEC Lausanne. He holds a dual bachelor in Economics and Business Economics, as well as in Econometrics and Operations Research from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. He also did a Minor in Computer Science and Engineering at Delf University of Technology. Thomas will be taking over from Victor, who decided to join his family business, the company Teamwork, whose division Wize provides us with our portfolio management system. We wish him a successful transition at Teamwork and all the best to our two new talents in their new position.

Separately, we keep exploring development avenues with the view to enhance the substance of Mt Fort Advisers in order to bring more expertise, experience, network and ideas to our clients. We are talking to selected individuals and entities to identify synergies and mutual added value to our respective clientele. It is essential though that we do share similar goals and aspirations, as well as common values. Our clients remain at the centre of our strategy and daily preoccupations.

Despite the gloomy environment, we wish you an enjoyable summertime (wintertime Down Under!) and thank you for your continued support and trust. We remain.

With our good wishes,

Your devoted *Mt Fort Advisers Team*

