

## The stickiness property of inflation

**U.S. inflation figures for August caused further market turbulences. Investors were expecting a more pronounced decline in price pressures, in the wake of lower U.S. energy prices and a lull in production line tensions. This was without taking into account the phenomenon of price "stickiness", a concept studied in economics textbooks about an era thought to be over. Due to this stickiness property of inflation, the Federal Reserve could go further in its tightening as early as next week.**

### U.S. inflation struggling to come down.

August's inflation disappointed, with prices rising again over the month. The sharp drop in energy prices (-10% over the month) was more than offset by price increases in other categories of goods and services. The cost of housing (rents and similar), which accounts for nearly a third of household spending, rose in particular (0.7% over the month). Over one year, total inflation thus decreased slightly to 8.3% (after 8.5% in July), but core inflation - i.e. excluding energy and food prices - continued to rise to 6.3% (after 5.9%, see graph 1).

### Inflation will take time to come down.

The very sharp rise in inflation from 2021 onwards has two main explanations: (1) strong demand for goods (supported by very accommodating policies) in the face of production chains in difficulty due to the health constraints linked to the COVID and (2) post-covid tensions on energy prices, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine. Both of these causes are clearing up. First, the consumption distortion in favour of goods is gradually moderating, while production chains are normalizing. And on the energy side, while tensions remain very high in Europe, prices are falling in the US. However, the shock to prices has finally proved to be so large and long-lasting that it is gradually spreading to the whole economy, leading to the phenomenon of "stickiness" in inflation. First of all, the tensions are spreading to all goods and services, including those not directly affected in 2021. The prices of services, which represent 61% of the American consumer basket, are now rising well above the central bank's comfort zone. In addition, the labour market remains very tight, with a still very large gap between the number of job openings and the number of jobs actually filled (see chart 2). And wage pressures are rising, at nearly 7% year-on-year, reinforcing the idea of inflation viscosity, with the setting up of a price-wage loop. All in all, inflation should continue to moderate gradually in the US, but this stickiness will mean that the return to 2% will take time.

### Markets reassess the Federal Reserve's policy.

Investors have once again raised their expectations for a tightening of monetary policy. Markets now expect policy rates to be around 4.25%-4.5% by early 2023, a substantial increase from the current level of 2.5%. The Federal Reserve's meeting on September 21-22 will be closely watched.

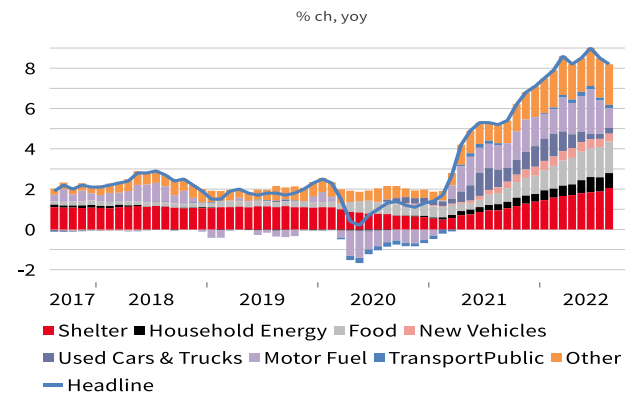
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## US inflation is decreasing, but slower than expected

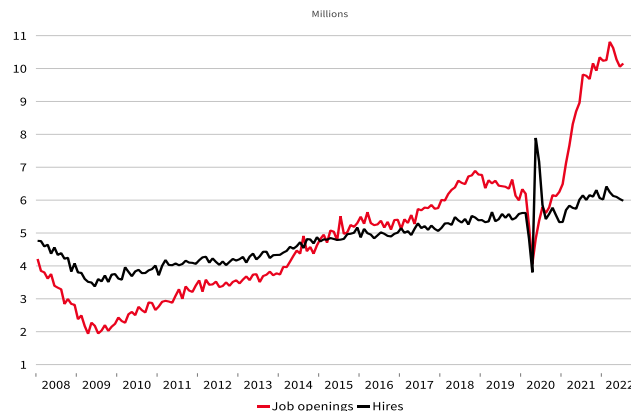
United States: Inflation & contributions



Sources: SGPB, Macrobond, BLS, 16/09/2022

## U.S. Labour Market Remains Tight, Driving Wages Up

United States: Job openings & Labor Turnover Survey



Sources: SGPB, Macrobond, US BLS, 16/09/2022

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## Events of the week



On Wednesday, the European Commission unveiled a series of proposals to fight rising energy prices. Among them, a 33% tax on the excess profits of energy sector companies and a levy on the revenues of electricity producers. These measures would allow European states to recover up to €150 billion, which would be used to alleviate the impact of price increases on consumers.



IMF Director Kristalina Georgieva announced this week that 25% of emerging and 60% of least-developed countries are close or experiencing difficulties with debt repayment. Zambia and Sri Lanka are mentioned in particular but other frontier markets debt are also in distressed territory. Georgieva urged creditors of these countries, especially China, to cooperate to avoid a “debt explosion”.

## Figures of the week



- Inflation (YoY, August)
- Retail sales (MoM, August)
- Industrial production (MoM, August)
- Consumer sentiment (September)



- Economic sentiment (September)



- Retail sales (MoM, August)
- Industrial production (YoY, August)



- Unemployment rate (July)
- Inflation (YoY, August)
- Ventes au détail (MoM, August)

	Actual		Forecast	Previous
	8,3%	↓	8,1%	8,5%
	0,3%	↑	0,1%	0%
	-0,2%	↓	0,3%	0,5%
	59,5	↑	58,6	58,2
	-60,7	↑	-54,9	-58,3
	5,4%	↓	3,4%	2,7%
	4,2%	↑	3,8%	3,9%
	3,6%	↓	3,8%	3,8%
	9,9%	↓	10,6%	10,1%
	-1,6%	↓	0,4%	-0,4%

Sources : Macrobond, 16 September 2022.

## The week ahead

### Tuesday



Inflation (August)



Building permits (August)

### Wednesday



Monetary policy decision

### Thursday



Monetary policy decision



Monetary policy decision



Consumer confidence (September)

### Friday



ISM manufacturing & services PMI (September)



ISM manufacturing & services PMI (September)



ISM manufacturing & services PMI (September)

# MARKETS PERFORMANCES

<b>Interbank rate</b>	<b>Last.</b>	<b>-1W</b>	<b>-3M</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>-12M</b>
€STER O/N	0,66	-0,08	-0,58	-0,59	-0,57
USD SOFR O/N	2,27	2,28	0,70	0,05	0,05
JPY TONAR O/N	-0,03	-0,04	-0,02	-0,02	-0,03
GBP SONIA O/N	1,69	1,69	0,94	0,19	0,05
CHF O/N	0,62	0,36	-0,52	-0,71	-0,73

<b>Long term sov. rates</b>	<b>Last.</b>	<b>-1W</b>	<b>-3M</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>-12M</b>
10Y OAT	2,25	2,14	2,19	0,20	0,01
10Y Bund	1,72	1,58	1,75	-0,21	-0,34
10Y BTP	3,98	3,86	3,75	1,17	0,74
10Y JGB	0,25	0,24	0,25	0,07	0,03
10Y Bonos	2,84	2,73	2,85	0,56	0,33
10Y Swiss	1,05	0,88	1,43	-0,13	-0,27
10Y Gilt	3,12	3,02	2,45	1,02	0,75
10Y USNote	3,41	3,27	3,33	1,52	1,31

<b>Credit &amp; EM</b>	<b>Last.</b>	<b>-1W</b>	<b>-3M</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>-12M</b>
EUR Corporate Aaa	2,67	2,52	2,59	0,33	0,11
EUR Corporate Baa	3,85	3,73	3,54	0,66	0,39
GBP Corporate Baa	4,19	4,15	3,35	1,52	1,12
USD Corporate Aaa	4,31	4,19	4,05	2,13	1,89
USD Corporate Baa	5,39	5,26	5,15	2,60	2,24
USD EM aggregate	7,26	7,15	7,00	4,33	3,91

<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Last.</b>	<b>-1W</b>	<b>-3M</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>-12M</b>
Brent, USD/BL	94,59	7,8%	-20,4%	19,7%	25,3%
Or, USD/oz	1 697	-1,2%	-7,5%	-7,2%	-5,4%
Copper, USD/metric ton	7 785	1,9%	-15,9%	-19,6%	-18,1%
Platinum, USD/onz	897	4,4%	-4,4%	-7,2%	-4,1%
Palladium, USD/onz	2 106	5,1%	14,9%	6,5%	7,0%
Silver, USD/onz	19,51	7,3%	-9,1%	-15,5%	-18,2%

<b>FX rates</b>	<b>Last.</b>	<b>-1W</b>	<b>-3M</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>-12M</b>
EUR/USD	1,00	1,1%	-4,2%	-11,8%	-15,5%
EUR/CHF	0,96	-1,8%	-7,9%	-7,4%	-11,7%
USD/GBP	0,86	-1,0%	4,2%	17,0%	19,4%
USD/JPY	142,63	-1,3%	6,0%	23,9%	30,5%
USD/BRL	5,17	-1,5%	1,0%	-7,2%	-1,5%
USD/CNY	6,96	-0,1%	3,7%	9,6%	8,2%
USD/RUB	60,06	-1,4%	3,2%	-19,9%	-17,2%

<b>Equity indices</b>	<b>Last.</b>	<b>-1W</b>	<b>-3M</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>-12M</b>
MSCI AC World (USD)	1 014	0,4%	-0,8%	-12,7%	-9,6%
Eurostoxx 50	3 568	1,9%	1,0%	-17,0%	-14,0%
Dax 40	13 028	0,9%	-3,4%	-18,0%	-16,6%
CAC 40	6 222	1,9%	3,2%	-13,0%	-5,5%
FTSE 100	7 277	0,5%	0,1%	-1,5%	3,7%
SMI	10 754	-0,5%	-0,3%	-16,5%	-10,3%
SP500	3 946	-0,9%	4,1%	-17,2%	-11,9%
TOPIX	1 947	1,7%	4,9%	-2,3%	-7,1%
iBovespa	110 547	0,7%	7,5%	5,5%	-3,9%
Hang Seng	18 847	-1,0%	-11,6%	-19,4%	-24,7%
Sensex 30	60 347	2,2%	14,9%	3,6%	2,8%
MOEX	-	-	-	-	-
CSI 300	4 065	0,3%	-5,0%	-17,7%	-16,5%

Source: Bloomberg, on 16 September 2022.

1wk = 1-week change, 3mth = 3-month change, 12mth = 12-month change, YTD = year-to-date change, YoY = year-on-year change, BAML = Bank of America Merrill Lynch, JPM = JP Morgan, IG = Investment Grade, EM = emerging markets. \* Price return for MICEX equity index. Equities; total return in local currency. Government bonds = 3-7-year returns. Figures are rounded.

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