# **Country Indices Flash Report**

April 2022

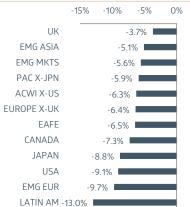
### **Commentary\***

- April is the cruelest month of the year so far, putting a very harsh January in perspective. Equities sank globally, with few countries bucking the downtrend. As was the case in January, growth and technology got the worst: Nasdaq stocks suffered their steepest losses since October 2008.
- Diversifying into bonds brought little relief, as yields continued surging on expectations of aggressive central bank measures to combat inflation. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield ended just shy of 2.9%, up from 2.3% at Q1's end and 1.5% at 2022's start. Broad U.S. bond indices had their worst 4-month start to a year in the near-century of market data.
- Foreign currencies retreated in the face of a stronger U.S. dollar. Japan's rising energy costs and loose monetary policy helped drive the yen to 130 per dollar for the first time in 20 years. A silver lining for international stock investors? On-the-ground sentiment—as measured by local currency returns—was not nearly as dour as the returns in USD terms.

For more information, please visit our International Equity Strategy.

### COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

April 2022 total return (MSCI indices)\* US\$ terms with net dividends



## TOTAL RETURN FOR SELECTED MSCI INDICES, US\$ TERMS WITH NET DIVIDENDS\* (for periods ended 04/29/22)

COUNTRY/REGION	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2022 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 202
JSA	-9.1%	-8.7%	-13.9%	-2.0%	26.5
ALL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US)	-6.3%	-8.0%	-11.4%	-10.3%	7.8
Canada	-7.3%	-2.2%	-3.1%	6.7%	26.0
EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East)	-6.5%	-7.5%	-12.0%	-8.1%	11.3
Japan	-8.8%	-10.3%	-14.8%	-13.4%	1.7
UK	-3.7%	-2.8%	-1.9%	4.8%	18.5
PACIFIC EX-JAPAN	-5.9%	3.4%	-2.4%	-6.3%	4.7
Australia	-5.9%	10.6%	1.0%	1.8%	9.4
Hong Kong	-5.0%	-7.7%	-6.7%	-18.9%	-3.9
Singapore	-7.5%	-8.1%	-9.1%	-14.5%	5.7
EUROPE EX-UK	-6.4%	-10.2%	-15.7%	-9.9%	15.7
France	-6.4%	-11.2%	-14.5%	-7.9%	19.5
Germany	-8.2%	-16.9%	-20.0%	-21.8%	5.3
Netherlands	-10.1%	-16.0%	-25.8%	-19.0%	27.6
Spain	-2.6%	-5.2%	-6.7%	-11.1%	1.4
Italy	-7.0%	-14.1%	-16.3%	-9.9%	15.0
Finland	-4.3%	-10.0%	-15.6%	-12.6%	9.0
Belgium	-5.5%	-5.4%	-10.1%	-11.9%	2.2
Ireland	-4.1%	-17.5%	-23.4%	-21.8%	8.5
Austria	-6.5%	-23.5%	-25.2%	-6.8%	41.5
Denmark	-3.2%	2.1%	-9.4%	4.0%	19.0
Norway	-7.0%	2.5%	2.5%	8.7%	22.0
Sweden	-7.6%	-13.1%	-21.9%	-17.7%	21.9
Switzerland	-4.9%	-3.5%	-11.0%	4.0%	19.3
Israel	-8.0%	-6.4%	-14.4%	-6.9%	15.2
EMERGING MARKETS	-5.6%	-10.5%	-12.1%	-18.3%	-2.5
South Africa	-12.8%	-1.8%	4.9%	-2.9%	3.6
Saudi Arabia	5.9%	13.7%	24.2%	38.4%	37.7
EMERGING EUROPE	-9.7%	-72.3%	-73.8%	-70.9%	13.8
Greece	-1.0%	-6.1%	0.1%	-0.7%	8.0
Poland	-19.1%	-24.7%	-27.0%	-21.7%	8.5
Turkey	6.2%	13.5%	19.9%	6.4%	-28.4
LATIN AMERICA	-13.0%	3.1%	10.7%	3.7%	-8.
Brazil	-13.7%	3.8%	17.3%	1.1%	-17.4
Chile	-12.3%	1.0%	13.6%	-11.3%	-17.3
Colombia	-10.6%	8.2%	19.6%	33.9%	-13.8
Mexico	-11.0%	2.0%	-3.4%	10.5%	22.5
EMERGING ASIA	-5.1%	-10.2%	-13.3%	-21.4%	-5.1
China	-4.1%	-15.2%	-17.7%	-36.2%	-21.7
India	-1.7%	-2.2%	-3.5%	17.0%	26.2
Indonesia	3.7%	13.0%	13.6%	25.8%	2.1
Korea	-6.3%	-5.7%	-15.3%	-25.8%	-8.4
Malaysia	-2.7%	2.9%	-0.8%	-4.6%	-6.2
Taiwan	-9.8%	-14.1%	-15.7%	-11.0%	26.1
Thailand	-4.7%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-5.2%	-1.4

### CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD\* (for periods ended 04/29/22)

	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2022 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2021
Australian Dollar	-5.4%	0.9%	-2.2%	-8.0%	-5.8%
Canadian Dollar	-2.3%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-3.7%	0.9%
Euro	-5.2%	-5.9%	-7.2%	-12.4%	-7.1%
Yen	-6.3%	-11.1%	-11.1%	-15.6%	-10.3%
Swiss Franc	-5.2%	-4.1%	-6.1%	-6.0%	-3.0%
British Pound	-4.6%	-6.4%	-7.3%	-9.3%	-0.9%

Sources: Bailard, MSCI/Bloomberg.

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