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TODAY'S TOPICS

- 1. Inflation peak?
- 2. Geopolitics
- 3. Consumer confidence and economic conditions
- 4. How the micro fits the macro



1. INFLATION PEAK?



CPI EX-ENERGY CLIMBS M-0-M

+1.2% March 2022 CPI Print

Biggest drivers:

- -3.8% used cars (4.17% weight)
- +0.2% new vehicles (4.1% weight)
- +11.7% car and truck rental (0.14% weight)
- +3.3% lodging away (0.9% weight)
- Of which +3.7% hotels, motels (0.81% weight)
- +0.5% rent of shelter (32.32% weight)
- +2.0% transportation services (5.6% wgt)
- +0.6% apparel (2.56% weight)
- +11% energy (7.55% weight) → 0.83% of 1.2%
- +1.0% Food (13.41% weight)
- +0.6% Medical care services (6.93% wgt)

+0.4% April 2022 CPI Print

Biggest drivers:

- -0.4% used cars (4.04% weight)
- +1.1% new vehicles (4.01% weight)
- +0.8% car and truck rental (0.15% weight)
- +1.7% lodging away (0.99% weight)
- Of which +2.0% hotels, motels (0.86% weight)
- +0.5% rent of shelter (32.08% weight)
- +3.1% transportation services (5.67% wgt)
- -0.8% apparel (2.54% weight)
- -2.7% energy (8.3% weight)
- +0.9% Food (13.36% weight)
- +0.5% Medical care services (6.88% wgt)



PPI DEMAND FOR TRADE AND SERVICES DECLINES

+1.6% March 2022 PPI Print		+0.5% April 2022 PPI Print	
Final demand goods	+2.4%	Final demand goods	+1.3% (33.3% wgt)
- Foods	+2.5%	- Foods	+1.5% (5.7% wgt)
- Energy	+6.4%	- Energy	+1.7% (6% wgt)
- Finished consumer goods	+0.7%	- Finished consumer goods +1% (12% wgt)	
- Private capital equipment	+0.8%	- Private capital equipment +1.2% (5.7% wgt)	
 Goods for export 	+1.7%	- Goods for export	+1.2% (7.1% wgt)
Final demand services	+1.2%	Final demand services	+0% (65% wgt)
- Trade and services	+1.9%	- Trade and services	-0.5% (20.2% wgt)
- Transportation and warehousing services		- Transportation and warehousing services	
+5.7%		+3.6% (4.4% wgt)	
- Finished consumer services +0.4%		- Finished consumer services -0.2% (32% w)	
- Private capital investment services +0.9%		- Private capital investment services +0.6%	
- Services for export	-0.4%	- Services for export	-0.2% (2.5% wgt)
Final demand construction	+0.6%	Final demand construction +4% (1.75% wgt)	



2. GEOPOLITICS



EUROPE'S RELIANCE ON RUSSIAN ENERGY IS HIGH

- After Uniper and others now also RWE and ENI opened rouble accounts with Gazprombank
- Venezuela oil production may rise 200k b/d with sanctions relief, and production would take 18 months to rise under relief
- Iran oil production could rise by 1-1.5mio b/d with sanctions relief (which is equivalent to the current SPR release, i.e. 1mio b/d)

Energy	EU consumption 2019	Energy Imports from Russia
Oil	38%	29%
Gas	25%	40-45%
Coal	11%	54%
Renewables	11%	-
Nuclear power	11%	20-40%
Hydroelectricity	4%	-



EUROPE NEEDS THE IRAN DEAL

Top 10 Consumer	in bcmpa	Top 10 Producer	in bcmpa
US	847	US	921
EU	470	Russia	679
Russia	444	Iran	244
China	307	Qatar	178
Iran	224	China	178
Canada	120	Canada	173
Saudi Arabia	114	Australia	154
Japan	108	Norway	114
UAE	76	Saudi Arabia	114
India	60	EU	101



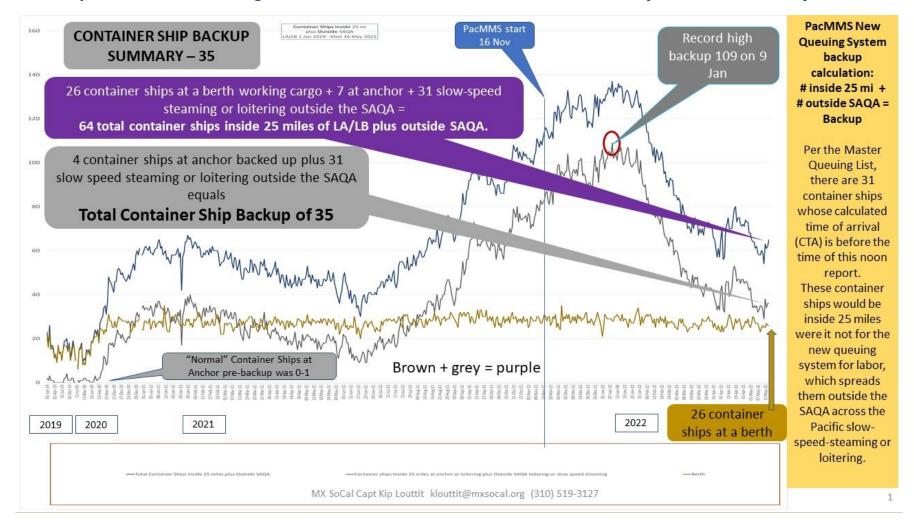
IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT ENERGY

- Semiconductors:
- Ukraine is about food & semiconductor gases (50% of world supply)
- Taiwan is about semiconductor production (52% of world foundry market TSMC)
- ...and countries ruling over this... rule the world
- Food:
- U.S. Department of Agriculture says China has 69% of world grain reserves in warehouses
- Conflicts:
- Venezuela, Iran due to energy (oil & gas)
- North Korea/South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine (semiconductors & Ukraine also food)



SUPPLY CHAINS HAVE EASED CONSIDERABLY

Ships inbound LA/Long Beach Port increased from 69 on 13th May to 91 on 18th May



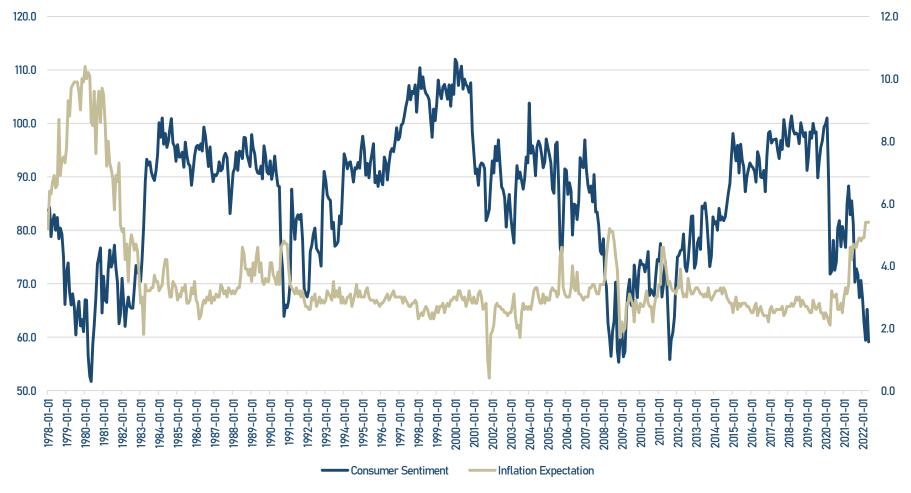


3. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE & ECONOMIC CONDITIONS



US CONSUMER AT 2008 EQUIVALENT LEVELS







IS THE CONSUMER REALLY WEAK? (UK - 1)

GfK Consumer sentiment to record low of -40 in May vs. retail sales up +1.4% in April

Personal financial situation of household

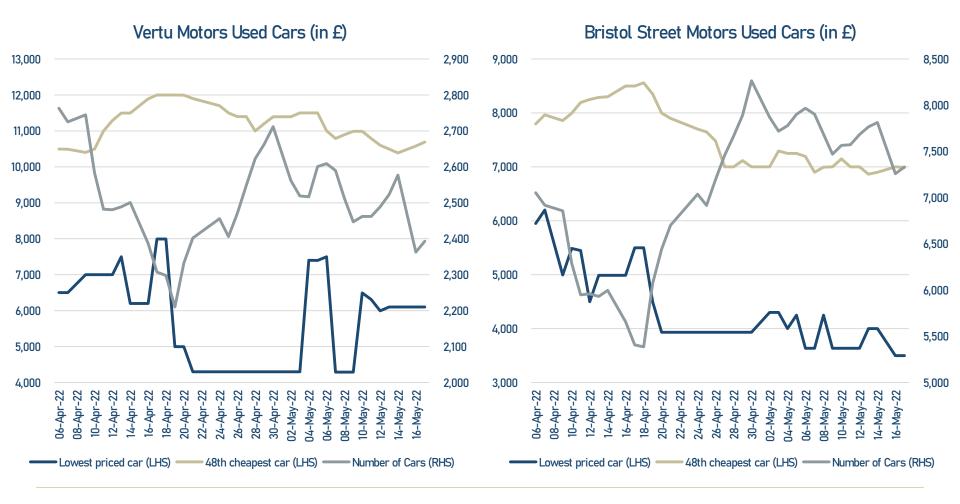






IS THE CONSUMER REALLY WEAK? (UK - 2)

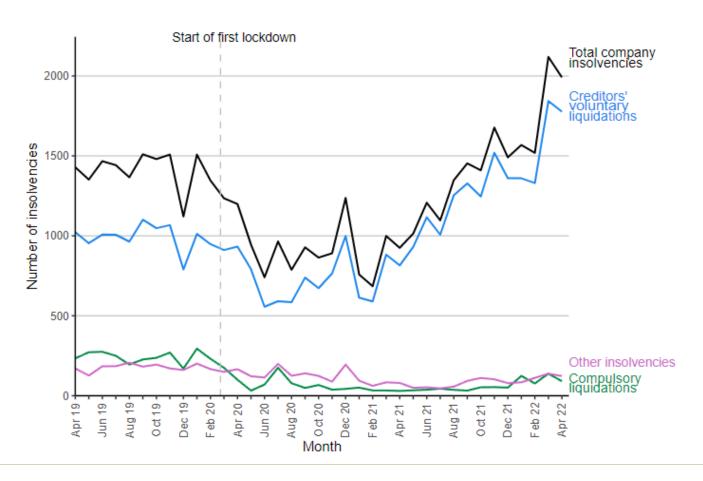
Lower priced used cars decline in price, but supply is overall getting tighter





UK INSOLVENCIES ARE ON THE RISE

UK voluntary liquidations are above pre-pandemic levels





4. HOW THE MICRO FITS THE MACRO



SHORTAGES CAN OPEN UP OPPORTUNITIES

Portfolio: Centrica, Vertu Motors & Go-Ahead Group



- Centrica target £7.5bn market cap:
 - Trading update revealed earnings per share expectations of GBp 10 vs. GBp 88 market price
 - Ofgem variable tariff adjustment will lead to less switching: New supplier needs to pay up to 85% of previous supplier's hedging costs when prices declined by >10%
- Vertu Motors target £300mio market cap

Vertu Motors plc

- £100mio cheaper than all its competitors
 5%+ yield including share buybacks
- Car shortages set to continue, but demand has started to decline (could be held up by rental firms)
- Agency model a risk margins to decline to 5% vs. current 7–8%
- Go-Ahead target £600mio market cap



- Return of public transport, 5% dividend yield, healthy cash flows and earnings (7 p/e)
- Bus agency model a risk, as it is being implemented in Manchester

