



Weekly Update

5/2/22

		<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD Returns</u>
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	-3.26%	-12.92%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	-2.20%	-12.00%
Emerging Market	MSCI EM	0.08%	-12.15%
Fixed Income	BBgBarc US Agg Bond	-0.01%	-9.50%

Index returns are from YCharts and are calculated on a total return basis, with dividends reinvested.

Unfortunately, fairly good earnings have not been enough to provide some support for markets. Stocks were mostly lower last week, with emerging markets being the outlier after managing a small gain. Investors remain focused on the macro events that have been driving market moves for most of the year. Inflation remains a concern and an unexpected decline in Q1 GDP only adds to growth fears for investors. However, we continue to see signs of strong underlying demand, and a position of relative strength on both the part of consumers and companies has us less worried about the economy than many others. Supply constraints continue to be the biggest challenge and source of inflation. These have been exacerbated recently by China's zero covid policy and the war in Ukraine. Recent weeks have provided an important reminder though, the best days for markets are generally clustered around the worst days. We have seen that with the many +/- 1.50% moves in the S&P 500 recently. Time seems to be the main thing that will cure what currently ails the global economy and markets, and until investors feel more comfortable with the outlook we are likely headed for more of the same, volatility.