



Market Update – August 2022

There was a continuation of the commitment from central banks to bring inflation under control during the month which markets had to balance with elevated risks to the global growth outlook. The data released pointed to slowing growth as PMI figures slid to recent lows. The recession likelihood in Europe increased with few signs of any abatement in the war in Ukraine and the continuation of the energy crisis which further exacerbated the weakness in the Euro; dipping to parity with the dollar. Despite an initially good first half of the month, global equity markets ended August down with the MSCI World down 4.1%. Higher yields within bond markets were a detractor for fixed income.