

## Sevens Report Alpha Webinar #118 – Fed Meeting Preview and Economic Update

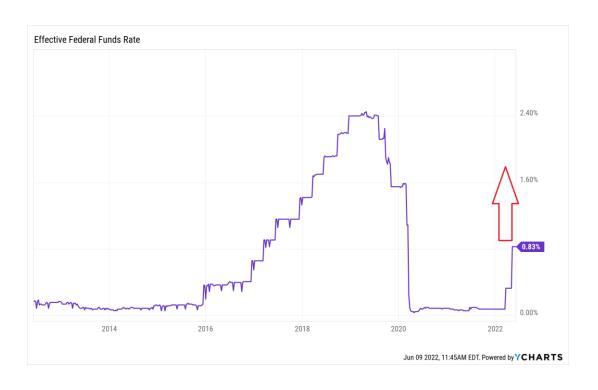
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Markets and the economy are about to embark on the most dramatic Fed tightening in decades

### **Fund Funds Is About To Surge Higher**



## The Balance Sheet Is About To Contract Sharply





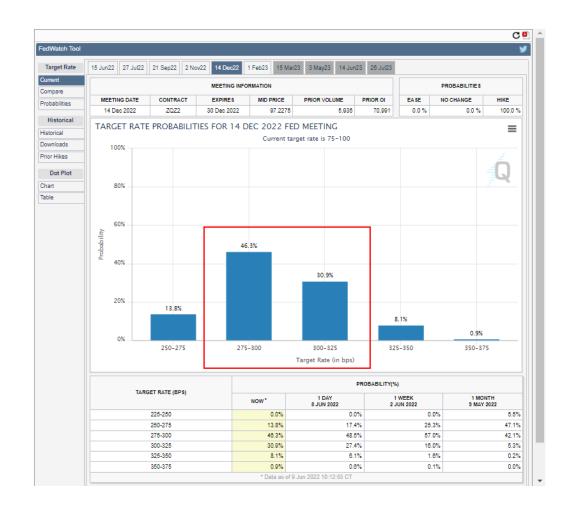
## Taking Stock of the Current Situation

- It's important to realize that despite YTD stock volatility and tightening of financial conditions, there's been no material impact on the economy. Fed tightening hasn't even really started.
- So, as this begins, it's important to understand the current state is:
  - 1. Expected rate hikes
  - 2. Economic growth
  - 3. Inflation
  - 4. Financial conditions
- In the end, the economy will slow. It's just a question of hard landing or soft landing.



## Expected Fed Funds

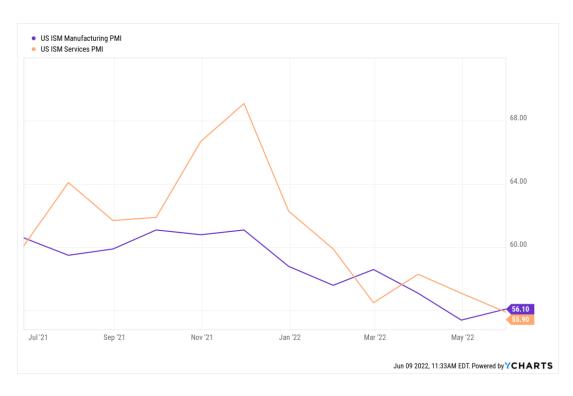
- All that matters now is where year-end Fed Funds.
- Over the past week, we've seen expectations for year-end Fed Funds rise sharply:
  - Year-end Fed Funds > 3.00% is now a 31.5% probability, up from 5.3% a month ago.
  - Overwhelming expectations Fed Funds ends the year between 2.75% and 3.25%.



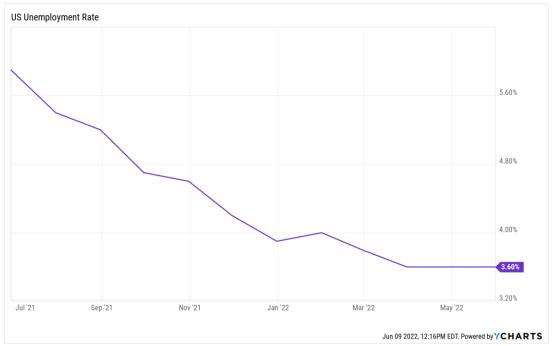


## Current Economic Growth - Still Solid

#### Key number to watch is 50.



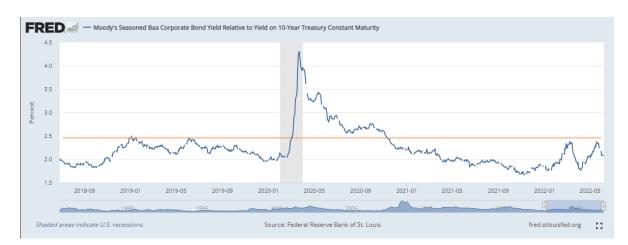
### **Key number to watch is 4.5%**



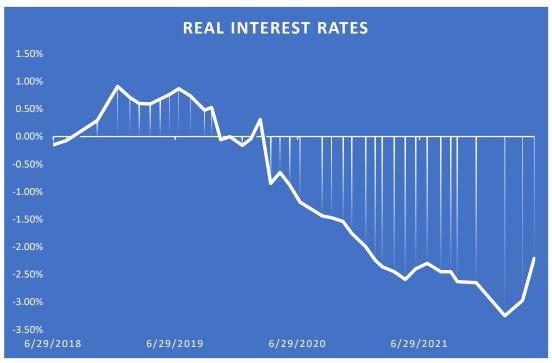


## Current Financial Conditions — Fine.

#### **Key number to watch is 2.5%**

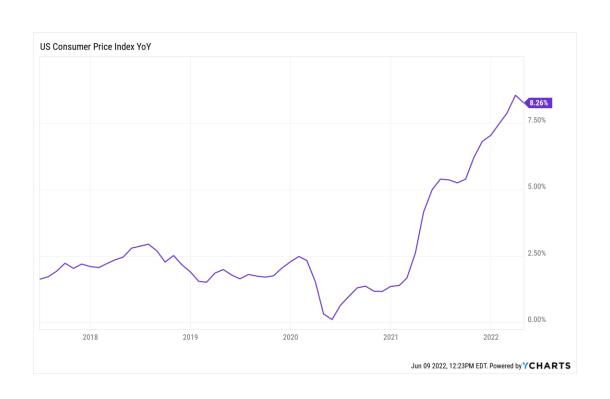


#### **Key number is 1.0%**





# Current Inflation — Still Too High But Signs of a Peak







## Hard Landing vs. Soft Landing (Print this slide)

### What a "Hard" Landing Looks Like

- ISM PMIs drop below 50.
- Jobless claims move towards 300k/Unemployment rate rises above 4.5%.
- Baa Spreads rise solidly above 2.5% (towards 3%)
- Real interest rates turn solidly positive (above 1%).
- Fed funds is over 3% by year-end.
- CPI greater than 6% yoy.
- Likely Market Reaction: S&P 500 takes out the May 20<sup>th</sup> lows.

#### What a "Soft" Landing Looks Like

- ISM PMIs decline further but stay above 50 or drop below 50 limited time (one/two months).
- Jobless claims remain low (mid 200k)/unemployment rate doesn't move towards 5%.
- Baa spreads remain below 2.5%.
- Real interest rates remain low (near 0%).
- Fed funds stays under 3% at year-end.
- CPI less than 6% yoy.
- Likely Market Reaction: The S&P 500 will trade markedly higher, possibly above 4600 in the S&P 500.