



We hope that this update finds you well.

The eyes of the world are focused on the on-going catastrophe in the Ukraine. We are appalled by this, however the coming together of the western allies has been inspiring. The Andras Family Foundation will be making a donation of \$15,000 to [Shelterbox](#) to aid in the Ukrainian Refugee relief effort. We donate a portion of all management fees to help those in need. We sincerely thank you for your business which allows us the opportunity to be of service to our community both locally and globally.

The Russian aggression was the catalyst for market gyrations, however, the underlying cause of the markets correcting is the path of rising interest rates. The Russian aggression is horrific, however, the markets are looking forward and the geopolitical uncertainty is likely already somewhat priced in. If Russian energy is completely cut off from Europe we will likely see markets decline further and oil prices continue to rise, however, this remains uncertain and ultimately markets should recover longer term.

We are still seeing above trend growth in North America even as inflation remains well above target. The growth coming out of the pandemic will likely accelerate, further exacerbating inflationary pressures. Central banks need to combat this and markets are concerned that rates will rise too quickly, ultimately leading to recession. This week U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Powell reassured investors by clarifying that a 25 basis point hike in March is the preferred approach and this stabilized markets because an aggressive 50 basis point hike was deemed a possibility. Inflation should become more manageable in the

second half of the year, however, the on-going turmoil in Europe may change the expectations, especially if oil prices remain elevated. The Central banks remain data dependent and will act accordingly and responsibly as recent history has revealed.

Over the next quarter we are likely to see commodity prices remain elevated, especially oil and agricultural products. This bodes well for Canada.

We continue to see upside in financials, energy, industrials and commodities. Tangible assets and stocks with solid earnings and cash flow are where our focus lies.

We will likely see more volatility with elevated ups and downs for the foreseeable future, but with challenge comes opportunity.

Take care of yourselves in these trying times, the renewal of Spring is around the corner.

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