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2022 investment trends by top international fund managers

HSBC Premier customers in Greece had the chance to hear the views of analysts from international fund houses in the remote HSBC Market Update 2022 event

A broad range of global markets' topics - from investing in energy and natural resources to general trends in bonds and equities - were covered in the "HSBC Market Update" event held on Thursday 17 November 2022.

The event, which was well attended by more than 300 HSBC Premier customers and was held remotely, featured speakers from **HSBC Global Private Banking & Wealth, Schroders** and **BlackRock**.

Creation of resilient portfolios in periods of increased volatility

Mr. **Georgios Leontaris**, CFA, Chief Investment Officer – Europe International & MENA, in HSBC Global Private Banking & Wealth spoke about the creation of resilient portfolios in periods of increased volatility. *"Recession fears, geopolitical uncertainty and energy security may keep the market volatile in the coming quarter, still supporting USD strength for now, with sticky inflation likely to keep policy interest rates high for longer. This could slow the already decelerating global economy further and remain a headwind for stocks. As market attention shifts increasingly to the direction of the economic cycle, high quality bonds could become a more powerful diversification tool in constructing resilient portfolios, as they should be less correlated with equities going forward. With almost all assets cheapening in 2022 and investor sentiment already at weak levels, next year could see some stabilization or relief in market returns, depending on key factors which are discussed in more depth in HSBC's quarterly outlook."*

Energy is burning bright

Mr. **Fred Wood**, Director, Product Strategist in the Natural Resources team of BlackRock presented his views focusing on the energy sector. *"The real support for energy prices is coming from the supply side. Supply remains constrained, not just due to the energy crisis in Europe, but also because of longer-term considerations around lower investment in new oil production. Energy companies have been wary on capital expenditure, given the uncertain rewards of bringing on new fossil fuel supply at a time of energy transition."*

The place of emerging markets in an investment portfolio

Mrs. **Remi Olu-Pitan**, Head of Multi-Asset Growth & Income at Schroders commented on emerging markets and their place in an investment portfolio. *“Emerging markets are more than just Chinese equities. Indeed at the moment, China is the big risk and we see the most attractive opportunities outside of China, and in fact outside of equities. Valuations in emerging market debt are more attractive than equities, and the debt universe is skewed towards commodity and inflation beneficiaries. We are most excited about Latin America, while Europe is starting to attract our interest.”*

Mr. **Stelios Pirpinias**, Head of Wealth and Personal Banking, HSBC Greece highlighted:

“We remain consistent in our commitment to keep our Premier clients abreast of trends and developments in international markets so that they can make the right decisions for their investment portfolios. We have chosen to organize this event because we continue to be in the midst of important events in the global economy which create a lot of uncertainty, question marks and some opportunities, in order to respond to the needs of our customers.”

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