



YTD as of 4/30/2022

Alpha Portfolio **-4.42%**

MARKETS

DOW JONES **-9.26%**
 S&P 500 **-13.26%**
 NASDAQ 100 **-21.26%**
 REIT INDEX **-10.40%**
 SMALL CAP **-16.86%**
 HIGH YIELD **-9.75%**

BOND YIELDS

10 YR TREAS **2.89%**
 YTD CHANGE **+138%**
 30 YR TREAS **2.95%**
 YTD CHANGE **+%**

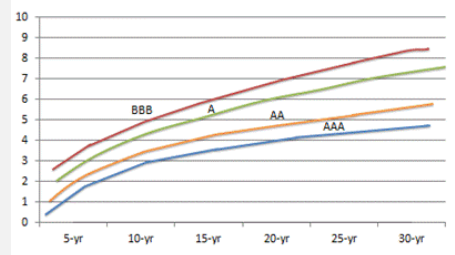
SINCE INCEPTION

THROUGH March 31, 2022
 BROXTON **488.05%**
 S&P 500 **404.65%**
 DOW JONES **377.31%**



Treasuries bottomed on May 9th and the stock market completed a bottom on May 20th. May saw a continuation in the down move in stocks but the move encountered a reversal late in the month. Part of the reason? The direct relationship between interest rates and earning assets. To the right we see a historically normal chart for different types of bonds by investment rating. This chart was almost completely flat at the beginning of the year. Stocks are also based on the same type of valuations, so when interest rates rise they fall in value. So, one of the main components of this sell off is the repricing of assets according to the price of government bonds. The chart to the right is the 20-year treasury bond falling 20% since the beginning of the year. So where are we going? Interest rates stopped out at the 2018 highs, so we need to see the 10-year advance above this level (3.25%) in order to start effecting asset valuations again.

Interest rate



Retail Earnings Carnival? The Market started "freaking out" as retailer earnings started spilling out in May. Retailers usually end their accounting year in January, so the earnings lag the rest of the market by about a month. An especially large drop unexpectedly occurred when Target reported. Although the earnings were not that bad \$2.19 per share vs \$3.06 predicted, the stock dropped around \$50 bucks!!!! Thus began a carnival of retail reporting! On the overall performance of the sector, we would say that there is no evidence of a recession, and many retailers are underpriced. The primary effect has been the logistical difficulties combined with shifts in consumer purchasing. Also, many companies took the risk of adding inventory above seasonal levels and trying to predict what the consumer wanted to buy further out. Looks like Oreos and electronics are on the outs, as people return to normal, and clothes and travel are in!



Children's Place: We updated our recommendation to buy based on passing the (predicted) most difficult quarter in 2022, management's indication of pricing power and the good May. Also, if the total share repurchase is completed around these price levels it will provide a major catalyst for 2023 earnings. The price target is 9 X our 2022 earnings forecast. [Broxtion Report](#)



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