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Q1 Highlights

Equity Market Performance:

• NDX: -9.1%

• SPX: -4.95%

• RUT: -7.8%

Macro:

Jan: Omnicron cases spike

• Feb: U.S. CPI @ 7.5%

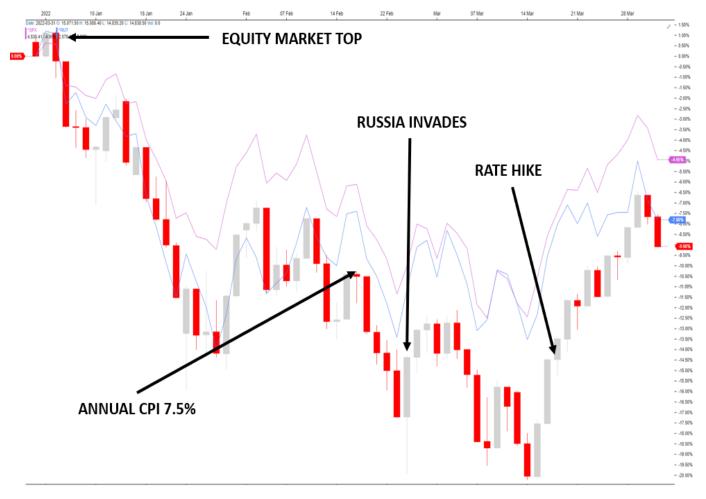
• 2/24 Russian incursion begins

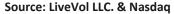
Fed Funds

• 3/17: +25 basis points (25-50 bpts)

Terminal Rates forecast: 2.8%

Yield curve begins to invert

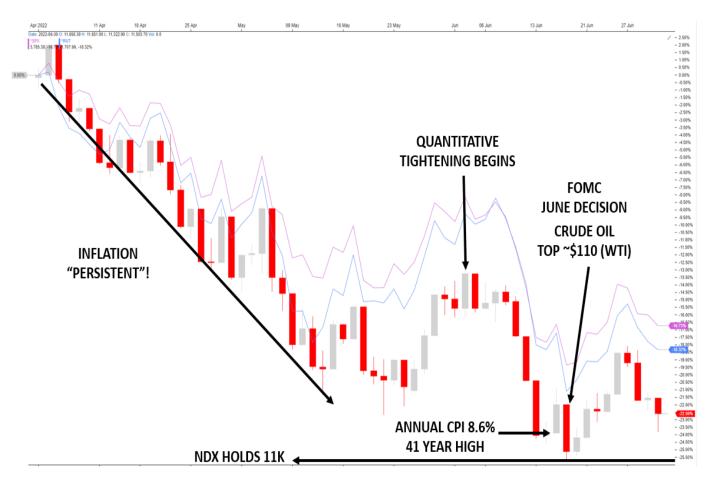






Q2 Highlights

- Equity Market Performance:
 - NDX: 22.5%
 - SPX: -16.4%
 - RUT: -17.5%
- Macro:
 - Energy & food prices increase quickly
- Fed Funds
 - 5/5: +50 basis points (75-100 bpts)
 - 6/16: +75 basis points (150-175 bpts)
 - Terminal Rates forecast: 3.5%
 - Yield curve continues inverting



Source: LiveVol LLC. & Nasdaq



Q3 Highlights

Equity Market Performance:

• NDX: -4.63%

• SPX: -5.27%

• RUT: -2.32%

Macro:

 Early optimism on inflation (lower energy prices) gives way to services inflation pressure

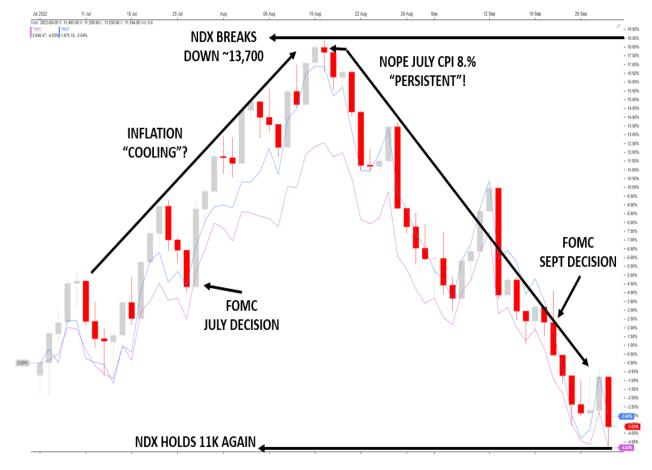
Fed Funds

• 7/27: +75 basis points (225-250 bpts)

• 9/21: +75 basis points (300-325 bpts)

Terminal Rates forecast 4.0%

Yield curve remains inverted



Source: LiveVol LLC. & Nasdaq



Q4 Highlights (Through Dec 5th)

Equity Market Performance:

• NDX: +2.50%

• SPX: +6.70%

• RUT: +5.50%

Overall, lower highs & lower lows

Macro:

Midterm elections "resolved" = divided
 U.S. government. Inflation data improvir
 with mixed economic data signals into yeend

Fed Funds

- 11/2: +75 basis points (375-400 bpts)
- 12/14: ?? (Market pricing +50 bpts)
- Terminal Rates forecast ~5.0%
- Yield curve remains inverted

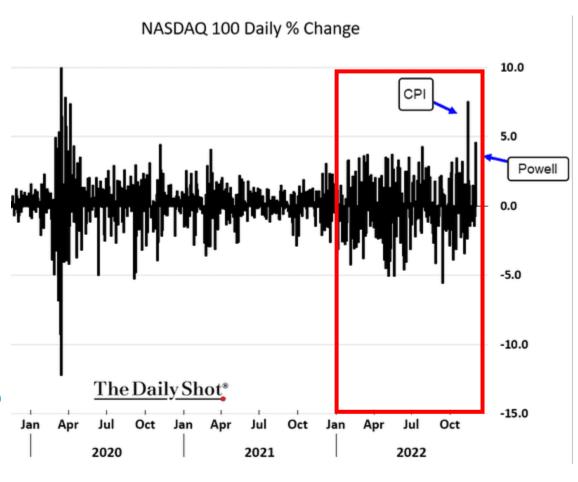


Source: LiveVol LLC. & Nasdaq



Volatility – It's Back!

- Higher average daily NDX ranges
 - 2022 YTD Avg. Daily H/L range largest since 2009
 - 2022 YTD Ranges Essentially double the avg. range between 2013 2017
- Highest realized vol sessions
 - FOMC dates & CPI data releases (inflation narrative)
- Do you expect elevated vol levels to continue into/through 2023?
 - Do you expect Fed (other central banks) to continue tightening through 2023?
 - What impact would a technical recession have on future ranges?



Source: The Daily Shot

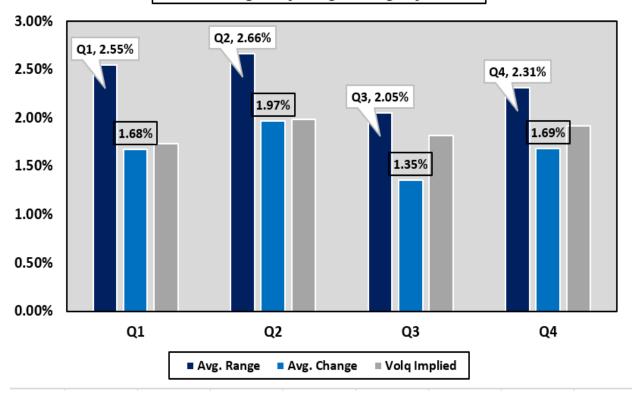


Volatility – It's Back!

- Average H/L Range by Quarter
 - Q1: 2.55%
 - Q2: 2.66%
 - Q3: 2.05%
 - Q4*: 2.31%
- Average Close/Close Move by Quarter
 - Q1: 1.68%
 - Q2: 1.97%
 - Q3: 1.35%
 - Q4*: 1.69%
- Average VOLQ Index Implied Range
 - Q1: 1.73% (No real IVRP)
 - Q2: 1.98% (No real IVRP)
 - Q3: 1.82% (Decent IVRP)
 - Q4*: 1.92% (Decent IVRP)



2022 NDX Avg. Daily Range/Change by Quarter



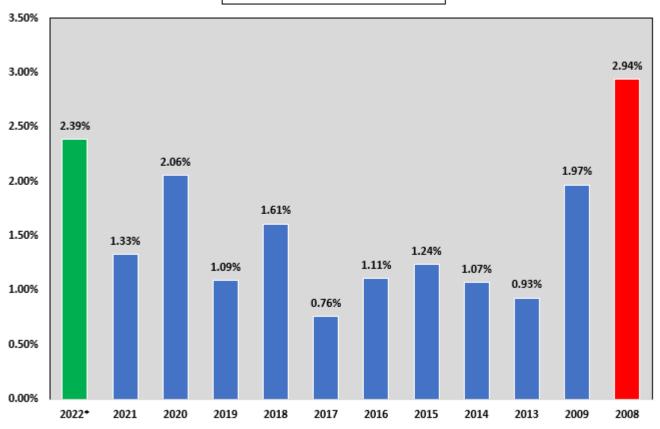
Source: Nasdaq



Volatility – It's Back!

- "High" Forward Vol Function of High Realized Vol
 - ~30 VOLQ 30D options pricing daily moves of ~1.85%
 - Avg. Daily Range > 1.85% and Avg.
 Daily Change slightly below @ 1.66%
- VOLQ Closing Averages by Year:
 - 2019*: 15.13
 - 2020: 29.54
 - 2021: 20.47
 - 2022*: 29.66

NDX Annual Avg. H/L Range



Source: Nasdaq



^{*}Not full year data

Yield Curve Significant Inversion (US 10Y – US2Y)

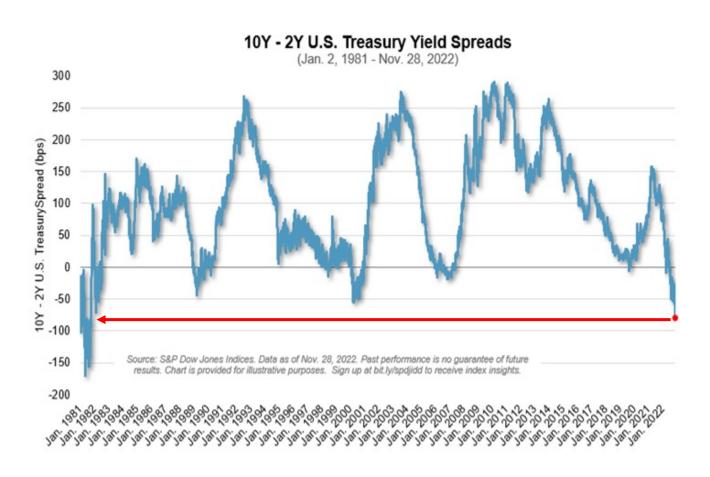
UST 10Y – 2Y Shift:

- Spread ended 2021 @ +80 basis points
- Spread flattens throughout Q1/Q2 ends
 Q2 at +4 basis points
- 10Y-2Y inverted since July and now at its most negative point (-80 bpts) since early 1980s.

Translation:

- 2Y yields have outpaced 10Y yields by 160 basis points YTD (from +80 to -80)
- Historically inversions of this magnitude have accompanied (severe) recessions

Will it be different this time?

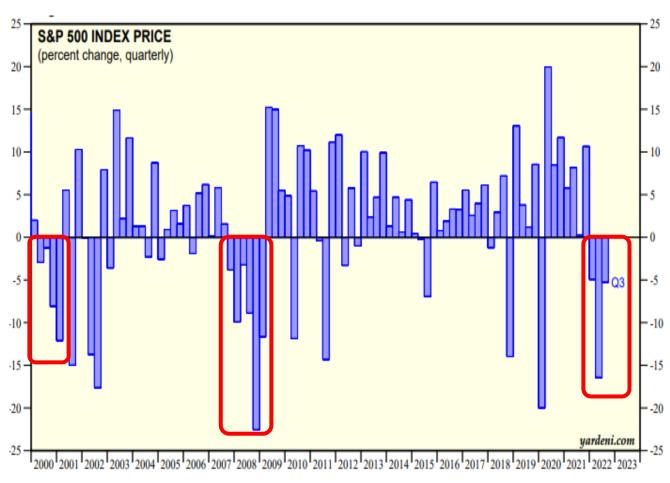






Three Straight Lower Quarters = Unusual

- Performance "typical" during crises/significant tops
 - Comparable periods during Dot com bust and Global Financial Crisis.
 - Following a period of seven straight positive quarterly returns.
 - S&Ps +11.3% through November Q4.
- Unusual Previous Decade
 - The 2010s were atypically sanguine with relatively few/short-lived drawdowns.
 - Low interest rates (arguably) helped fuel a decade of uneven recovery.

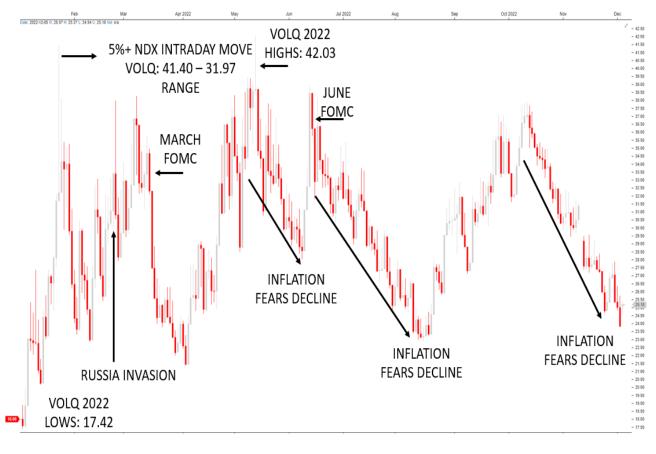


Source: Yardeni Research



VOLQ Index Review

- VOLQ Index Avg. (2022)* 29.68
 - *Through November 2022
- Peaks & Valleys
 - Intraday Highs (5/12): 42.03
 - High Close (5/9): 38.74
 - Intraday Lows (1/3): 17.42
 - Low Close (1/5): 17.57
- Rates Vol Leads Equity Vol Lags
 - Forward equity vol levels remained rangebound throughout 2022
 - MOVE Index (UST vol) up to ~150 in mid-October (highest since 2009 crisis



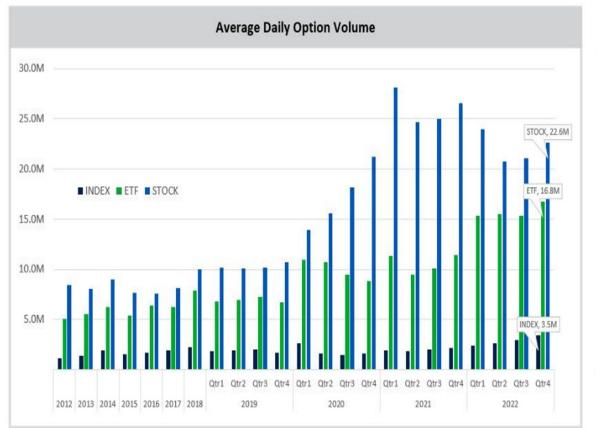
Source: LiveVol LLC.



(INDEX & ETF) Option Volumes Growth

- Index Option Volume +40% Y/Y
 - Typical behavior when market risks shift "macro."
 - Ability to efficiently hedge/gain exposure to broad market.
- Equity Option Volume -16% Y/Y
 - Compared to a record year for individual equity options in 2021.
 - Overall option volumes likely to establish new record w/ADV ~41M.

The industry maintained growth past in "post-COVID" environment. Testament to broader understanding!





Source: @HenrySchwartz, OCC, LiveVol LLC



Nasdaq-100 Performance Breakdown

	Nasdaq 100 YTI) Returns		27	Electronic Arts Inc	EA	▼ -1.12%
#	Company	Symbol	YTD Return	28	Fisery Inc	FISV	-1.54%
1	Constellation Energy Corp	CEG	141.90%	29	Marriott International Inc/MD	MAR	→ -1.94%
2	Enphase Energy Inc	ENPH	▲ 83.57%	30	Lululemon Athletica Inc	LULU	→ -2.64%
3	Pinduoduo Inc ADR	PDD	▲ 50.60%	31	Sirius XM Holdings Inc	SIRI	2.61%-2.68%
4	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc	VRTX	44.63%	32	Analog Devices Inc	ADI	✓ 2.00%✓ -4.51%
5	T-Mobile US Inc	TMUS	▲ 29.87%	33	Texas Instruments Inc	TXN	▼ -5.88%
6	Amgen Inc	AMGN	26.64%	34	Palo Alto Networks Inc	PANW	-3.86%-8.40%
7	Biogen Inc	BIIB	22.02%				
8	Gilead Sciences Inc	GILD	21.17%	35	KLA Corp	KLAC	▼ -9.66%
9	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc	REGN	1 9.62%	36	Paychex Inc	PAYX	▼ -9.75%
10	O'Reilly Automotive Inc	ORLY	1 9.38%	37	Synopsys Inc	SNPS	▼ -10.10%
11	AstraZeneca PLC ADR	AZN	17.46%	38	Cadence Design Systems Inc	CDNS	→ -10.67%
12	PACCAR Inc	PCAR	17.11%	39	Starbucks Corp	SBUX	▼ -11.47%
13	Activision Blizzard Inc	ATVI	14.73%	40	Microchip Technology Inc	MCHP	▼ -12.04%
14	Kraft Heinz Co/The	KHC	1 0.36%	41	Dexcom Inc	DXCM	▼ -13.17%
15	Automatic Data Processing Inc	ADP	▲ 7.22%	42	Copart Inc	CPRT	▼ -13.34%
16	Monster Beverage Corp	MNST	▲ 6.38%	43	Costco Wholesale Corp	COST	▼ -13.92%
17	American Electric Power Co Inc	AEP	▲ 6.24%	44	JD.com Inc ADR	JD	▼ -14.00%
18	PepsiCo Inc	PEP	▲ 5.42%	45	Booking Holdings Inc	BKNG	▼ -14.28%
19	Dollar Tree Inc	DLTR	▲ 5.21%	46	CSX Corp	CSX	▼ -16.62%
20	Cintas Corp	CTAS	▲ 3.66%	47	Apple Inc	AAPL	▼ -17.42%
21	Honeywell International Inc	HON	▲ 3.40%	48	Old Dominion Freight Line Inc	ODFL	→ -19.15%
22	Keurig Dr Pepper Inc	KDP	▲ 2.98%	49	Verisk Analytics Inc	VRSK	▼ -19.93%
23	Ross Stores Inc	ROST	2.70%	50	Broadcom Inc	AVGO	▼ -20.25%
24	Mondelez International Inc	MDLZ	1.69%	51	Fastenal Co	FAST	▼ -20.56%
25	Xcel Energy Inc	XEL	▲ 1.45%	52	Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc	WBA	▼ -20.99%
26	Exelon Corp	EXC	▲ 1.34%	53	Baidu Inc ADR	BIDU	▼ -21.42%

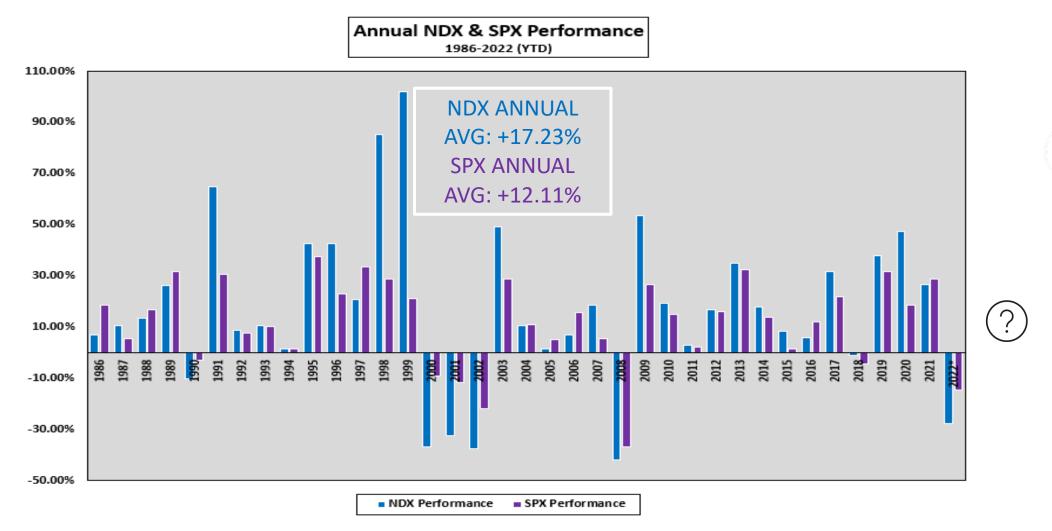
53	Baidu Inc ADR	BIDU	▼ -21.42%
54	Seagen Inc	SGEN	▼ -21.59%
55	Cisco Systems Inc	CSCO	▼ -22.16%
56	VeriSign Inc	VRSN	▼ -22.27%
57	ASML Holding NV	ASML	▼ -24.54%
58	Intuitive Surgical Inc	ISRG	▼ -24.93%
59	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	▼ -25.61%
60	NXP Semiconductors NV	NXPI	▼ -26.08%
61	Splunk Inc	SPLK	▼ -26.18%
62	Fortinet Inc	FTNT	▼ -28.12%
63	Autodesk Inc	ADSK	▼ -29.45%
64	Comcast Corp	CMCSA	▼ -30.16%
65	Moderna Inc	MRNA	▼ -30.73%
66	Alphabet Inc	GOOG	▼ -30.97%
67	Alphabet Inc	GOOGL	▼ -31.32%
68	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp	CTSH	▼ -31.86%
69	NetEase Inc ADR	NTES	▼ -32.19%
70	Applied Materials Inc	AMAT	▼ -32.37%
71	QUALCOMM Inc	QCOM	▼ -32.58%
72	eBay Inc	EBAY	▼ -33.92%
73	MercadoLibre Inc	MELI	▼ -34.60%
74	IDEXX Laboratories Inc	IDXX	▼ -35.87%
75	Lam Research Corp	LRCX	▼ -37.06%
76	ANSYS Inc	ANSS	▼ -37.85%
77	Intuit Inc	INTU	▼ -38.57%
78	Skyworks Solutions Inc	SWKS	▼ -39.58%
79	Workday Inc	WDAY	▼ -39.74%

80	Charter Communications Inc	CHTR	▼ -40.52%
81	Airbnb Inc	ABNB	▼ -40.83%
82	Adobe Inc	ADBE	▼ -41.08%
83	Micron Technology Inc	MU	▼ -41.99%
84	Crowdstrike Holdings Inc	CRWD	▼ -42.21%
85	Intel Corp	INTC	▼ -43.36%
86	NVIDIA Corp	NVDA	▼ -43.52%
87	Illumina Inc	ILMN	▼ -43.79%
88	Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	▼ -45.41%
89	Netflix Inc	NFLX	▼ -48.11%
90	Tesla Inc	TSLA	▼ -48.21%
91	Advanced Micro Devices Inc	AMD	▼ -48.84%
92	Marvell Technology Inc	MRVL	▼ -50.89%
93	Zoom Video Communications Inc	ZM	▼ -60.36%
94	Datadog Inc	DDOG	▼ -60.55%
95	PayPal Holdings Inc	PYPL	▼ -60.96%
96	Zscaler Inc	ZS	▼ -62.41%
97	Meta Platforms Inc	META	▼ -63.60%
98	Atlassian Corp	TEAM	▼ -64.96%
99	Match Group Inc	MTCH	▼ -65.38%
100	Align Technology Inc	ALGN	▼ -71.41%
101	DocuSign Inc	DOCU	▼ -72.14%
102	Lucid Group Inc	LCID	▼ -75.22%

Source: Slick Charts



Will History Rhyme (with Dot Com Bust Era)?



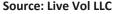


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Perspective After a Difficult Year

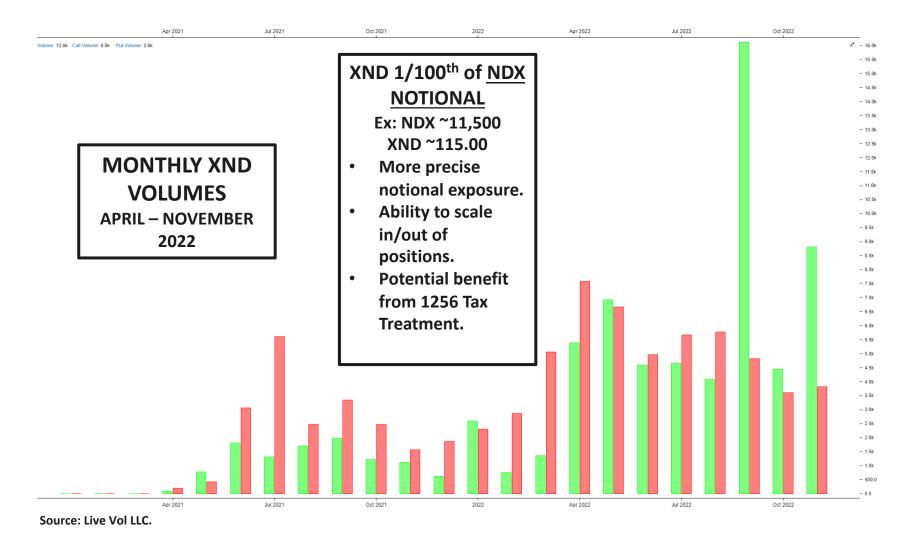
- Maintaining Perspective in Down Years
 - Hindsight: Year end (2021) option hedges would likely have provided meaningful cushion – but you can't "should have"
 - All major U.S. equity indexes remain above pre-pandemic highs
- Do you believe equities test old highs?
- Do you believe equities test March 2020 lows?
 - Will you be proactive about portfolio protection going into 2023?
 - Structured strategies?







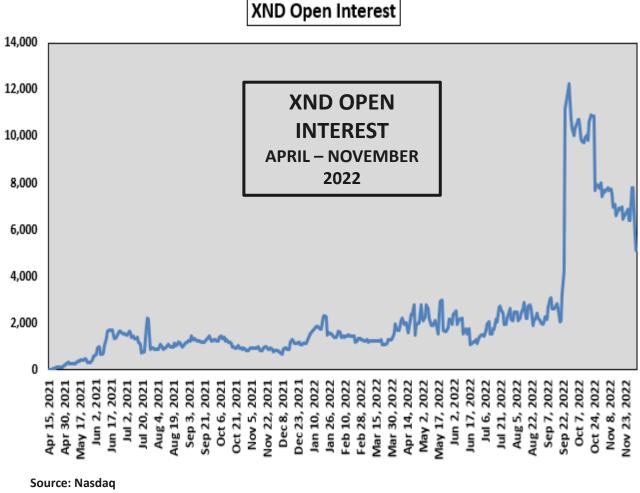
The Growth of Micro Index Options (XND)





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- Growth in Open Interest Fuels New **Product Growth**
 - Open interest is indicative of market participants establishing/holding XND index positions
 - Tremendous OI growth in September likely Institutional overlay (Jan 2023 options)
- As options expire, OI declines
- Addition of daily expiries in late 2022 should help OI continue to grow in 2023.
 - Ability to customize short & long-term exposures







Recap

- The shift in the cost of capital (rates)
 pressured global equities throughout 2022.
- Option volumes remained incredibly strong which speaks to greater understanding.
 - Volume shift toward Index options and away from single name equities.
- Q2 incredibly difficult as food & energy prices ripped higher.
 - Will inflation remain sticky? Could determine path forward.
- VOLQ (& VIX) remained rangebound despite huge jump in MOVE Index.
 - Is rates vol bound to bleed over?

Mark Your Calendar!

FOMC DECISIONS	CPI DATA RELEASE
2/1/2023	1/12/2023
3/22/2023*	2/14/2023
5/3/2023	3/14/2023
4/14/2023*	4/12/2023

^{*} Denotes Fed Economic Projections Updated

Source: FOMC & BLS

- Three straight down quarters associated with crises.
 - Different this time?
- Growth of mini/micro index products broadens access to macro products.
 - Euro style, cash-settled, tax benefits, more granular expiries.



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