

The Ukraine Crisis

At Reeves Independent, we understand you may be concerned about your investments because of recent news. We wanted to get in touch to offer you an insight into what our Investment Committee are doing at this time.

The outright invasion of Ukraine by Russia and President Putin has come as great shock. The scenes we are witnessing are truly terrible and our thoughts go out to the civilians who are caught up in this tragic situation.

How are we positioned?

As investors, we learned the importance of protecting your wealth in the wake of the Covid-19 crash in March 2020. We navigated that difficult environment to end 2020 with strong returns across our portfolios. This was particularly due to our portfolios being designed well before the crisis struck and then making changes to the portfolio when we saw a substantial benefit. We continue with this process.

We want to reassure you that your portfolios have a high level of diversification across regions, assets and managers. At this stage, we have minimal exposure to Russia and Eastern Europe. We will always notify you of any changes in the first instance and any changes we do make will be carefully managed due to the likely persistent volatility. Our investment philosophy remains unchanged. We do not take unnecessary risks by predicting outcomes.

What does the future look like?

The current situation will impact the valuations of the funds in your portfolio, but we are confident that they will show strong growth again in the future. The expression 'time in the market, beats timing the market' rings true in these times, and ultimately patient investors are rewarded.

We meet regularly with fund managers and industry leaders, who have a refreshingly optimistic outlook, despite the ongoing negative sentiment in the markets. This allows us to make informed decisions based on a forward-thinking strategy, backed by objective data.

Since the start of the year, global investment markets have reacted to negative news surrounding interest rate rises and high inflation. Central banks have proposed interest rates as a way of easing the exponential cost of living increases and inflation. This has resulted in a correction to stocks that rely heavily on a low interest environment for growth. As a result of this, we are expecting muted levels of return throughout 2022.

How we can help

This is understandably a worrisome time for most. Our Investment Team dedicate their time to ensuring that you can gain an understanding of the markets, through our frequent newsletters and communications. The team are also available to answer any questions you have over the phone or via Zoom.

If you would like to book a meeting with the investment team to discuss your portfolios, please click the link below:

[Book your meeting here](#)

Our team are here for you and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Reeves Investment Services.

With best wishes,

Reeves Investment Services