## The Sizemore Income Letter

March 10, 2022

## Sell FDEU

By Charles Lewis Sizemore, CFA



You have whiplash yet?

February's volatility spilled over into March, giving us the potential for three consecutive monthly losses in the stock market.

We may still get there. It's early. But we had a massive rally yesterday that at least put the carnage on hold.

It's no great mystery what's happening at the moment. The market is still trying to digest and discount what the Russian

invasion of Ukraine means.

Will it cause a recession in Europe due to soaring energy prices and sinking consumer confidence?

Maybe.

Will it spill over into a broader war, even potentially World War Three?

Maybe.

Will it mean even nastier inflation for a stretch as already frayed supply chains now have to work around a sanctions regime in Russia?

Again, maybe.

The issue is that no one knows, and the market is struggling to price in the probabilities. So until there's a little more certainty, the only thing we can really depend on is volatility. Expect both bigger up days and bigger down days.

If this kind of volatility makes you uncomfortable, then lower your exposure to stocks. That's a perfectly reasonable thing to do. You don't have to take your exposure down to zero, but you can certainly reduce it a little.

And speaking of that...

We hit our stop loss in the **First Trust Dynamic Europe Equity Income Fund (NYSE: FDEU).** So, if you haven't already, please take the following action:

## Action to take: Sell your shares of the First Trust Dynamic Europe Equity Income Fund (NYSE: FDEU) at market.

European stocks are, as a general rule, cheaper than American stocks and I expect them to outperform over the coming years. But for the moment, their proximity to Russia is making Mr. Market uncomfortable. So, let's sell and move on. We can return to this sector once things settle down a bit.

I wish I had more to report, but unfortunately this is really all we have to work with at the moment. And I don't see this situation ending quickly. Vladimir Putin is too committed to stop at this point, and the West is too committed to punishing him. There's no obvious "off ramp" here to de-escalation, and there is the very real possibility that it escalates into something bigger. Putin's only move at this point is to double-down... which will likely prompt the West to retaliate. And frankly, I have no idea how or when this ends... or if it ends.

So until we have more clarity, this is our ugly reality.

Charles Same

That's really all I have for the moment. We'll pick this up next week.

P.S.: Apart from writing this newsletter, I run a full-service wealth management firm along with my colleagues. At **Sizemore Capital Management**, we build income portfolios like those I write about in the *Sizemore Income Letter*. But we also do a lot more than that. We manage a suite of <u>low-volatility strategies</u> offering low correlation to the S&P 500. If you'd like for me to take a look at your portfolio and offer some recommendations, contact me at <u>info@sizemorecapital.com</u>.

The Sizemore Income Letter Portfolio

Stock	Ticker	Entry Date	Buy Price	Recent Price	Stop Loss	Yield	ulative idends	Total Return	IRA Friendly?	Action
MFS Municipal Income Trust	MFM	2/28/2022	\$6.54	\$6.22	\$5.93	4.51%	\$ -	-4.97%	No	Buy
Vertical Capital Income Fund	VCIF	1/27/2022	\$9.99	\$10.20	\$8.95	9.23%	\$ -	2.10%	Yes	Buy
Energy Transfer Partners	ET	12/27/2021	\$8.16	\$10.32	\$7.30	7.42%	\$ -	26.47%	No	Buy
EPR Properties	EPR	11/29/2021	\$47.78	\$52.07	\$33.92	6.28%	\$ -	8.98%	Yes	Buy
Chevron Corporation	CVX	9/30/2021	\$103.33	\$170.18	\$88.14	4.62%	\$ 1.34	65.99%	Yes	Buy
Nuveen Real Estate Income	JRS	6/25/2021	\$10.77	\$11.51	\$9.69	6.68%	\$ 0.19	8.64%	Yes	Buy
ClearBridge Energy Midstream Opportunity	ЕМО	5/26/2021	\$21.94	\$26.76	\$17.30	7.10%	\$ 0.76	25.43%	Yes	Buy
First Trust Dynamic Europe Equity Income	FDEU	5/26/2021	\$13.68	\$11.78	\$11.76	5.29%	\$ 0.36	-11.26%	Yes	Sell
Magellan Midstream Partners	ММР	1/29/2021	\$44.41	\$49.86	\$41.78	8.65%	\$ 4.12	21.55%	No	Buy
WisdomTree Emerging Markets High Dividend Fund	DEM	12/31/2020	\$41.22	\$42.34	\$40.42	4.48%	\$ 1.81	7.10%	Yes	Buy
Healthcare Trust of America	НТА	11/20/2020	\$26.80	\$30.60	\$26.95	4.61%	\$ 1.29	18.96%	Yes	Buy
Physicians Realty Trust	DOC	11/20/2020	\$17.80	\$16.69	\$15.30	4.49%	\$ 0.92	-1.07%	Yes	Buy
AllianceBernstein Holding, LP	AB	11/6/2020	\$30.85	\$44.39	\$40.98	6.77%	\$ 3.58	55.48%	No	Hold
Main Street Capital	MAIN	9/25/2020	\$29.74	\$40.34	\$35.50	5.93%	\$ 2.88	45.33%	Yes	Buy
Iron Mountain	IRM	8/25/2020	\$30.22	\$51.05	\$39.74	5.30%	\$ 3.10	79.15%	Yes	Hold
Starwood Property Trust	STWD	8/25/2020	\$15.70	\$22.88	\$18.15	7.38%	\$ 2.40	61.02%	Yes	Buy
Dow Inc.	DOW	6/24/2020	\$38.45	\$60.32	\$47.65	4.53%	\$ 3.50	65.98%	Yes	Buy
Ecofin Sustainable and Social Impact Term Fund	TEAF	6/24/2020	\$10.73	\$14.30	\$12.35	6.14%	\$ 1.20	44.41%	Yes	Buy
LyondellBasell Industries	LYB	5/22/2020	\$60.39	\$99.16	\$79.23	4.27%	\$ 6.46	74.90%	Yes	Buy
Ares Capital Corporation	ARCC	4/23/2020	\$11.35	\$20.47	\$17.55	8.20%	\$ 2.41	101.54%	Yes	Buy

**Disclaimer:** Copyright 2020 Sizemore Financial Publishing LLC. This investment newsletter (the "Newsletter") is created and authored by Charles Sizemore (the "Content Creator") and is published and provided for informational and entertainment purposes only. The information in the Newsletter constitutes the Content Creator's own opinions. None of the information contained in the Newsletter constitutes a recommendation that any particular security, portfolio of securities, transaction, or investment strategy is suitable for any specific person. You understand that the Content Creator is not advising, and will not advise you personally concerning the nature, potential, value or suitability of any particular security, portfolio of securities, transaction, investment strategy or other matter. To the extent any of the information contained in the Newsletter may be deemed to be investment advice, such information is impersonal and not tailored to the investment needs of any specific person. From time to time, the Content Creator or its affiliates may hold positions or other interests in securities mentioned in the Newsletter and may trade for their own accounts based on the information presented. The material in this Newsletter may not be reproduced, copied or distributed without the express written permission of Sizemore Financial Publishing LLC.