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INFLATION REPORT AND CU STRATEGY

Market Analysis

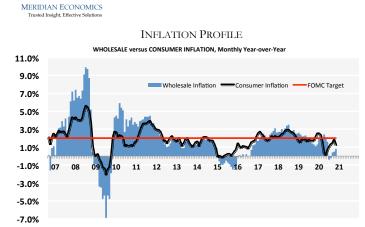
Strategic Solutions

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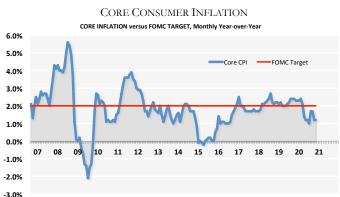
Risk Management

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## INFLATION ENVIRONMENT







Wholesale Inflation Overall Wholesale Inflation 0.4% 1.7% 2	.6% 2.2% .3% 2.2%	2.2%	-1.1%	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Overall Wholesale Inflation 0.4% 1.7% 2		2.2%	4.40/						
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Core Wholesale Inflation -1.0% 1.8% 2	30/ 2 20/		-1.1%	-0.7%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%
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Consumer Inflation									
Overall Consumer Inflation 0.7% 2.1% 2	.1% 1.9%	1.9%	0.1%	0.6%	1.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%
Food 0.8% -0.2% 1	.6% 1.6%	1.6%	4.0%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.7%
	.9% 0.6% .5% 2.8%	0.6% 2.8%	4.8% 2.9%	5.6% 3.1%	4.6% 3.4%	4.6% 3.5%	4.1% 3.8%	4.0% 3.9%	3.6% 3.8%
Energy -12.6% 5.4% 6	.9% -0.3%	-0.3%	-18.9%	-12.6%	-11.2%	-9.0%	-7.7%	-9.2%	-9.4%
- Gasoline -19.7% 9.1% 10	0.7% -2.1%	-2.1%	-33.2%	-23.4%	-20.2%	-16.8%	-15.4%	-18.0%	-19.3%
Core Consumer Inflation 2.1% 2.2% 1	.8% 2.2%	2.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%
- Used Vehicles 0.4% -3.5% -1	0.5% -0.3% 1.0% 1.4%	1.4%	-0.3% -0.4%	-0.2% -2.8%	0.5%	0.7% 5.0%	1.0% 10.3%	1.5% 11.5%	1.6% 10.9%
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	.6% -0.1% .3% -0.5%		-7.9% 0.8%	-7.3% 1.3%	-6.5% 1.1%	-5.9% 0.8%	-6.0% 0.9%	-5.5% -0.8%	-5.2% -1.1%

(December 2020) ... U.S. consumer prices are increasing at a 1.2 percent annualized pace while core consumer inflation, which excludes commodity driven food and energy prices, increasing 1.6 percent. Overall inflation was impacted by a 3.7 percent increase in food costs, fueled by a 3.8 percent increase in food at home prices. Wholesale inflation increased 0.8 percent pace reflecting both the lagging effect and oftentimes inability, for producers to pass higher costs to the consumer to avoid adversely impacting the current pace of consumer demand.

A certain level of inflation is needed in a growing economy to increase the value of goods and services produced - contributing to the nation's GDP growth profile.

Strategically... During this rate cycle, the current pace of inflation, dominated by the pandemic, is also putting downward pressure on long-term treasury rates - benchmarks to real estate and long-term capital investment financing. In conjunction with the Federal Reserve's prevailing monetary policy, this could either help drag short-term rates or, depending on consumer spending behavior, flatten the yield curve. Competitive loan rates have been compromised by larger credit unions face historical high levels of loan P&I run-off each month.

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