



March 2023: A summary for investors

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What's happened in March?

- Bank collapses in US and Europe caused concern
- Bank of England increased interest rates again
- · Mixed month for investments

Market summary

Market headlines in March were dominated by the closure of Silicon Valley Bank and takeover of Credit Suisse. Since the global financial crisis, regulation has tightened significantly, and so it's unlikely that the banking challenges they faced are widespread.

The central banks are still trying to keep inflation under control, so interest rates increased again in the UK, US and Europe in March.

While the outlook remains uncertain, the question now is how much of the potential challenge ahead is already accounted for in markets, which could mean opportunities for long-term investors.

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