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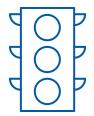


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# Key Themes for August



# Labor: Mixed Signals, but Holds the Key to Rate Cuts

At the headline level, the initial announcement of monthly jobs numbers has been stronger than expected. But it has also been subject to steep revisions lower. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics Household survey tells a different story, showing a rising unemployment rate with weakness corroborated by rising weekly jobless claims. A softening in jobs data will lower wage inflation sustainably and provide confidence for the Fed to cut rates.



# Inflation: When Does Bad News Become Bad News?

**Inflation is falling in the U.S.** but also falling in Europe and sticky in Japan. Risky assets have performed well on signs of economic weakness that lowers inflation i.e. bad news is good news. But once the source of falling inflation becomes loss of demand, then bad news becomes *bad news*. We are seeing early signs that these cracks are forming.



### **Political Volatility at Large**

Despite the surprise victory of the left-wing coalition, we maintain our thesis that policies are required to move toward the center to succeed. UK elections came and went, and the U.S. presidential conventions are unlikely to create discernible investment information. Our mantra: politicians govern differently than they campaign.



#### China: More of the Same

China's twice-a-decade Third Plenum, which focuses on the long-term trajectory of the economy, has wrapped up with little fanfare. While expectations were low, there was some hope for reforms that would improve growth prospects. We don't have the full picture, but the initial statements maintain a focus on "high-quality development", meaning continued industrial subsidies and exporting excess capacity. The rest of the world seems to be pushing back on this policy.

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# The Portfolio Solutions Group – Our Top 4 Ideas for August

### **OW High Yield Bonds**

This past month has yet again bolstered the case for a soft landing, as inflation data in the U.S. came in below consensus. Consistent with this view is that default risks stay contained. As a result, bond yields, especially lower quality credits such as high yield, may offer competitive returns in 2H24 compared to equities, especially on a risk-adjusted basis.

# Moving to OW High Yield Municipals on Attractive Yields and Strong Technicals

**High Yield Municipals are very attractive** as their yields stand one standard deviation wide to their 5-year average. Adjusting for the top federal tax rate of 37% and the Net Investment Income Tax of 3.8%, that's a 9.5% return on a taxable-equivalent basis (based on the Bloomberg Municipal High Yield Bond Index). Technical underpinnings are supportive as well.

### French Equities: Maintaining an OW

The election outcome leaves our thesis intact. While we might see some short-term uncertainty as negotiations to form a new government play out, we ultimately expect a convergence of policies towards the center, rather than to the extremes. Equities might initially be range-bound, but we expect recent underperformance to reverse as investor concerns due to political noise recede.

### **Equities: Continue to Prefer Large Cap over Small Cap**

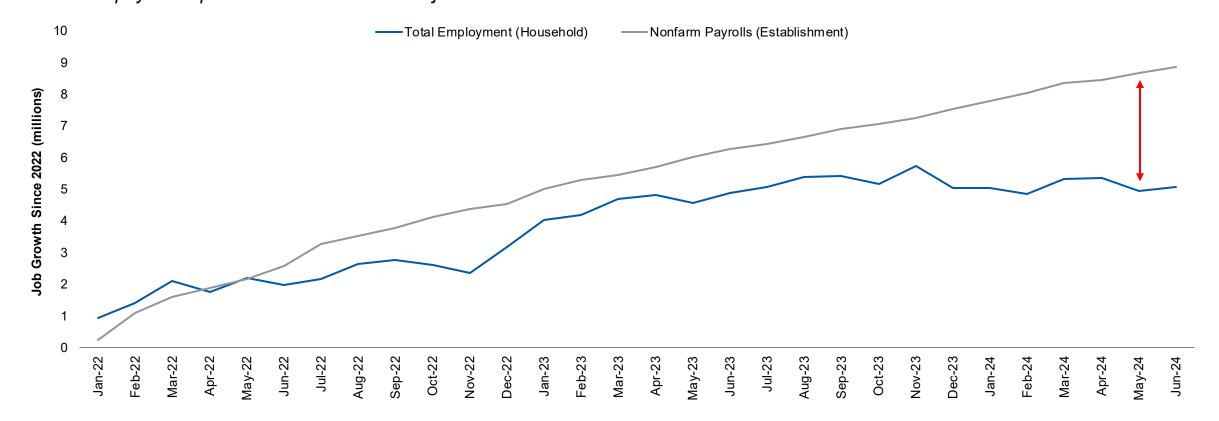
The window for small cap outperformance is too narrow. Historically small cap outperformance depended primarily on economic growth acceleration. Greater risk exposure to a "higher-for-longer" rate environment has added inverse rate correlation to the mix. While periods of growth acceleration with lower rates are plausible (e.g. end-2023), we see this combination as relatively unlikely in the current inflation environment. The recent decline in interest rates was a tailwind to small cap stocks, but softer economic data likely limits the durability of this trade.

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### U.S. Job Growth May Have Been Overstated

Divergence between the two employment surveys used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (Household and Establishment) are common given sampling methodology differences. The Establishment survey is broader in scope and seen as higher quality, however new data points to the birth/death model adjustment might be slightly overstating job growth.

# The Establishment Survey Shows Steady Job Growth, While the Household Survey Has Tapered Off Non-farm payrolls reported 3.8 million more new jobs since 2022



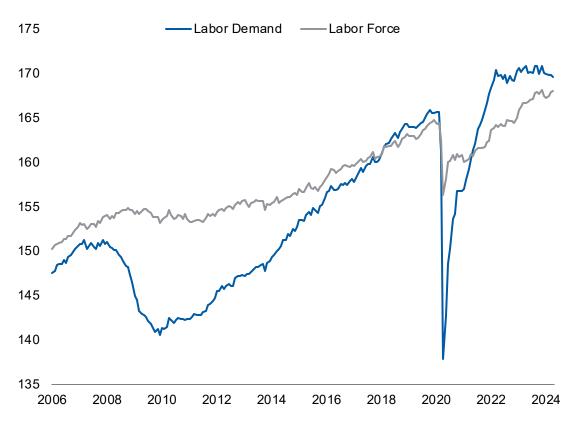
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### The U.S. Labor Market Is Reaching a Crossroads

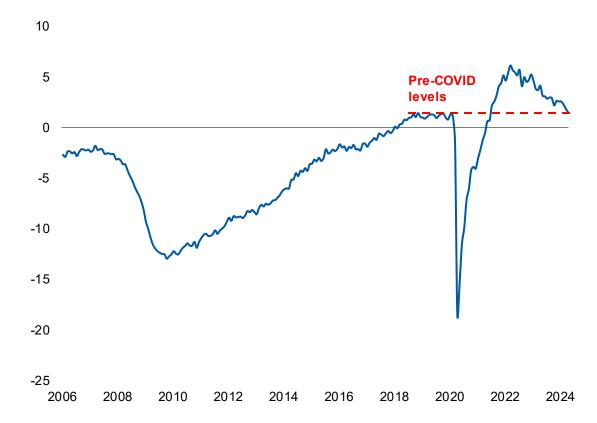
With excess labor demand back at pre-pandemic levels, the labor market — for the first time this year — is vulnerable to a further deceleration in economic activity. This is something we are watching closely.

### Labor Demand Has Been Softening YTD

U.S. labor demand (job openings + employed) vs labor force



Labor Market Balance Is Nearly Back to Pre-pandemic Levels U.S. excess labor demand (demand – supply)



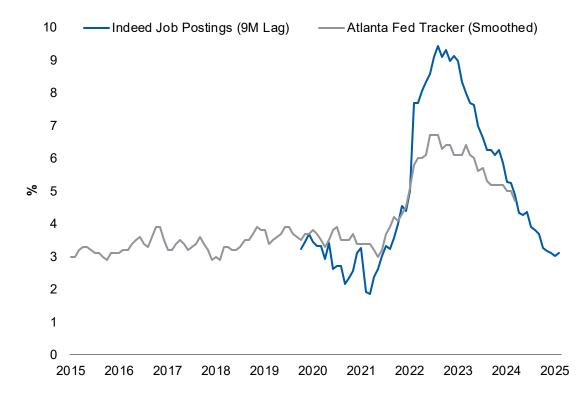
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### Less Worry About Inflation, More on Jobs

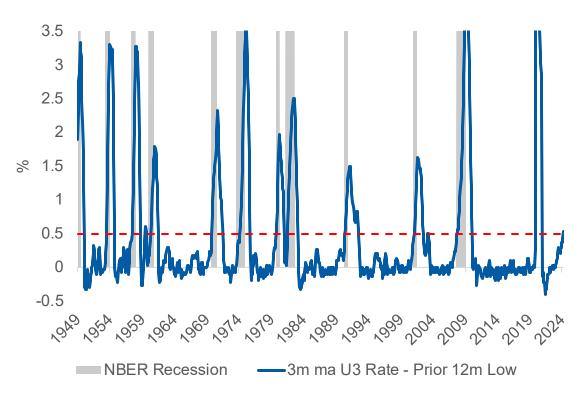
Leading indicators suggest U.S. wage growth should continue to moderate, reducing inflationary pressure. This allows the Fed to shift gears from focusing on inflation to potential cracks in the labor market. Recession indicators such as the Sahm Rule are creeping toward a recessionary threshold based on the rising national unemployment rate.

### U.S. Wage Growth Should Moderate Further...

U.S. y-o-y wage growth indicators



# ...Which Allows the Fed To Shift Focus to the Labor Market Sahm Rule recession indicator

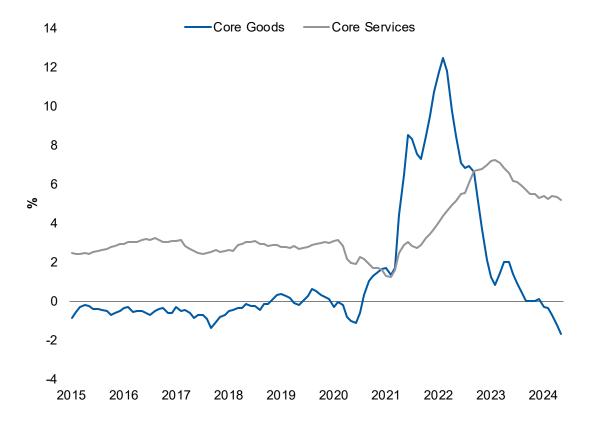


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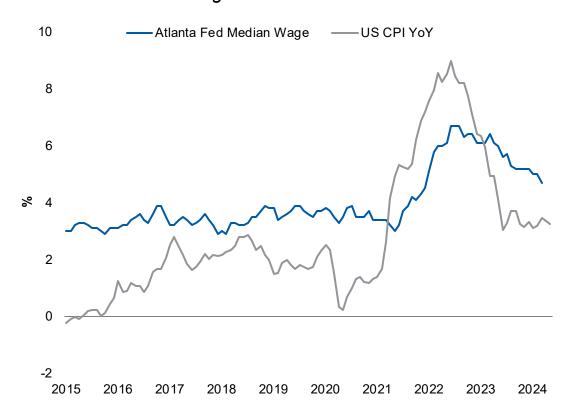
### Not All Inflation Is Created Equal

U.S. core goods prices are stuck in deflation, but core services inflation remains stubbornly elevated, driven by positive real wage growth. If the Fed cuts interest rates prematurely, while real wage growth remains positive, there is the risk of a fresh flare-up in inflation.

# **Deflationary Core Goods, but Sticky Core Services...** *U.S. CPI*



# ...Driven by Positive Real Wage Growth Atlanta Fed median wage and U.S. CPI



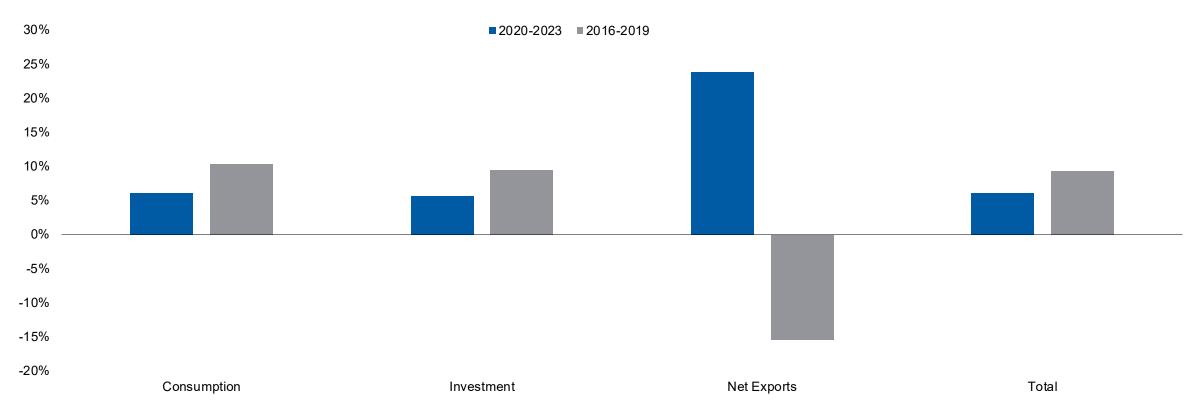
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### China: Still Focused on Exports

Since the bursting of China's property bubble, their economy has been highly reliant on exports. Nothing from a recent key economic policy meeting (Third Plenum) would indicate a change in strategy. China continues to export its excess capacity to the world, although many countries recently have started to push back with tariffs.

### Growth Has Slowed Overall, but Exports Have Been the One Bright Spot of the Chinese Economy Recently

Growth of various segments of China's economy (nominal terms, Chinese Yuan, 4-years annualized)

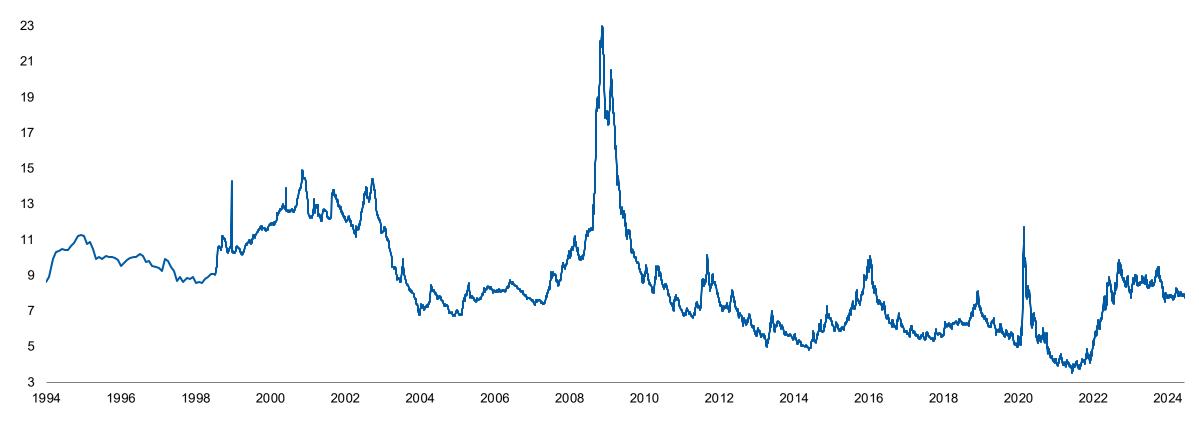


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# Despite Tight Spreads, High Yield Still Offers an Attractive Relative Return via Elevated All-in Yields U.S. HY yield-to-worst

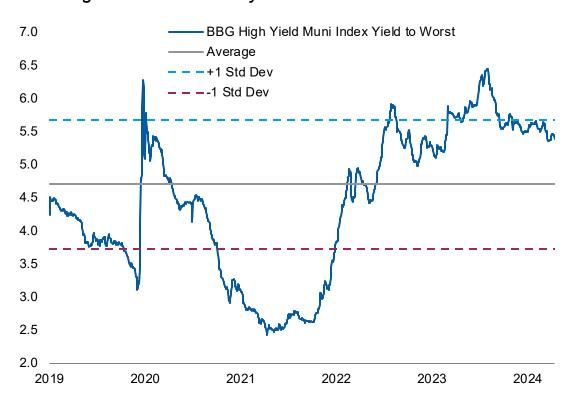


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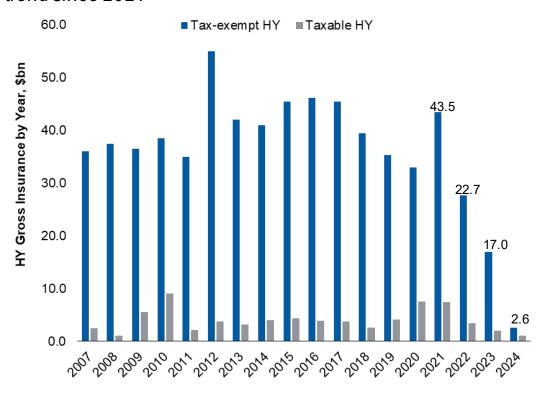
High Yield Municipals make a compelling case. They are an asset class with 1) yields well above their average over the last several years, 2) a very strong technical picture with limited supply and inflows returning to the space, 3) strong underlying credit fundamentals and 4) a duration profile that should benefit from a more dovish Fed.

# High Yield Municipal Yields Are Elevated vs. History BBG High Yield Muni Index yield to worst



### **Limited Supply**

Supply of high yield municipals has been on a steady downward trend since 2021



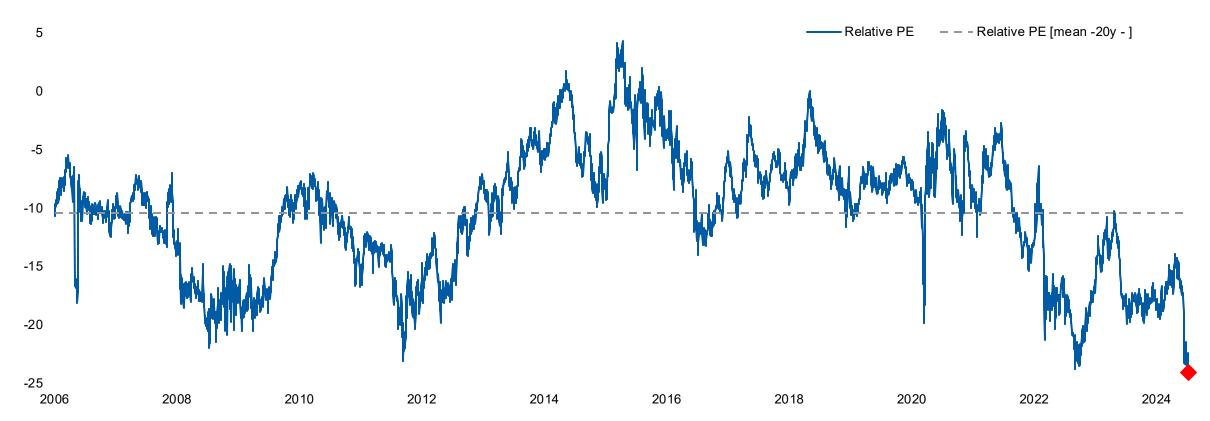
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# French Equities: Maintaining an Overweight

Despite the surprise victory by the left-wing coalition, we maintain that we expect the recent underperformance of French equities to reverse; revenues for key names and sectors are mostly non-domestic and should broadly be unaffected by the outcome of current government coalition negotiations. Moreover, current valuations still offer an attractive entry point.

### French Equities Are Trading at a Historically Low Discount vs. Global Equities

MSCI France 12-month forward P/E vs MSCI ACWI

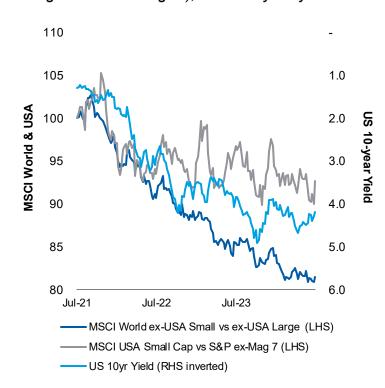


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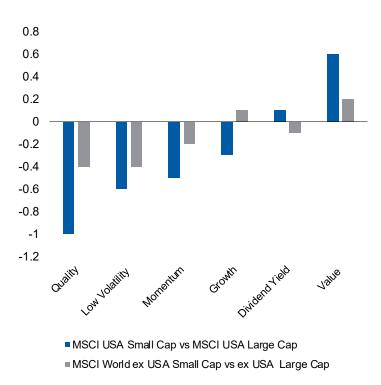
# Window for Small Cap Outperformance Is Too Narrow – We Prefer Large Cap

Small caps are lower in quality, more volatile and carry greater exposure to cyclical sectors relative to large cap. Outperformance requires economic growth acceleration with lower interest rates. While recent inflation data and the resulting decline in rates was a lift to small cap, softer economic data may constrain its continued outperformance.

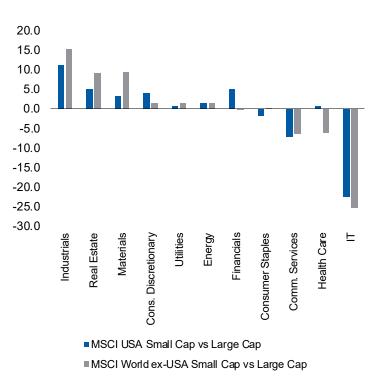
### Small Caps Currently Driven by Rates Relative index returns Small vs Large (U.S. Large excludes Mag 7\*); U.S. 10-year yield



### Small Caps: Lower Quality, Higher Volatility Defined by Bloomberg's MAC3 Factor Model. Quality is profitability, leverage, variability.



### Small Caps: More Exposed to Cyclicals Relative exposure to sectors, small vs large, according to the indexes noted.

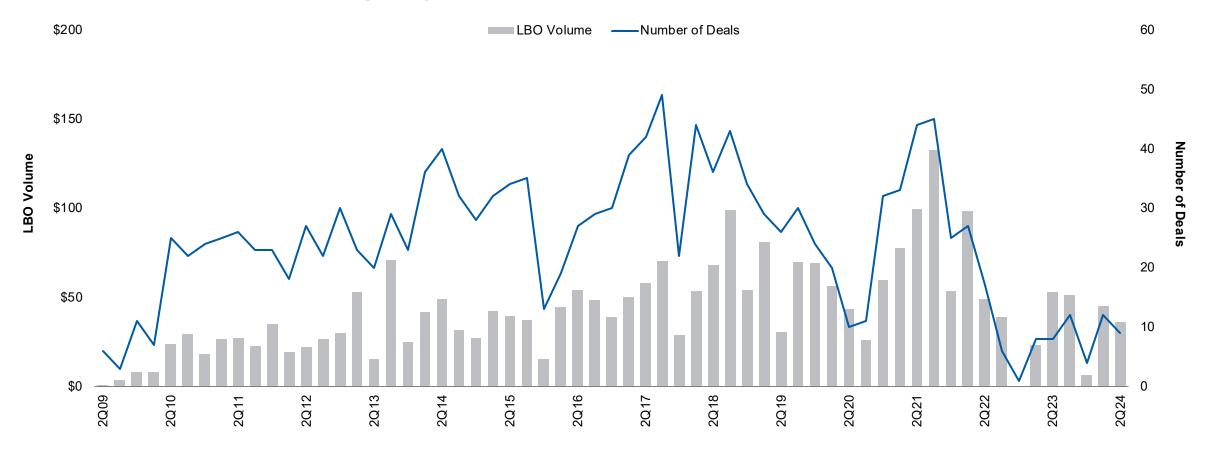


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# Private Equity Shows Signs of Recovering Activity

Transaction volumes in private equity are very low but increasing from the recent trough, as the gap between the expectations of buyers and sellers narrows.

### Purchase Price Multiples — All Leveraged Buyouts

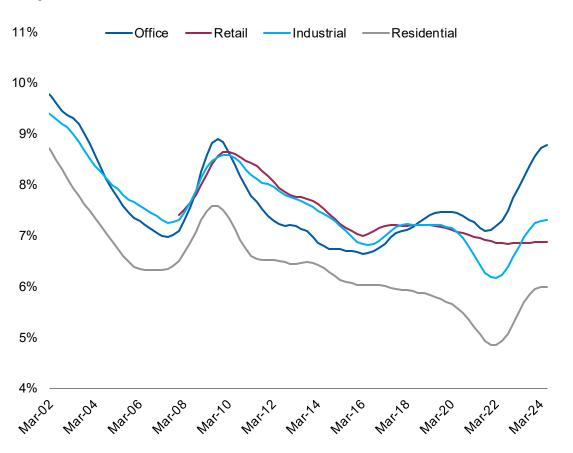


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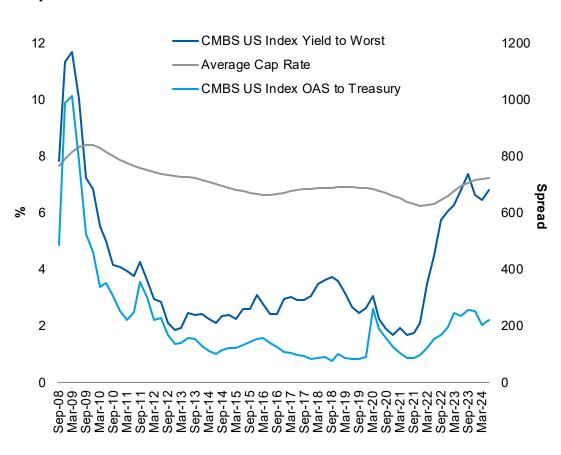
# Emerging Opportunity Set in Commercial Real Estate Equity

Commercial real estate valuations have become more attractive in the face of higher interest rates and elevated supply. We expect volumes to pick up this year due to upcoming debt maturities, reinforcing these lower entry points.

### **Cap Rates**



### Cap Rates vs. Cost of Debt

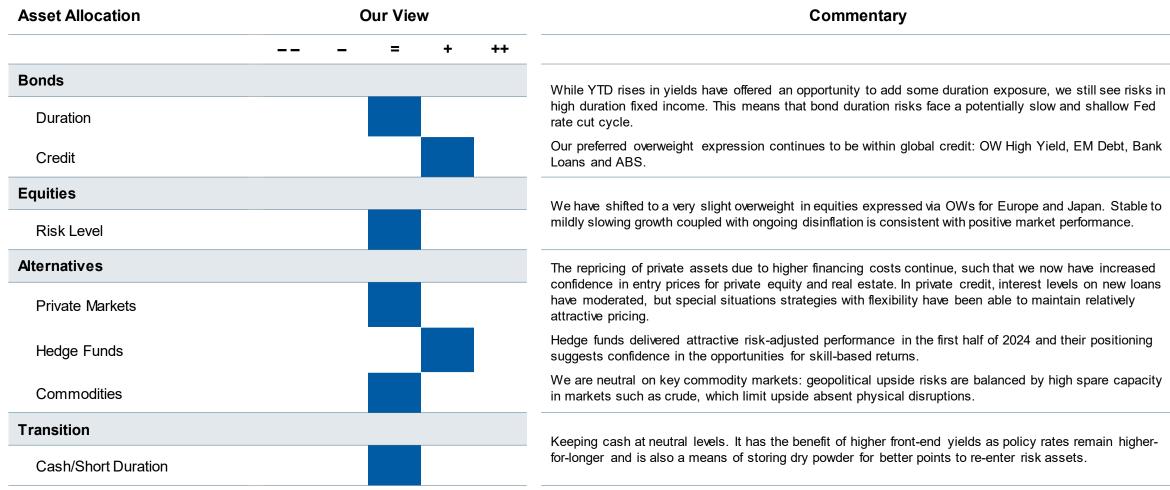


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### Capital Markets Investment Framework



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### Global Fixed Income



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# **Fixed Income** Our View ++ **Bonds U.S.-Treasuries** Inflation Linked Bonds Eurozone Govt. Bonds EM Hard Currency Govt. Bonds EM Local Currency Govt. Bonds **Public Credit** Municipal Bonds Investment Grade MBS/ABS High Yield **Bank Loans**

Commentary

We remain UW benchmark duration (i.e., broadly neutral). We expect progress on DM inflation to continue, yet we don't expect a meaningful adjustment in rate cut expectations.

Real yields have stabilized above 2% since March. While inflation is gradually adjusting lower, we expect 10-year inflation breakevens to remain above 2.2%.

Lingering wage growth makes the risk/reward on eurozone duration balanced, although on a relative basis we see more risk of deeper cuts by the ECB due to a more convincing disinflation trend.

We expect EM growth to slow in 2H24; rates volatility is at risk of trending higher. However, a minor deterioration in both factors should result in only limited spread widening i.e. positive excess returns.

Lower EM local yields vs. U.S. credit will limit inflows. EM FX is under pressure amidst a hawkish Fed and policy risks within EM. The key risk for the asset class is of further hawkish Fed surprises.

Our previous downgrade of Munis appears to have been well timed as the asset class has cheapened relative to USTs. We now believe Munis offer compelling value for taxable investors.

UW IG corporate bonds, as spreads are at historic tights. Excess return over USTs should be minimal and IG remains sensitive to left-tail outcomes leading to a highly asymmetrical return profile.

High conviction in asset backed securities and yield per unit of credit quality remain attractive. Consumer cash flows are strong due to tight labor markets.

As macroeconomic data reinforces a soft-landing thesis, bond yields, especially lower quality credits such as high yield, may offer competitive returns in 2H24 compared to equities.

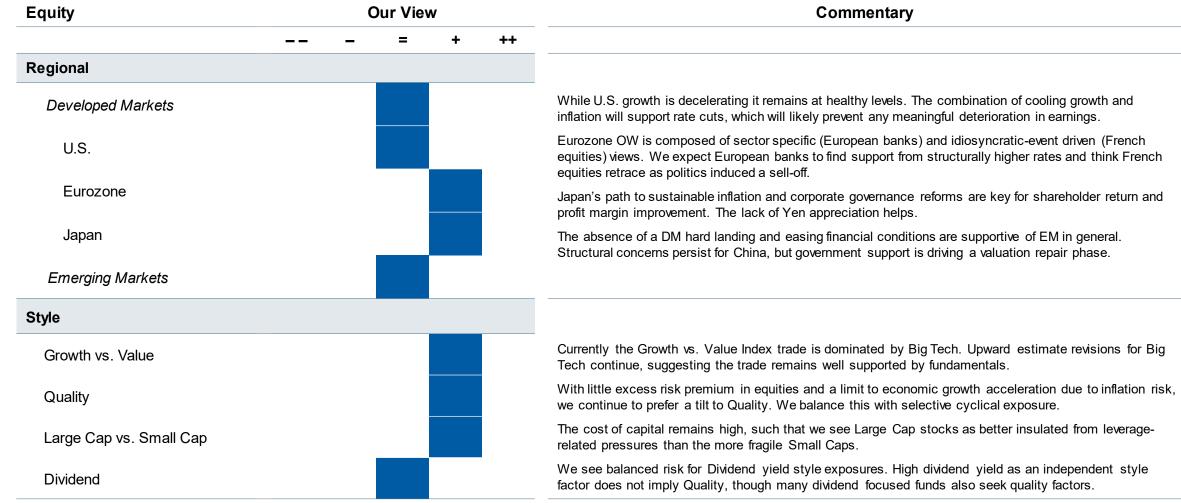
Bank Loans have outperformed most segments of the fixed income market due to their high carry, a story that has not changed. Spreads look a little tight, but not worryingly so.

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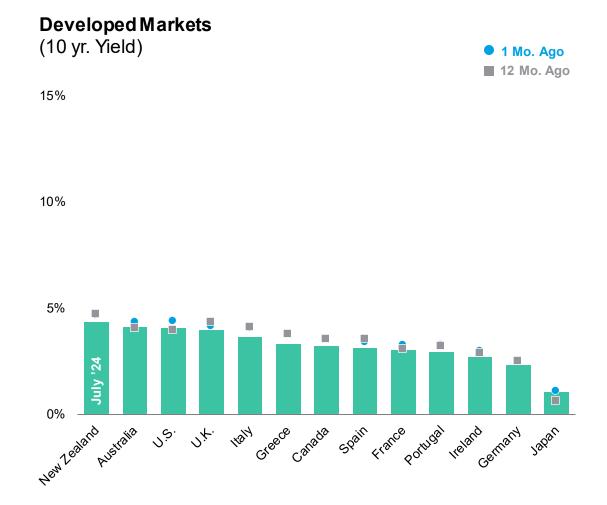
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### **Alternatives**

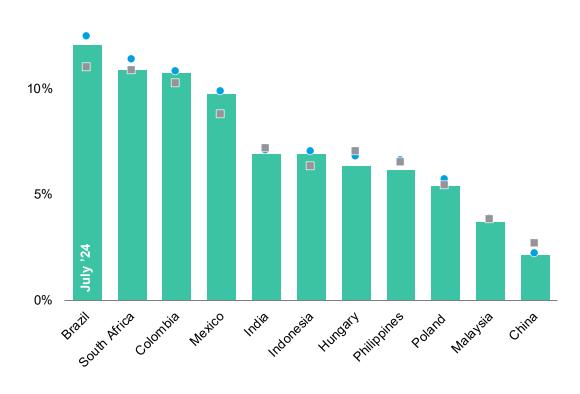
Alternative Assets	Commentary
Private Markets	
Private Equity	The industry level repricing represents a potentially compelling entry point into <b>private equity</b> . However, the operating environment suggests that lower valuations are necessary but not sufficient for attractive forward-looking returns. Private equity sponsors also need a competitive tool kit to pursue revenue growth initiatives, margin expansion and suitable capital structures, potentially with organic growth playing a larger roll relative to inorganic growth within an environment of higher debt service costs and lower leverage multiples. We believe high quality small and middle market managers with operational expertise will be well-placed to deliver attractive returns under these conditions.
Private Real Assets	Commercial real estate has continued to reprice meaningfully, with the core real estate benchmark experiencing its sixth consecutive negative quarter. This has been driven by higher debt costs and pockets of elevated supply. A significant amount of commercial real estate debt is expected to mature this year, expected to drive higher transaction volumes with attractive entry valuations. Long-term demand tailwinds in key sectors remain and are expected to combine with improved pricing to represent a compelling opportunity.  Private infrastructure is benefiting from the tailwinds of two mega trends; digitization of society and economies, and the energy transition. Investment opportunities are expanding and accelerating due to the developments in generative AI, as the power market is currently inadequate to satisfy the volume and density requirements of generative AI, but also the low tolerance for intermittency that is increasing as renewables grow as a proportion of the overall power mix.
Private Credit	<b>Private loan pricing</b> , terms and defaults are generally now in line with long-term averages, allowing private credit to contribute to overall portfolio construction with return expectations aligned with historical levels. As corporations continue to adjust to higher interest rate expense, the supply of performing but non-conforming opportunities for special situations lenders is growing and offers attractive pricing.
Liquid Alternatives	
Hedge Funds	Bottom-up fundamental security selection and trend following are both benefiting from higher return dispersion and lower cross correlations in asset performance, as well as benefitting from higher cash returns. Hedge funds have relatively high conviction in the current opportunities for skill-based returns.
Commodities	We are neutral on key <b>Commodity Markets</b> : while a rebound in manufacturing activity is supportive of commodity demand, high OPEC spare capacity and generally healthy supply from non-OPEC countries should keep oil prices capped for the time being.

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# Sovereign Bond Yields







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# Key Rates (%)

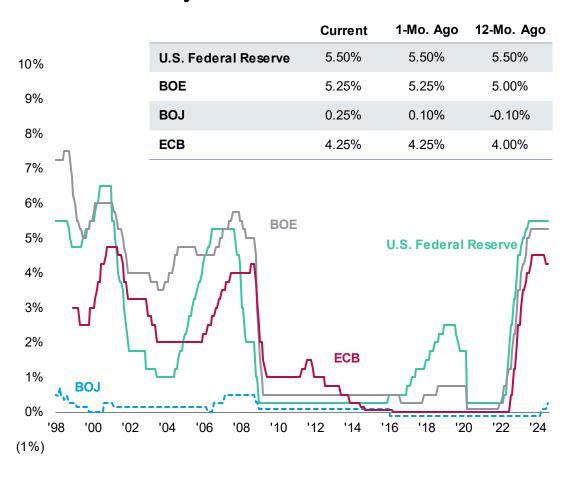
Security	Current	12-Mo. Ago	Average	Minimum	Maximum
1-Week SIFMA	3.51	3.98	3.51	1.90	4.55
Secured Overnight Financing Rate	5.38	5.31	5.32	5.30	5.40
1-Mo LIBOR	5.46	5.43	5.44	5.42	5.48
3-Mo LIBOR	5.50	5.63	5.61	5.50	5.69
2-Yr Treasury	4.26	4.86	4.75	4.17	5.21
5-Yr Treasury	3.92	4.19	4.34	3.79	4.96
10-Yr Treasury	4.05	3.95	4.33	3.79	4.99
30-Yr Treasury	4.34	4.02	4.48	3.95	5.11
2-Yr Japan	0.45	0.00	0.16	-0.01	0.45
10-Yr Japan	1.03	0.61	0.80	0.56	1.10
2-Yr German Bund	2.52	3.04	2.89	2.38	3.29
10-Yr German Bund	2.31	2.49	2.48	1.91	2.98
2-Yr UK Gilt	3.80	4.94	4.46	3.80	5.25
10-Yr UK Gilt	3.97	4.32	4.18	3.46	4.74
Bloomberg US Agg	4.64	4.85	5.02	4.49	5.74
Bloomberg Global Agg	3.62	3.85	3.91	3.48	4.42
Bloomberg US Corporate	5.14	5.45	5.56	5.02	6.43
Bloomberg US Long Corporate	5.49	5.49	5.72	5.16	6.60
Bloomberg US Municipal	3.58	3.50	3.71	3.21	4.50
Bloomberg US Long Municipal	4.16	4.22	4.38	4.01	5.18
US High Yield	7.61	8.36	8.22	7.57	9.53
US Loans	9.78	10.33	10.08	9.68	10.60

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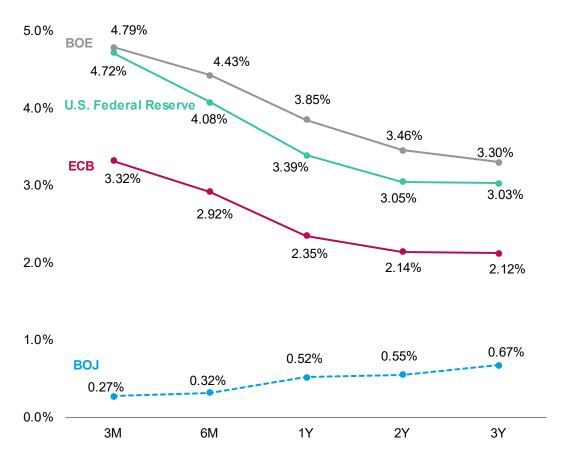
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# **Monetary Policy**

### **Central Bank Policy Rates**



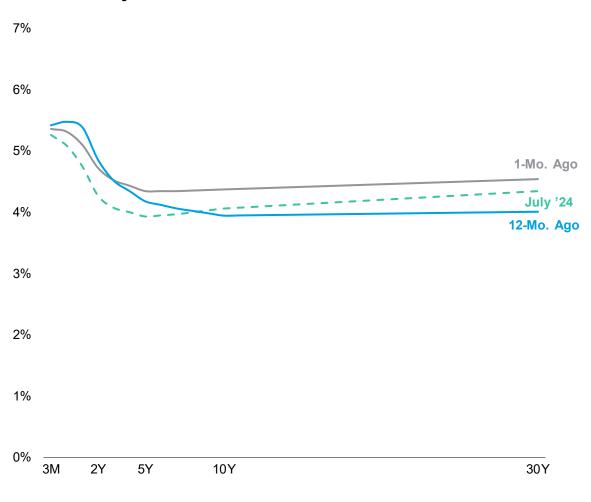
### **Market Expectations for Future Central Bank Rates**



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# U.S. Treasury Yields

### **U.S. Treasury Yield Curves**



#### Yields & Performance

-		Yield (%)	Total Return (%)				
Security	Current	1-Mo. Ago	12-Mo. Ago	1-Mo.	12-Mo.		
3-mo. Treasury	5.26	5.36	5.42	0.45	5.45		
6-mo. Treasury	5.08	5.32	5.48	0.53	5.58		
2-yr. Treasury	4.26	4.72	4.86	1.15	4.99		
3-yr. Treasury	4.07	4.52	4.52	1.59	5.07		
5-yr. Treasury	3.92	4.34	4.19	2.16	4.90		
10-yr. Treasury	4.05	4.37	3.95	2.88	2.85		
30-yr. Treasury	4.34	4.54	4.02	3.65	-2.04		

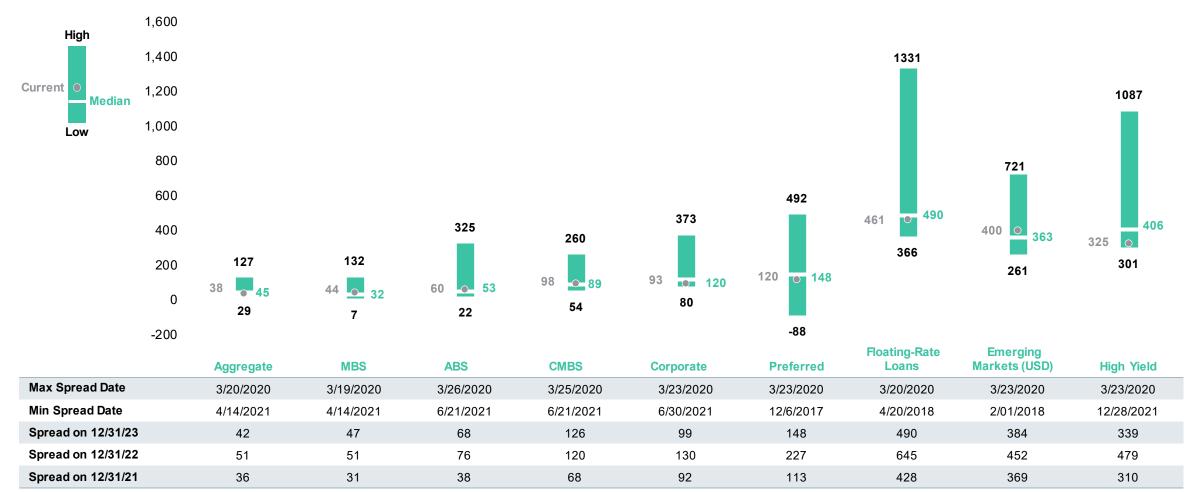
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### Characteristics and Performance Analysis

	Averages							Total Returns (%)						
Index	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	
U.S. High Grade														
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index	3.32	91.9	4.64	38	8.4	6.1	2.34	5.06	1.61	5.10	-2.63	0.19	1.61	
U.S. Treasury	2.85	92.1	4.19	-	7.8	6.0	2.19	4.72	1.31	4.14	-3.00	-0.20	1.14	
U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities	3.22	89.6	4.88	44	7.3	5.9	2.64	5.91	1.63	4.89	-2.28	-0.32	1.21	
U.S. Asset Backed Securities	4.76	99.6	4.91	60	3.8	2.8	1.36	2.99	3.05	6.45	1.10	1.90	2.00	
U.S. Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	3.24	92.8	5.07	98	4.8	4.3	2.05	4.60	3.61	7.70	-1.43	1.05	2.18	
U.S. Corp. Investment Grade	4.22	93.3	5.14	93	10.8	7.0	2.38	4.96	1.89	6.76	-2.71	0.98	2.58	
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.56	102.3	3.58	-	13.5	6.0	0.91	2.16	0.50	3.74	-0.86	1.18	2.47	
Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index	4.34	93.8	4.90	=	14.5	7.8	2.60	5.47	2.51	6.99	-3.29	0.80	3.13	
ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index	0.98	93.1	1.99	-	7.7	5.1	1.81	4.40	2.75	4.27	-1.87	2.30	2.11	
ICE BofA Preferred Index (Fixed Rate)	5.28	91.5	6.07	120	-	5.6	0.32	2.90	4.72	8.81	-0.48	2.19	4.32	
U.S. High Yield														
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	6.29	94.4	7.61	325	5.8	3.2	1.96	4.11	4.63	11.03	2.19	4.03	4.55	
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.54	96.6	9.78	461	4.3	_	0.68	1.98	5.12	10.45	6.39	5.50	4.67	
Emerging Markets														
J.P. Morgan EM Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.45	84.6	8.18	400	-	6.6	1.87	4.34	4.26	9.18	-2.13	0.10	2.75	
J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	5.09	94.2	6.43	229	-	4.4	1.50	3.94	5.41	9.87	0.10	2.35	3.68	
J.P. Morgan Govt. Bond Index-EM (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.50	-	6.37	-	-	5.1	2.27	2.80	-1.52	0.08	-2.40	-1.02	-0.54	
Global Developed Markets														
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-U.S. Index	2.24	95.9	2.73	35	8.6	7.1	3.15	3.66	-2.27	1.17	-6.98	-2.82	-1.42	
FTSE World Government Bond Index	2.43	-	3.61	-	-	7.1	2.86	3.93	-1.22	1.87	-6.54	-2.56	-0.82	
ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index	2.07	94.0	2.89	51	9.0	7.4	3.23	3.63	-1.80	3.03	-7.94	-2.80	-1.48	
ICE BofA Developed Mkts HY Ex-Sub FincI Index (USD Hedged)	6.02	94.4	7.35	361	3.7	3.1	1.81	3.87	4.74	11.38	2.47	4.08	4.69	
Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Corporates (EUR)	2.36	95.6	3.49	110	5.1	4.5	1.72	2.66	2.27	7.15	-2.07	-0.69	1.14	
Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Euro (EUR)	4.59	94.9	6.57	364	3.7	3.1	1.23	2.59	4.09	10.51	1.39	2.48	3.44	

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### Spread Analysis (bps)



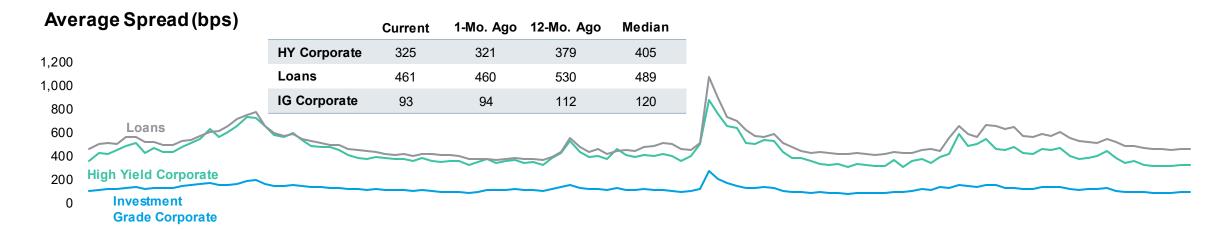
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			Avera	ages						Tota	Total Return	Total Returns (%)	Total Returns (%)
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	ΥT	D	D 1Y	D 1Y 3Y	D 1Y 3Y 5Y
S. High Grade													
Bloomberg U.S. Corp. Investment Grade Index	4.22	93.3	5.14	93	10.8	7.0	2.38	4.96	1.89		6.76	6.76 -2.71	6.76 -2.71 0.98
AAA Index	3.27	84.9	4.67	38	17.5	10.3	2.75	5.86	-0.30	)	3.19	3.19 -5.60	3.19 -5.60 -0.66
A Index	3.55	89.7	4.77	50	12.9	8.1	2.48	5.01	0.82		4.64	4.64 -4.00	4.64 -4.00 -0.32
Index	4.10	93.5	5.00	81	10.6	7.0	2.37	4.89	1.65		6.14	6.14 -2.83	6.14 -2.83 0.71
BB Index	4.47	93.8	5.33	114	10.4	6.8	2.37	5.01	2.31		7.74	7.74 -2.31	7.74 -2.31 1.48
S. High Yield													
CE BofA U.S. High Yield Index	6.29	94.4	7.61	325	5.8	3.2	1.96	4.11	4.63		11.03	11.03 2.19	11.03 2.19 4.03
B Index	5.69	97.0	6.30	194	6.6	3.4	1.59	3.94	4.06		10.05	10.05 1.58	10.05 1.58 4.11
3 Index	6.80	96.9	7.42	301	5.2	2.9	1.78	3.72	4.35		10.86	10.86 2.58	10.86 2.58 3.65
CCC Index	7.22	79.6	13.61	942	4.4	2.9	4.00	5.88	7.54		15.08	15.08 3.09	15.08 3.09 4.34
orningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.54	96.6	9.78	461	4.3	-	0.68	1.98	5.12		10.45	10.45 6.39	10.45 6.39 5.50
BB Index	S+2.05	100.2	7.34	199	4.8	-	0.72	1.94	4.50		8.24	8.24 5.86	8.24 5.86 4.44
BB Index	S+2.74	99.5	8.23	294	4.9	-	0.80	1.95	4.66		8.99	8.99 6.41	8.99 6.41 4.69
Index	S+3.83	98.1	9.77	454	4.4	-	0.73	2.03	5.33		11.23	11.23 6.79	11.23 6.79 5.93
CCC Index	S+4.66	82.8	18.09	1258	3.5	-	-0.03	1.91	6.45		12.73	12.73 4.01	12.73 4.01 4.81
Index	-	26.8	-	-	-	-	0.75	0.03	-11.33		-19.08	-19.08 -27.25	-19.08 -27.25 -25.56

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### Corporate Bond Market Update



### **Annual Default Rate**



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# Municipal Bond Market Update

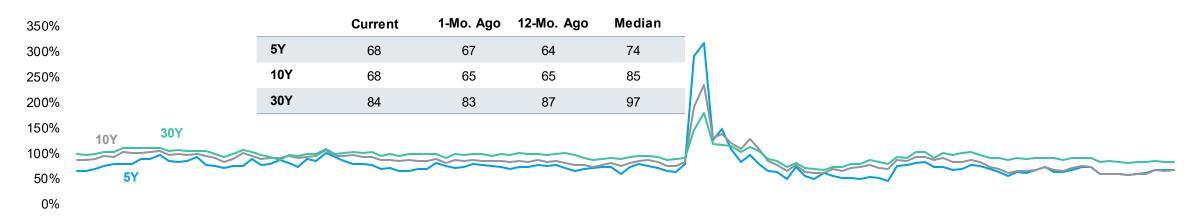
			Averages					Total	Returns	(%)		
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield To Worst (%)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.56	102.3	3.58	13.5	6.0	0.91	2.16	0.50	3.74	-0.86	1.18	2.47
AAA Index	4.49	103.1	3.44	13.1	6.3	0.90	2.01	-0.20	3.28	-1.06	0.86	1.95
AA Index	4.59	103.3	3.46	13.1	5.9	0.90	2.03	0.22	3.27	-0.90	1.02	2.24
A Index	4.54	100.6	3.81	13.8	5.9	0.92	2.34	1.25	4.71	-0.53	1.57	2.94
BBB Index	4.56	97.5	4.28	17.3	7.0	0.99	3.12	2.29	5.78	-0.63	2.00	3.64
5-Year Index	4.71	105.3	3.20	5.0	3.6	1.03	1.43	0.22	2.99	-0.48	0.87	1.65
10-Year Index	4.57	105.4	3.34	9.9	5.6	0.80	1.12	-0.78	2.28	-0.84	1.17	2.54
22+ Year Index	4.55	98.2	4.16	26.6	9.7	0.97	3.56	1.05	4.90	-2.37	0.91	3.05
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index	4.67	65.1	5.42	19.7	6.6	1.10	4.36	5.28	9.38	0.09	3.09	4.71
Hospital	5.30	74.7	5.92	20.6	6.0	1.73	6.53	8.34	11.56	-0.48	1.43	3.93
IDR/PCR	4.27	37.9	5.90	19.8	6.4	0.38	2.94	3.72	7.25	-0.53	3.13	5.85
Tobacco	2.31	19.1	6.15	28.4	9.7	-0.20	3.91	0.96	7.01	-1.63	3.83	7.54
Puerto Rico	3.56	56.0	4.64	19.6	7.1	1.05	2.18	3.47	9.29	0.92	5.46	5.09

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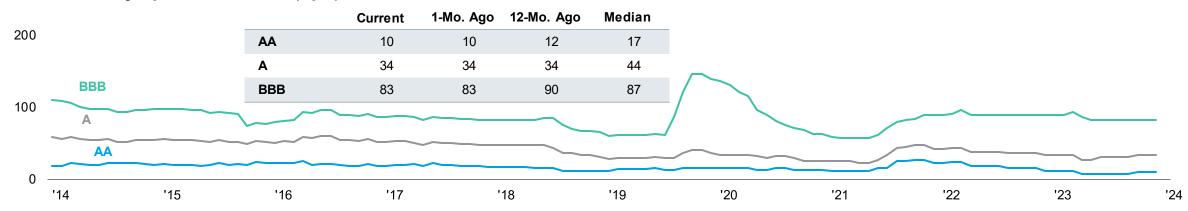
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# Municipal Bond Market Update

### **AAA Muni-to-Treasury Yield Ratios**



### Credit Quality Spreads vs. AAA (bps)



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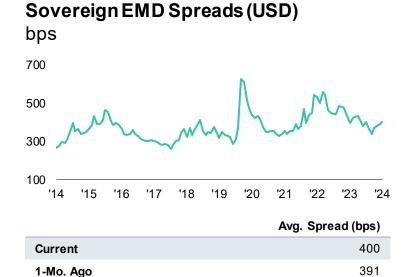
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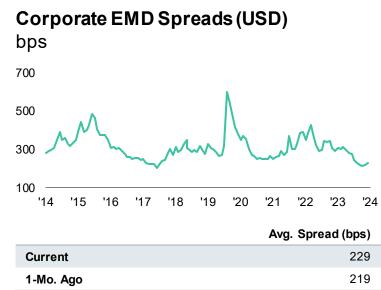
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		Total Returns (%)									
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield (%)	Duration	1 <b>-M</b> o.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.45	84.6	8.18	6.6	1.87	4.34	4.26	9.18	-2.13	0.10	2.75
JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	5.09	94.2	6.43	4.4	1.50	3.94	5.41	9.87	0.10	2.35	3.68
JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.50	-	6.37	5.1	2.27	2.80	-1.52	0.08	-2.40	-1.02	-0.54

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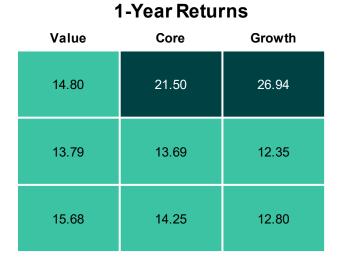
### Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

III. b	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
Higher	Municipal 9.05	Municipal <b>3.30</b>	High Yield <b>17.49</b>	EMD (Local Currency) <b>15.21</b>	Municipal 1.28	Investment Grade <b>14.54</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>10.11</b>	High Yield 5.36	Bank Loan <b>-0.77</b>	High Yield 13.46	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>5.41</b>
	Investment Grade <b>7.46</b>	MBS <b>1.51</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>10.19</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>10.51</b>	MBS <b>0.99</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>14.42</b>	Investment Grade <b>9.89</b>	Bank Loan <b>5.20</b>	Municipal -8.53	Bank Loan <b>13.32</b>	Bank Loan <b>5.12</b>
	MBS 6.08	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 1.30	Bank Loan 10.16	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>9.32</b>	Treasury <b>0.86</b>	High Yield <b>14.41</b>	Treasury <b>8.00</b>	Municipal <b>1.52</b>	High Yield -11.22	EMD (Local Currency) <b>12.70</b>	High Yield <b>4.63</b>
	EMD (Hard Currency) 5.53	EMD (Hard Currency) 1.23	EMD (Local Currency) 9.94	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>7.96</b>	Bank Loan <b>0.44</b>	EMD (Local Currency) <b>13.47</b>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>7.13</b>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>0.91</b>	EMD (Local Currency) -11.69	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>10.45</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>4.26</b>
	Treasury <b>5.05</b>	Treasury <b>0.84</b>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>9.65</b>	High Yield <b>7.48</b>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -1.65	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 13.09	High Yield <b>6.17</b>	Investment Grade <b>-1.04</b>	MBS -11.81	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 9.08	Investment Grade <b>1.89</b>
	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>4.96</b>	Investment Grade <b>-0.68</b>	Investment Grade <b>6.11</b>	Investment Grade <b>6.42</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-2.15</b>	Bank Loan <b>8.64</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>5.88</b>	MBS -1.04	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -12.26	Investment Grade <b>8.52</b>	MBS 1.63
	High Yield <b>2.50</b>	Bank Loan <b>-0.69</b>	MBS <b>1.67</b>	Municipal 5.45	High Yield <b>-2.26</b>	Municipal <b>7.54</b>	Municipal <b>5.21</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>-1.51</b>	Treasury -12.46	Municipal <b>6.40</b>	Treasury 1.31
	Bank Loan <b>1.60</b>	High Yield <b>-4.64</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>1.49</b>	Bank Loan <b>4.12</b>	Investment Grade -2.51	Treasury 6.86	MBS <b>3.87</b>	Treasury -2.32	Investment Grade -15.76	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>5.72</b>	Municipal <b>0.50</b>
	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-3.08</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. -6.02	Treasury <b>1.04</b>	MBS <b>2.47</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>-4.61</b>	MBS <b>6.35</b>	Bank Loan <b>3.12</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-7.05</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>-16.45</b>	MBS 5.05	EMD (Local Currency) -1.52
Lower	EMD (Local Currency) -5.72	EMD (Local Currency) -14.92	Municipal 0.25	Treasury <b>2.31</b>	EMD (Local Currency) -6.21	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>5.09</b>	EMD (Local Currency) <b>2.69</b>	EMD (Local Currency) -8.75	Global Agg Ex-U.S. -18.70	Treasury <b>4.05</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-2.27</b>

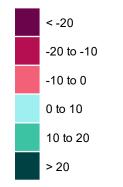
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# Performance: Market Barometer (%)













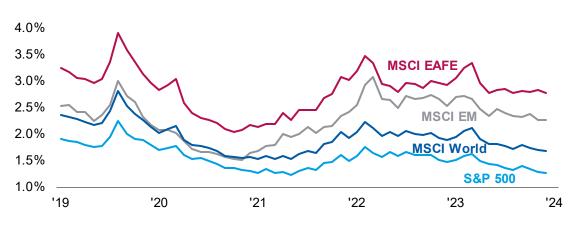
<b>Global</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
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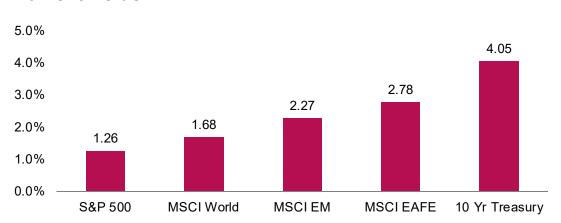
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### Dividend Yields and Volatility Analysis

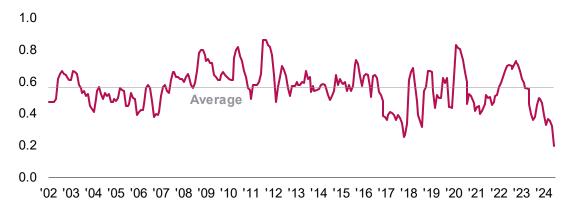
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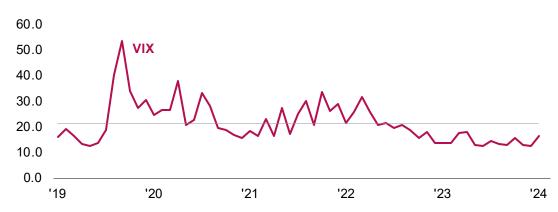
### **Current Yields**



### Correlation of S&P 500 Stocks



### **CBOE Market Volatility Index (VIX)**

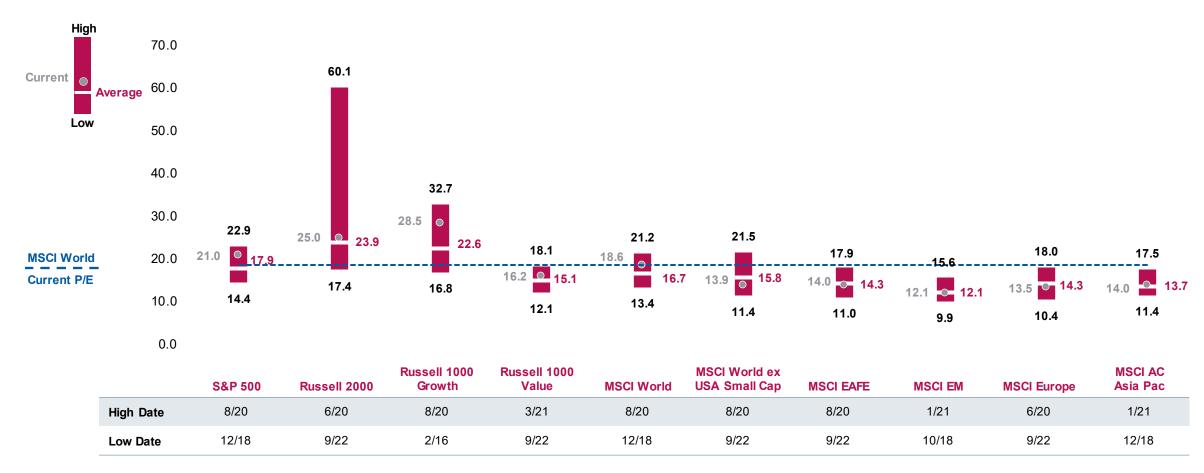


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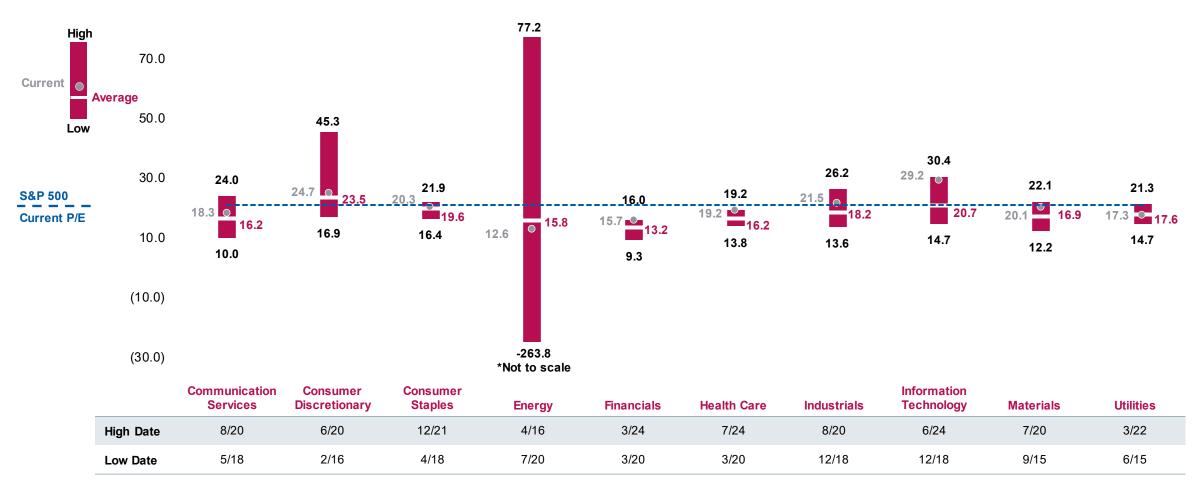
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# Valuation Analysis

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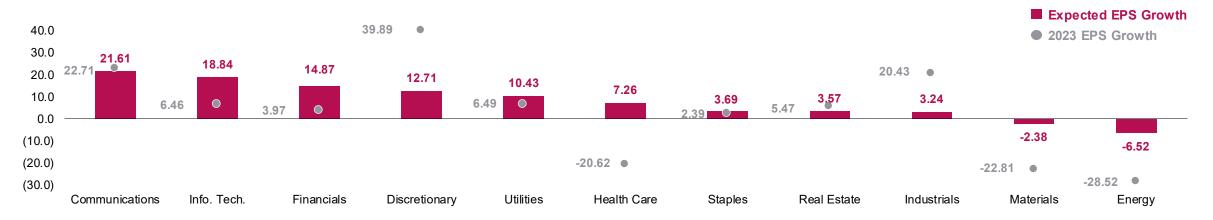
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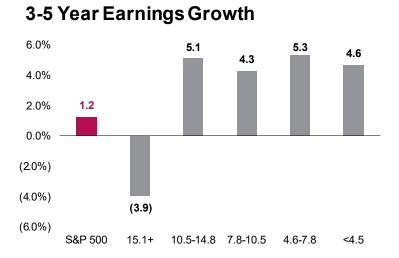


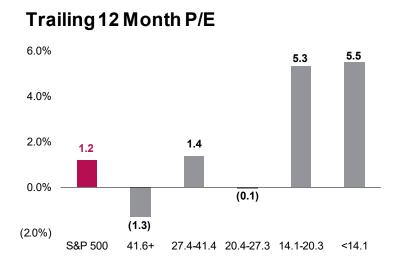
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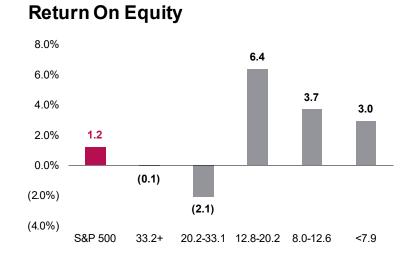


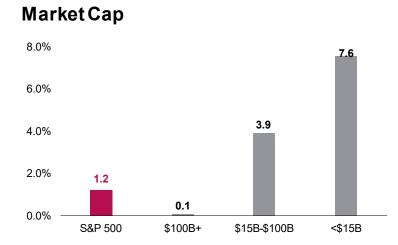
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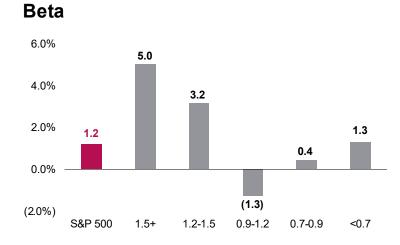
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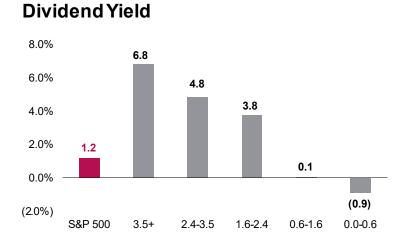








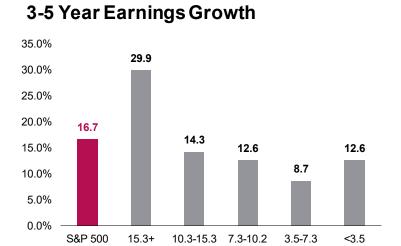


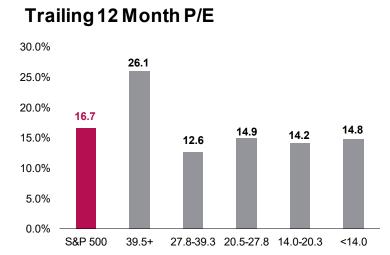


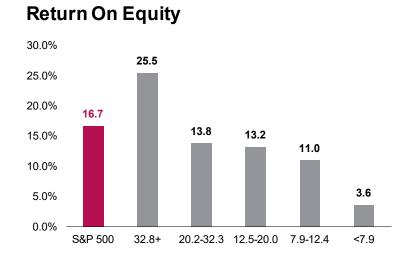
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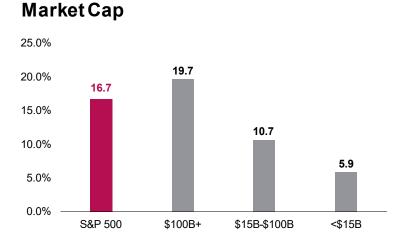
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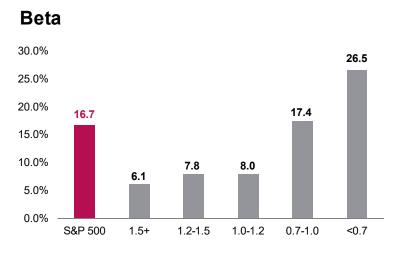
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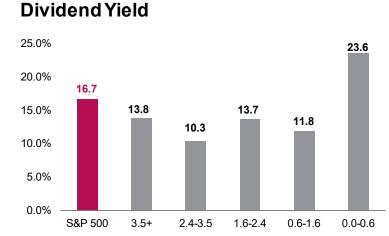








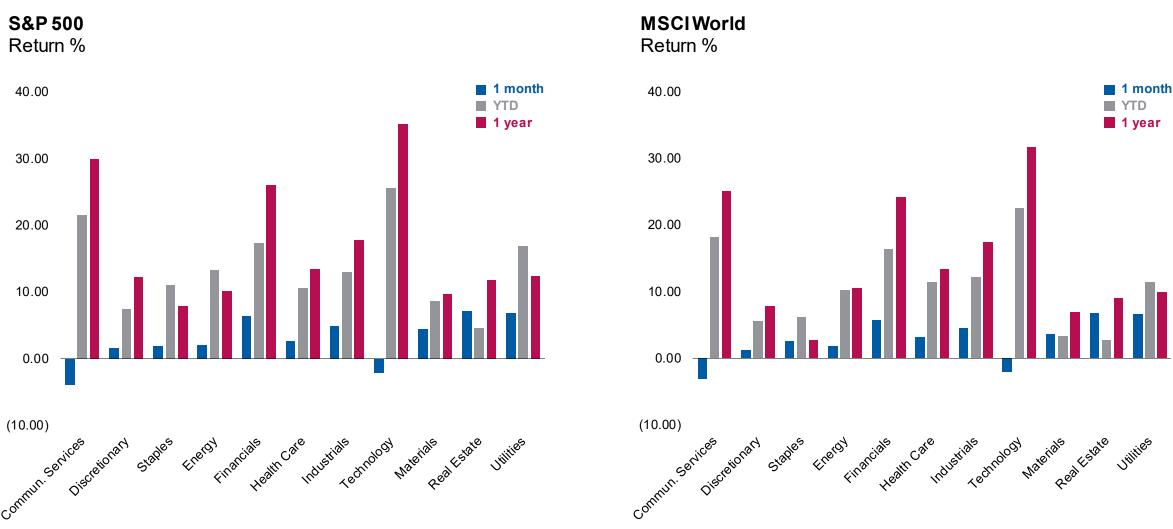




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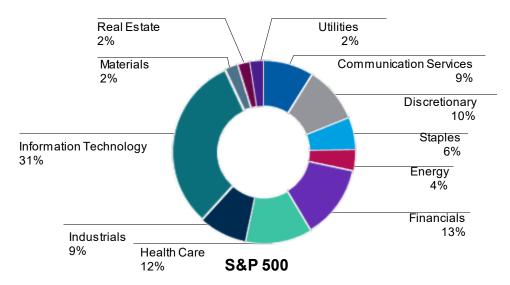


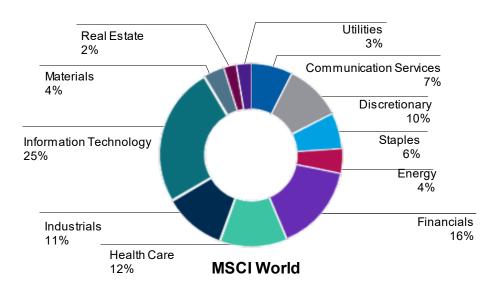
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# Current Characteristics and Sector Weights

	S&P 500	R2000	R1000G	R1000V	MSCI World	MSCI World ex USA Small Cap	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM	MSCI Europe	MSCI Asia Pac
Number of Holdings	503	1921	440	846	1429	2317	741	1328	417	1395
Maximum Market Cap	\$3,405.39B	\$11.73B	\$3,405.39B	\$945.87B	\$3,209.75B	\$8.94B	\$423.61B	\$704.46B	\$423.61B	\$704.46B
Minimum Market Cap	\$6.99B	\$0.02B	\$0.80B	\$0.48B	\$1.81B	\$0.10B	\$1.81B	\$0.10B	\$1.81B	\$0.10B
Dividend Yield	1.26	1.28	0.55	2.00	1.68	2.71	2.78	2.27	2.95	2.15
NTM PE	21.01	25.02	28.52	16.18	18.55	13.94	14.02	12.12	13.48	14.02
Price to Book	4.90	2.12	13.25	2.75	3.44	1.44	1.94	1.84	2.11	1.79
Price to Cash Flow	17.14	14.17	26.57	12.07	14.27	9.35	9.95	8.54	8.47	11.48
Price to Sales	2.92	1.32	5.60	1.79	2.27	0.93	1.41	1.42	1.40	1.45
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	16.02	13.16	21.26	9.80	14.94	12.40	11.76	17.83	12.08	15.22
5Yr. Div Growth Rate	4.44	6.25	5.40	1.16	2.71	4.90	0.64	2.63	-0.25	0.96





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# Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

		1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	S&P 500	1.22	10.05	16.70	22.15	9.60	15.00	13.15	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49
	Russell 1000 Defensive	1.99	9.18	13.38	18.38	7.08	12.18	12.21	20.23	-16.43	26.93	13.93	30.47
	Russell 1000 Dynamic	0.93	10.28	18.40	24.62	9.91	16.79	13.31	33.34	-21.94	25.57	27.69	32.35
U.S.	Russell 2500	7.43	10.22	9.95	13.06	2.72	9.65	9.31	17.42	-18.37	18.18	19.99	27.77
Equities	Russell 1000 Growth	-1.70	11.21	18.65	26.94	9.46	18.41	16.31	42.68	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39
	Russell 1000 Value	5.11	7.42	12.08	14.80	7.01	9.92	8.96	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.80	26.54
	Russell Mid Cap	4.71	6.99	9.91	13.69	3.69	10.16	9.88	17.23	-17.32	22.58	17.10	30.54
	Russell 2000	10.16	14.62	12.07	14.25	1.85	8.91	8.72	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52
	CBOE S&P 500 Buywrite BXM	1.13	4.05	8.81	8.59	5.18	5.58	5.91	11.82	-11.37	20.47	-2.75	15.68
	MSCI World	1.76	8.47	13.72	18.34	6.85	12.06	9.53	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67
	MSCI EAFE	2.93	5.19	8.43	11.21	3.63	7.36	4.84	18.24	-14.45	11.26	7.82	22.01
	MSCI EM	0.30	4.84	7.81	6.27	-2.74	3.41	2.63	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44
Global	MSCI AC Asia Pac	1.98	6.15	9.91	10.04	0.04	5.41	4.57	11.45	-17.22	-1.46	19.71	19.36
Equities	MSCI ACWI	1.61	8.09	13.10	17.02	5.75	11.05	8.74	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	26.60
	MSCI Europe	2.15	4.69	8.08	10.68	3.98	8.01	4.78	19.89	-15.06	16.30	5.38	23.77
	MSCI World Small Cap	6.85	9.54	8.44	11.17	1.15	8.18	7.44	15.76	-18.76	15.75	15.96	26.19
	MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap	5.56	7.01	6.60	8.88	-1.71	5.93	4.88	12.62	-20.59	11.14	12.78	25.41
	FTSE 100	4.18	6.23	11.45	12.80	7.21	6.86	3.34	14.38	-7.01	17.36	-8.73	22.03
	FTSE All Small	5.81	11.04	12.09	15.28	-1.01	9.06	5.04	12.57	-23.06	22.15	10.77	22.63
	STOXX Europe 600	2.39	4.79	8.13	10.80	3.48	8.09	4.94	19.87	-16.14	16.09	6.83	24.53
	Nikkei 225 Average	5.62	6.61	10.27	12.95	3.13	7.22	7.15	22.05	-19.49	-4.69	23.99	21.35
	S&P 500 Comm. Services	-4.01	7.21	21.60	30.03	3.76	13.03	9.09	55.80	-39.89	21.57	23.61	32.69
	S&P 500 Confin. Services S&P 500 Cons Disc	1.66	6.95	7.41	12.21	2.64	10.69	12.58	42.41	-39.69	24.43	33.30	27.94
Sectors	S&P 500 Cons Staples	1.93	4.24	11.08	7.93	6.92	9.33	9.49	0.52	-0.62	18.63	10.75	27.94
	S&P 500 Energy	2.11	0.40	13.27	10.15	28.95	13.84	3.86	-1.33	65.72	54.64	-33.68	11.81
	S&P 500 Financials	6.46	8.85	17.29	26.11	8.29	11.44	11.44	12.15	-10.53	35.04	-1.69	32.13
	S&P 500 Health Care	2.65	7.11	10.67	13.48	5.98	12.48	11.35	2.06	-1.95	26.13	13.45	20.82
	S&P 500 Industrials	4.90	5.63	13.03	17.77	9.19	12.44	11.38	18.13	-5.48	21.12	11.06	29.37
	S&P 500 Info Tech	-2.09	17.83	25.57	35.20	17.46	25.81	22.34	57.84	-28.19	34.53	43.89	50.29
	S&P 500 Materials	4.39	4.48	8.61	9.71	5.32	11.94	8.81	12.55	-12.27	27.28	20.73	24.58
	S&P 500 Real Estate	7.22	14.94	4.59	11.83	-0.55	5.51	7.72	12.36	-26.13	46.19	-2.17	29.01
	S&P 500 Utilities	6.79	9.95	16.86	12.36	6.71	7.57	9.51	-7.08	1.57	17.67	0.48	26.35
	S&P 500 Utilities	6.79	9.95	16.86	12.36	6.71	7.57	9.51	-7.08	1.57	17.67	0.48	26.35

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# Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

Higher	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
†	S&P 500 <b>13.69</b>	Growth 5.67	Small-Cap <b>21.31</b>	Emerging Markets <b>37.28</b>	Growth -1.51	Growth 36.39	Growth 38.49	S&P 500 <b>28.71</b>	Value <b>-7.54</b>	Growth 42.68	Growth 18.65
	Value <b>13.45</b>	International Small-Cap 5.46	Value <b>17.34</b>	International Small-Cap <b>31.04</b>	S&P 500 <b>-4.38</b>	S&P 500 <b>31.49</b>	Small-Cap <b>19.96</b>	Growth 27.60	International -14.45	S&P 500 <b>26.29</b>	S&P 500 <b>16.70</b>
	Mid-Cap <b>13.22</b>	S&P 500 <b>1.38</b>	Mid-Cap <b>13.80</b>	Growth 30.21	Value <b>-8.27</b>	Mid-Cap <b>30.54</b>	S&P 500 <b>18.40</b>	Value <b>25.16</b>	Mid-Cap <b>-17.32</b>	Global <b>22.20</b>	Global <b>13.10</b>
	Growth <b>13.05</b>	International -0.81	S&P 500 <b>11.96</b>	International 25.03	Mid-Cap <b>-9.06</b>	Global <b>26.60</b>	Emerging Markets <b>18.31</b>	Mid-Cap <b>22.58</b>	S&P 500 -18.11	International 18.24	Value <b>12.08</b>
	Small-Cap <b>4.89</b>	Global <b>-2.36</b>	Emerging Markets <b>11.19</b>	Global <b>23.97</b>	Global <b>-9.42</b>	Value <b>26.54</b>	Mid-Cap <b>17.10</b>	Global <b>18.54</b>	Global <b>-18.36</b>	Mid-Cap <b>17.23</b>	Small-Cap <b>12.07</b>
	Global <b>4.16</b>	Mid-Cap <b>-2.44</b>	Global <b>7.86</b>	S&P 500 <b>21.83</b>	Small-Cap <b>-11.01</b>	Small-Cap <b>25.52</b>	Global <b>16.25</b>	Small-Cap <b>14.82</b>	Emerging Markets <b>-20.09</b>	Small-Cap <b>16.93</b>	Mid-Cap <b>9.91</b>
	Emerging Markets -2.19	Value -3.83	Growth 7.08	Mid-Cap <b>18.52</b>	International -13.79	International Small-Cap <b>25.41</b>	International Small-Cap 12.78	International 11.26	Small-Cap <b>-20.44</b>	International Small-Cap 12.62	International 8.43
	International -4.90	Small-Cap -4.41	International Small-Cap <b>4.32</b>	Small-Cap <b>14.65</b>	Emerging Markets -14.58	International 22.01	International 7.82	International Small-Cap <b>11.14</b>	International Small-Cap -20.59	Value <b>11.46</b>	Emerging Markets <b>7.81</b>
Lower	International Small-Cap -5.34	Emerging Markets <b>-14.92</b>	International 1.00	Value <b>13.66</b>	International Small-Cap -18.07	Emerging Markets 18.42	Value <b>2.80</b>	Emerging Markets -2.54	Growth -29.14	Emerging Markets <b>9.83</b>	International Small-Cap 6.60

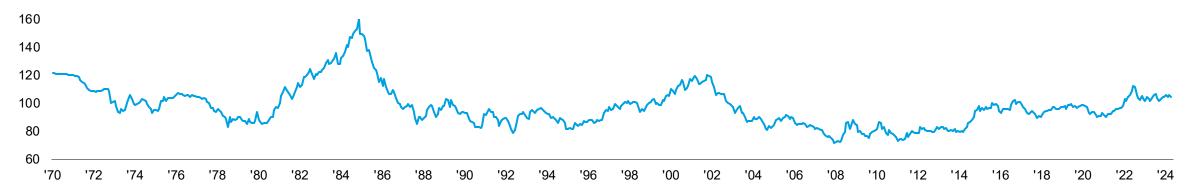
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# Developed Market Currency Performance and Yields

	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)						Spot Ret		Local Interest Rates (%)		
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
U.S. Dollar (USD)	-	-	-	-	-	-0.96	2.08	1.89	3.10	0.57	4.41
Euro (EUR) *	0.97	-2.04	-1.85	-3.00	-0.57	-	-	-	-	-	2.80
British Pound (GBP)	1.61	0.76	-0.17	-2.61	0.96	0.64	2.86	1.72	0.41	1.54	4.29
Japanese Yen (JPY)	6.91	-6.30	-5.57	-9.98	-6.32	5.89	-4.35	-3.78	-7.19	-5.78	0.17
Australian Dollar (AUD)	-2.22	-4.30	-3.09	-3.87	-1.07	-3.16	-2.31	-1.26	-0.89	-0.51	4.17
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	-0.95	-4.55	-4.72	-3.32	-1.01	-1.90	-2.56	-2.92	-0.33	-0.44	3.89
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	-2.53	-6.19	-4.56	-5.24	-2.09	-3.46	-4.24	-2.76	-2.30	-1.53	4.29
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	-2.62	-7.12	-7.48	-6.86	-4.29	-3.56	-5.19	-5.73	-3.98	-3.74	4.15
Swedish Krona (SEK)	-1.19	-5.97	-1.96	-7.06	-2.19	-2.13	-4.01	-0.11	-4.18	-1.63	2.67
Danish Krone (DKK)	0.90	-2.14	-1.98	-3.11	-0.56	-0.06	-0.10	-0.13	-0.11	0.01	2.40
Swiss Franc (CHF)	2.08	-4.39	-1.52	0.98	2.38	1.11	-2.39	0.34	4.10	2.96	0.68

# **U.S. Dollar Index**



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# **Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields**

		Spot Re	turns vs. US	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)							Local Interest Rates (%
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Asia, excluding Japan											
Chinese Renminbi (CNY)	0.54	-1.87	-1.11	-3.69	-0.96	-0.42	0.18	0.76	-0.71	-0.40	1.35
Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	2.68	0.01	-1.86	-2.79	-2.13	1.70	2.10	-0.01	0.22	-1.57	3.08
Indian Rupee (INR)	-0.41	-0.62	-1.77	-3.85	-3.86	-1.36	1.46	0.09	-0.88	-3.31	6.75
Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	0.71	-5.31	-7.26	-3.83	-2.93	-0.26	-3.33	-5.50	-0.85	-2.37	6.48
Philippine Peso (PHP)	0.40	-5.14	-5.91	-5.04	-2.71	-0.56	-3.16	-4.13	-2.10	-2.15	6.13
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.32	-1.38	-0.73	0.41	0.46	0.35	0.67	1.14	3.52	1.03	3.31
South Korean Won (KRW)	-0.02	-6.45	-7.42	-5.82	-2.99	-0.97	-4.50	-5.67	-2.90	-2.43	3.14
Taiwanese Dollar (TWD)	-1.30	-6.63	-4.39	-5.24	-1.10	-2.25	-4.68	-2.58	-2.31	-0.54	1.35
Thai Baht (THB)	2.95	-4.24	-3.97	-2.67	-2.91	1.97	-2.25	-2.16	0.35	-2.35	2.25
Latin America											
Brazilian Real (BRL)	-1.74	-14.07	-15.85	-3.08	-7.82	-2.68	-12.28	-14.26	-0.07	-7.29	10.73
Chilean Peso (CLP)	-0.10	-7.57	-11.15	-7.04	-5.80	-1.05	-5.65	-9.47	-4.17	-5.26	5.03
Colombian Peso (COP)	2.10	-4.56	-4.34	-1.62	-4.10	1.12	-2.57	-2.53	1.43	-3.55	8.37
Mexican Peso (MXN)	-1.85	-9.10	-10.35	2.15	0.37	-2.79	-7.21	-8.65	5.32	0.95	10.99
Peruvian New Sol (PEN)	3.03	-0.42	-3.08	2.90	-2.38	2.04	1.66	-1.24	6.09	-1.82	2.44

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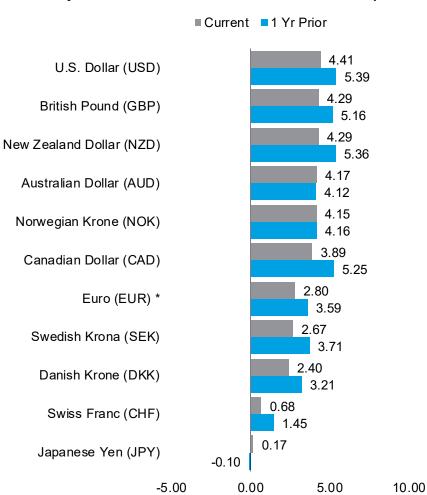
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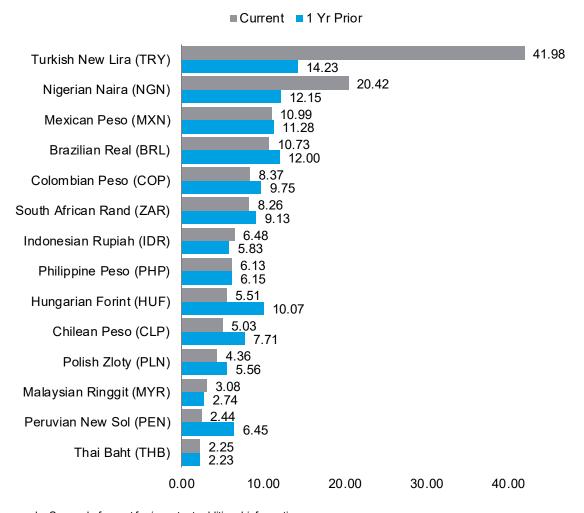
		Spot Re	turns vs. US	D (%)		Spot Returns vs. EUR (%)					Local Interest Rates (%)
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Europe											
Czech Koruna (CZK)	-0.70	-5.03	-7.99	-2.99	-0.41	-1.65	-3.05	-6.26	0.02	0.16	3.35
Hungarian Forint (HUF)	1.18	-4.99	-3.60	-6.09	-4.29	0.22	-3.01	-1.78	-3.18	-3.74	5.51
Polish Zloty (PLN)	1.30	-0.91	0.66	-1.01	-0.61	0.33	1.15	2.56	2.06	-0.04	4.36
Romanian Leu (RON)	0.95	-2.10	-2.70	-3.42	-1.57	-0.01	-0.06	-0.86	-0.43	-1.01	5.74
Russian Ruble (RUB)	0.35	4.01	6.83	-5.23	-5.90	-0.61	6.18	8.85	-2.30	-5.36	
Turkish New Lira (TRY)	-0.99	-10.80	-18.68	-36.64	-30.01	-1.93	-8.94	-17.14	-34.68	-29.61	41.98
Middle East and Africa											
Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)	-1.54	-23.33	-27.16	-27.41	-19.06	-2.49	-21.73	-25.78	-25.16	-18.59	17.90
Israeli Shekel (ILS)	0.16	-4.26	-2.59	-4.98	-1.45	-0.80	-2.27	-0.75	-2.04	-0.88	3.96
Kenyan Shilling (KES)	0.19	21.71	10.54	-5.58	-4.20	-0.76	24.24	12.63	-2.65	-3.65	16.92
Moroccan Dirham (MAD)	0.39	-0.60	-0.92	-3.46	-0.63	-0.57	1.48	0.95	-0.47	-0.06	2.94
Nigerian Naira (NGN)	-5.61	-44.08	-53.93	-36.47	-25.75	-6.51	-42.92	-53.05	-34.50	-25.32	20.42
South African Rand (ZAR)	0.38	0.53	-2.24	-7.01	-4.87	-0.58	2.62	-0.39	-4.13	-4.32	8.26
Ugandan Shilling (UGX)	-0.48	1.39	-2.90	-1.61	-0.15	-1.43	3.51	-1.06	1.44	0.42	13.75
Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)	-8.32	-1.68	-27.44	-9.75	-13.21	-9.19	0.37	-26.07	-6.95	-12.72	18.50

# Local Sovereign Currency Yields

# Developed Market Local Interest Rates % (1 Year)



# Emerging Market Local Interest Rates % (1 Year)



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# Commodities Return Analysis (%)

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Bloomberg Commodity Index	-4.04	-3.85	0.90	-5.17	3.58	6.51
Bloomberg Sub Agriculture	-4.83	-7.16	-10.82	-16.09	1.51	9.01
Coffee	1.54	7.00	29.18	54.51	15.57	18.10
Corn	-5.62	-14.01	-21.44	-29.10	-5.50	2.43
Cotton	-4.63	-10.57	-14.20	-18.79	1.73	6.15
Soybean	-6.93	-8.77	-18.11	-20.67	1.73	10.27
Soybean Oil	-2.89	-1.14	-11.98	-26.75	-5.27	15.09
Sugar	-6.25	-0.92	-0.27	-13.79	10.79	12.89
Wheat	-7.62	-14.24	-18.67	-27.63	-14.87	-3.58
Bloomberg Sub Energy	-7.65	-5.23	-0.28	-12.76	2.55	-1.32
Brent Crude	-3.32	-2.77	13.21	7.37	20.11	14.32
Heating Oil	-3.88	-3.81	6.07	0.72	28.96	15.52
Natural Gas	-21.25	-12.44	-36.07	-54.11	-38.39	-30.40
Unleaded Gas	-0.68	-5.08	12.95	-3.06	25.37	17.94
WTI Crude Oil	-2.92	-1.81	15.60	8.25	13.91	3.64

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Bloomberg Sub Industrial Metals	-6.78	-10.16	1.59	-1.50	-1.33	6.60
Aluminum	-10.02	-12.76	-5.55	-2.05	-5.15	2.83
Copper	-4.44	-7.17	9.61	6.69	-0.24	10.29
Nickel	-4.12	-13.98	-0.30	-25.89	-4.60	2.96
Zinc	-9.26	-9.53	-0.24	4.81	-0.52	3.82
Bloomberg Sub Precious Metals	2.68	6.48	18.12	20.93	8.45	10.28
Gold	4.13	5.69	17.31	22.45	9.72	10.07
Platinum	-2.26	3.99	-1.50	4.38	-0.45	2.70
Silver	-1.63	8.86	20.31	15.19	3.87	10.74
Bloomberg Sub Livestock	2.35	1.92	12.17	1.94	5.76	-0.72
Lean Hogs	6.33	-6.28	9.37	-6.92	-2.26	-6.93
Live Cattle	0.52	8.78	15.70	8.37	10.82	3.13

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# Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
Higher <del>↑</del>	Managed Futures 18.37	Multi-Strategy 3.84	MLP <b>18.31</b>	Long/Short Equity 13.41	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>1.10</b>	Long/Short Equity 12.17	Convertible Arbitrage <b>10.25</b>	MLP <b>40.17</b>	MLP <b>30.92</b>	MLP <b>26.56</b>	MLP <b>17.71</b>
	Multi-Strategy <b>6.09</b>	Long/Short Equity 3.55	Commodity 11.77	Currency 11.54	Global Macro -0.11	Global Macro 10.38	Long/Short Equity <b>7.86</b>	Commodity 27.11	Managed Futures 19.12	Long/Short Equity 10.93	Long/Short Equity 10.46
	Long/Short Equity <b>5.55</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>1.69</b>	Convertible Arbitrage <b>6.60</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>8.45</b>	Multi-Strategy -1.05	Managed Futures 9.01	Event Driven <b>6.95</b>	Event Driven <b>12.92</b>	Commodity 16.09	Event Driven <b>9.30</b>	Managed Futures 7.59
	MLP <b>4.80</b>	Convertible Arbitrage <b>0.81</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>4.41</b>	Multi-Strategy 6.83	Convertible Arbitrage -2.26	Event Driven 8.22	Global Macro 6.53	Global Macro <b>9.60</b>	Global Macro 15.89	Currency 8.44	Multi-Strategy <b>6.81</b>
	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>4.37</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>0.59</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>4.29</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>6.52</b>	Currency -3.33	Convertible Arbitrage <b>8.15</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>5.60</b>	Long/Short Equity 8.35	Equity Market Neutral <b>1.71</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>8.04</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>6.22</b>
	Global Macro <b>3.11</b>	Global Macro <b>0.18</b>	Global Macro 3.58	Event Driven 6.30	Event Driven -3.95	Commodity <b>7.69</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage 3.64	Managed Futures 8.19	Multi-Strategy <b>1.27</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>7.71</b>	Event Driven 5.81
	Event Driven <b>1.57</b>	Managed Futures -0.93	Currency <b>3.54</b>	Convertible Arbitrage <b>5.01</b>	Long/Short Equity -4.62	Multi-Strategy <b>7.25</b>	Managed Futures 1.86	Multi-Strategy <b>6.97</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>-0.97</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>6.73</b>	Commodity 5.14
	Equity Market Neutral -1.19	Event Driven -6.29	Event Driven <b>2.68</b>	Managed Futures 3.29	Equity Market Neutral -5.00	MLP 6.56	Currency 1.73	Convertible Arbitrage <b>6.33</b>	Convertible Arbitrage -3.32	Convertible Arbitrage <b>4.04</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>4.97</b>
	Convertible Arbitrage -1.68	Currency -7.61	Long/Short Equity -3.43	Global Macro 2.14	Managed Futures -6.67	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>6.10</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>1.69</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>6.16</b>	Long/Short Equity -5.77	Managed Futures -2.78	Global Macro 3.89
	Currency -7.03	Commodity -24.66	Equity Market Neutral -4.58	Commodity 1.70	Commodity -11.25	Currency 5.20	Commodity -3.12	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>5.22</b>	Event Driven -6.80	Global Macro -5.19	Convertible Arbitrage 2.80
↓ Lower	Commodity -17.01	MLP -32.59	Managed Futures -6.84	MLP -6.52	MLP -12.42	Equity Market Neutral 1.58	MLP -28.69	Currency -3.09	Currency -7.14	Commodity -7.91	Currency -1.38

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### **TRANSITION**

# Major Asset Classes Correlation Table

	S&P 500	International	Emerging Markets	Small Cap	U.S. Aggregate	Municipal	High Yield	Bank Loan	Commodities
S&P 500	1.00	0.87	0.70	0.86	0.37	0.38	0.80	0.60	0.40
International	0.89	1.00	0.80	0.78	0.40	0.44	0.81	0.62	0.45
Emerging Markets	0.71	0.80	1.00	0.64	0.38	0.43	0.71	0.57	0.50
Small Cap	0.86	0.85	0.72	1.00	0.29	0.31	0.77	0.64	0.38
U.S. Aggregate	0.52	0.54	0.49	0.44	1.00	0.85	0.49	0.16	-0.08
Municipal	0.55	0.62	0.59	0.49	0.85	1.00	0.54	0.28	0.01
High Yield	0.83	0.82	0.71	0.83	0.58	0.68	1.00	0.80	0.50
Bank Loan	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.68	0.21	0.37	0.81	1.00	0.50
Commodities	0.42	0.48	0.47	0.40	-0.06	0.08	0.48	0.49	1.00
	5 Years ended J	uly 30, 2024	10 Years ended Ju	ly 30, 2024					

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### **TRANSITION**

# Fund and ETF Flows by Category

Top 10 Open-End Mutual Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Multisector Bond	1,904	7,861	26,472
Diversified Emerging Mkts	1,384	-2,373	-9,126
Global Bond-USD Hedged	1,279	4,177	14,843
Intermediate Core Bond	1,070	11,388	73,237
Foreign Large Blend	813	-3,996	1,262
High Yield Muni	716	2,079	2,752
Nontraditional Bond	648	1,618	3,100
Small Blend	620	-308	-5,995
Short-Trm Inflation-Protected Bond	579	88	1,544
High Yield Bond	422	-662	5,415

Bottom 10 Open-End Mutual Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Health	-1,059	-3,325	-15,086
Ultrashort Bond	-1,088	614	-8,133
Small Growth	-1,362	-5,084	-13,618
Mid-Cap Value	-1,678	-5,993	-22,052
Global Allocation	-2,363	-7,779	-22,618
Mid-Cap Growth	-2,736	-8,152	-26,312
Moderate Allocation	-3,064	-8,551	-31,451
Large Value	-3,535	-13,168	-67,844
Large Growth	-9,216	-28,863	-102,793
Large Blend	-10,723	-21,238	-75,803

Top 10 Exchange-Traded Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Large Blend	16,063	56,993	259,839
Large Growth	14,103	29,477	80,553
Foreign Large Blend	7,054	16,079	51,787
Long Government	5,639	9,114	33,198
Ultrashort Bond	5,360	18,503	42,087
Corporate Bond	4,543	926	10,444
Technology	3,922	4,312	21,812
Foreign Large Growth	3,096	3,877	4,324
Global Large-Stock Blend	2,750	2,695	8,043
Derivative Income	2,490	7,447	25,323

# Bottom 10 Exchange-Traded Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Health	-151	-3,440	-10,428
Commodities Focused	-193	-575	-12,377
Consumer Cyclical	-302	-1,415	427
Inflation-Protected Bond	-366	-1,303	-3,994
China Region	-558	454	-2,372
Short-Term Bond	-568	-1,058	-8,918
Industrials	-734	959	2,690
Foreign Large Value	-1,465	-1,112	1,446
Equity Energy	-1,485	-2,329	-113
TradingLeveraged Equity	-1,527	-3,334	-10,447

Source: Morningstar as of 6/30/24. Flow data is on a one month lag. Data provided is for informational use only. See end of report for important additional information.

### **TRANSITION**

# Major Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
Higher	S&P 500 <b>13.69</b>	Municipal <b>3.30</b>	Small-Cap <b>21.31</b>	Emerging Markets <b>37.28</b>	Municipal 1.28	S&P 500 <b>31.49</b>	Small-Cap <b>19.96</b>	S&P 500 <b>28.71</b>	Commodities 16.09	S&P 500 <b>26.29</b>	S&P 500 <b>16.70</b>
Lower	Municipal 9.05	S&P 500 <b>1.38</b>	High Yield <b>17.49</b>	International <b>25.03</b>	Bank Loan <b>0.44</b>	Small-Cap <b>25.52</b>	S&P 500 <b>18.40</b>	Commodities 27.11	Bank Loan -0.77	International 18.24	Small-Cap <b>12.07</b>
	US Agg <b>5.97</b>	US Agg <b>0.55</b>	S&P 500 <b>11.96</b>	S&P 500 <b>21.83</b>	US Agg <b>0.01</b>	International 22.01	Emerging Markets 18.31	Small-Cap <b>14.82</b>	Municipal -8.53	Small-Cap <b>16.93</b>	International 8.43
	Small-Cap <b>4.89</b>	Bank Loan -0.69	Commodities 11.77	Small-Cap <b>14.65</b>	High Yield -2.26	Asset Allocation 18.70	Asset Allocation 11.95	Asset Allocation 11.43	High Yield -11.22	Asset Allocation 14.09	Asset Allocation 8.00
	Asset Allocation 4.28	International -0.81	Emerging Markets 11.19	Asset Allocation 14.02	S&P 500 -4.38	Emerging Markets 18.42	International 7.82	International 11.26	US Agg -13.01	High Yield 13.46	Emerging Markets 7.81
	High Yield 2.50	Asset Allocation -2.03	Bank Loan <b>10.16</b>	High Yield <b>7.48</b>	Asset Allocation -5.40	High Yield <b>14.41</b>	US Agg <b>7.51</b>	High Yield 5.36	Asset Allocation -13.04	Bank Loan <b>13.32</b>	Bank Loan 5.12
	Bank Loan 1.60	Small-Cap -4.41	Asset Allocation 8.61	Municipal 5.45	Small-Cap <b>-11.01</b>	US Agg <b>8.72</b>	High Yield <b>6.17</b>	Bank Loan <b>5.20</b>	International -14.45	Emerging Markets 9.83	High Yield 4.63
	Emerging Markets -2.19	High Yield -4.64	US Agg <b>2.65</b>	Bank Loan <b>4.12</b>	Commodities -11.25	Bank Loan 8.64	Municipal 5.21	Municipal 1.52	S&P 500 -18.11	Municipal <b>6.40</b>	US Agg 1.61
	International -4.90	Emerging Markets -14.92	International 1.00	US Agg <b>3.54</b>	International -13.79	Commodities 7.69	Bank Loan <b>3.12</b>	US Agg -1.54	Emerging Markets -20.09	US Agg <b>5.53</b>	Commodities 0.90
	Commodities -17.01	Commodities -24.66	Municipal <b>0.25</b>	Commodities 1.70	Emerging Markets -14.57	Municipal 7.54	Commodities -3.12	Emerging Markets -2.54	Small-Cap -20.44	Commodities -7.91	Municipal <b>0.50</b>

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# Glossary of Terms

### **Index Definitions**

**Bloom berg Commodity Index** is a broadly diversified index tracking futures contracts on physical commodities.

**Bloom berg Euro-Aggregate Corporates Index** consists of bonds issued in the euro or the legacy currencies of the 16 sovereign countries participating in the European Monetary Union (EMU)

**Bloom berg Global Aggregate Ex-USD Index** is a broad-based measure of global Investment Grade fixed-rate debt investments, excluding USD-denominated debt.

**Bloom berg High Yield Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of non-Investment Grade Municipal bonds traded in the U.S.

**Bloom berg Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of Municipal bonds traded in the U.S.

**Bloom berg Pan-European High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixedrate, sub-investment-grade debt denominated in euros or other European currencies (except Swiss francs).

**Bloom berg Taxable Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of Taxable Municipal bonds traded in the U.S.

**Bloom berg U.S. Agency Index** measures agency securities issued by U.S government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. government.

**Bloom berg U.S. Aggregate Index** is an unmanaged index of domestic investment-grade bonds, including corporate, government and mortgage-backed securities.

**Bloom berg U.S.** As set Backed Securities (ABS) Index measures ABS with the following collateral type: credit and charge card, auto, and utility loans.

**Bloom berg U.S. CMBS Index** measures the market of conduit and fusion CMBS deals with a minimum current deal size of \$300mn.

**Bloom berg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment-grade corporate securities within the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index.

**Bloom berg U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) Index** measures agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities issued by GNMA, FNMA, and FHLMC.

**Bloom berg U.S. Treasury Index** measures public debt instruments issued by the U.S. Treasury.

**CBOE Volatility Index (VIX)** tracks the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 Index options.

**CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index** measures the performance of a hypothetical buy-write strategy on the S&P 500 Index.

**ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index** tracks the performance of USD denominated inflation linked sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government.

ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index is an unmanaged index of fixed-rate, preferred securities issued in the U.S.

**ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index** tracks the performance of sovereign debt publicly issued by countries that are members of the European Union.

**ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index** is an unmanaged index of below -investment grade U.S. corporate bonds.

ICE BofA Developed Markets High Yield Ex-Subordinated Financial Index (Hedged) is an unmanaged index of global developed market below investment grade corporate bonds, USD hedged.

FTSE 100 Index is an unmanaged market-capitalization weighted index representing the performance of the 100 largest UK listed blue chip companies, which pass screening for size and liquidity.

**FTSE All Small Index** consists of all the companies in the FTSE SmallCap and FTSE Fledgling indices.

FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI) measures the performance of fixed-rate, local currency, investment-grade sovereign bonds.

J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified is an unmanaged index of USD-denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

**J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified** is an unmanaged index of USD-denominated bonds with maturities of more than one year issued by emerging markets governments.

J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified is an unmanaged index of local-currency bonds with maturities of more than one year issued by emerging market governments.

Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets Index is an unmanaged index of emerging markets common stocks

MSCI EMU Index (European Economic and Monetary Union) captures large and mid cap representation across the 10 Developed Markets countries in the EMU. With 229 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the EMU.

Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country Asia Pacific Index (MSCI AC Asia Pac) is an unmanaged total return, capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of stock markets in 15 Pacific region countries, including Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiw an and Thailand.

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# Index Definitions (cont.)

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# **Terms**

**Municipal-to-Treasury Yield Ratios** are relative value indicators that measure the richness or cheapness of Municipal bond yields to comparable maturity Treasury bond yields.

**Yield to Worst** is a measure which reflects the low est potential yield earned on a bond without the issuer defaulting. The yield to worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

### **About Risk**

Bank Loans - There can be no assurance that the liquidation of collateral securing an investment will satisfy the issuer's obligation in the event of non-payment or that collateral can be readily liquidated. The ability to realize the benefits of any collateral may be delayed or limited. Commodities - The value of commodities investments will generally be affected by overall market movements and factors specific to a particular industry or commodity including weather, embargoes, tariffs, or health, political, international and regulatory developments. Credit - Investments in income securities may be affected by changes in the creditw orthiness of the issuer and are subject to the risk of non-payment of principal and interest. The value of income securities also may decline because of real or perceived concerns about the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. **Duration** – Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter durations. Equity - Equity investment values are sensitive to stock market volatility. Foreign – Investments in foreign instruments or currencies can involve greater risk and volatility than U.S. investments because of adverse market, economic, political, regulatory, geopolitical, or other conditions, In emerging countries, these risks may be more significant, Goy't Agency - While certain U.S. Governmentsponsored agencies may be chartered or sponsored by acts of Congress, their securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. Income Market - An imbalance in supply and demand in the income market may result in valuation uncertainties and greater volatility, less liquidity, widening credit spreads and a lack of price transparency in the market. There generally is limited public information about Municipal issuers, Inflation-Linked - Interest payments on inflation-linked securities may vary widely and will fluctuate as principal and interest are adjusted for inflation. Investments in inflation-linked securities may lose value in the event that the actual rate of inflation is different than the rate of the inflation index. Interest Rate - As interest rates rise, the value of certain income investments is likely to decline. The London Interbank Offered Rate or LIBOR, is used throughout global banking and financial industries to determine interest rates for a variety of financial instruments (such as debt instruments and derivatives) and borrowing arrangements. The ICE Benchmark Administration Limited, the administrator of LIBOR, is expected to cease publishing certain LIBOR settings on December 31, 2021, and the remaining LIBOR settings on June 30, 2023. The transition process may involve, among other things, increased volatility or illiquidity in markets for instruments that currently rely on LIBOR, such as floating-rate debt obligations. Lower-Rated – Investments rated below Investment Grade (typically referred to as "junk") are generally subject to greater price volatility and illiquidity than higher rated investments. Maturity - Longer-termbonds typically are more sensitive to interest rate changes than shorter-termbonds. **Preferred** Stocks – When interest rates rise, the value of preferred stocks will generally decline. Prepayment - MBS – Mortgage-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk. Prepayment - Bank Loan - Bank Loan sare subject to prepayment risk. Real Estate - Changes in real estate values or economic downturns can have a significant negative effect on issuers in the real estate industry, including REITs.

#### **Risk Considerations**

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