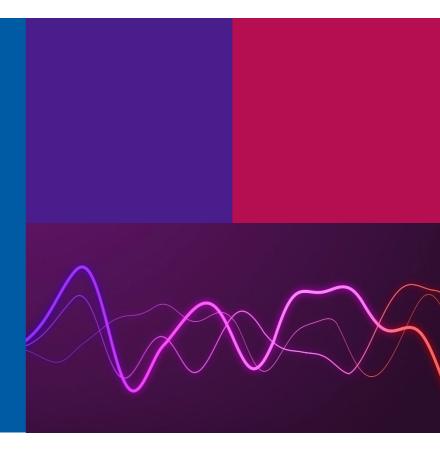
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### The Capital Markets Group — Our Top 5 Ideas

# Reduce Investment Grade (IG) Credit to a High Conviction Underweight

The risk-adjusted return prospects for IG credit have fallen due to low yields and tight spreads. The yield in IG credit is too low relative to the duration risk it carries at the index level, for what we believe may be a softer landing scenario that could push yields higher. Additionally, spreads are at the tighter end of ranges and offer less of a hedge to adverse market conditions. Instead of IG we prefer a barbell of high-quality government bonds balanced by lower-quality credit.

### **Moving Munis Back to Neutral from Overweight**

Current yields for high-quality Munis equate to minimal or zero pickup versus U.S. Treasuries on an after-tax basis. There is a bit more value in lower rated parts of the market.

### **Adding Exposure to Global Developed Markets Equities**

Rising equity prices have increased the gross weighting of equities in balanced portfolios. We prefer holding the higher gross in equities instead of netting down exposures, thus giving portfolios an overall overweight to equities. Manufacturing PMIs are indicating that we are at the start of a sequential, albeit shallower relative to history, cyclical recovery. Such an environment tends to be supportive of equities. Despite elevated headline multiples, on a growth-adjusted basis we don't view U.S. equities as expensive. Finally, we are comfortable with this exposure given the recent developments in earnings releases.

### Tailwinds for the U.S. Dollar (USD) to Persist

We expect the Fed to only cut rates gradually given a resilient U.S. consumer outlook and a bumpier disinflation process. Given a more subdued global recovery, particularly ex-U.S., the USD looks well supported in our view. Outside of the U.S., the eurozone is suffering from structural issues that may mean a shallower growth recovery. In Japan expectations for an accelerated exit from negative rates have waned recently, in part due to weak growth and inflation data. The uncertain outlook for a China recovery adds to the overall favorable USD mix.

# Emerging Markets Hard Currency Debt — We Are Maintaining our Overweight

We expect spreads and rates to support total EM Hard Currency returns. Following the YTD backup in bond yields, the entry point for EM Hard Currency Debt has become more attractive. Moreover, the backdrop of improving economic growth, as evidenced by the sequential recovery in PMIs and lower funding costs, should see spreads continuing to tighten. These factors, combined with a yield of 8.6%, may provide attractive returns in a 12-month investment horizon.

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# **Key Themes for March**



# Fiscal Policy Will Be More Important than Monetary Policy

GDP growth in 2024 may surprise consensus to the upside, spurred by greater fiscal stimulus than expected. After all, it's an election year in the U.S. and the incumbent party running for re-election tends to spend In order to support the economy. This seems to be coming from tax-related plans and a pulling forward of spending from the CHIPS Act. We may learn more from President Biden's State of the Union Address on March 7, which we expect to have a greater impact on markets than usual.



# Inflation Is Not Cooperating, Putting Bonds at Risk

The recent run of inflation data is not allaying the Fed, such that rate cuts may be further delayed. This combined with fiscal spending plans is making the Fed's job even harder. Bond market valuations are dependent on Fed cuts, making the management of duration risk in portfolios hyper-critical. In the end though, credit may benefit.



### **Equities Supported by Labor Markets**

Stickier inflation keeps nominal growth rates higher than expected and should support robust earnings growth. As long as the labor markets remain tight, consumers can still spend and help margins stay afloat. Equity markets are being supported, but the key to the story is that labor markets remain strong. We are this watching carefully.



### **Capital Seeking Higher Real Rates**

The Fed was expected to cut rates before the Bank of England and the ECB. The Fed may now cut later than both. This means that U.S. real rates may stay elevated, supporting the USD and other U.S. assets broadly. Real rate differentials in cash flows will play a larger role in relative valuations for global portfolios.

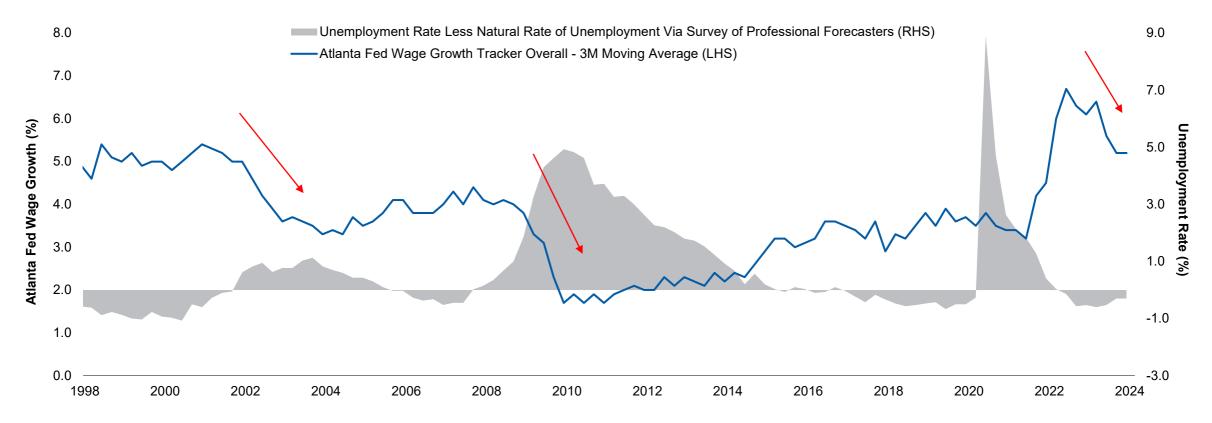
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# "Goldilocks" Soft Landing = Disinflation Without Higher Unemployment

Wage pressures have eased without higher unemployment, adding support to a "Goldilocks" soft landing. The bull/bear debate has often pivoted around whether labor market slack, in the form of higher unemployment, was necessary to address inflation. More progress is needed, but current data supports a view of inflation normalization without recession.

### Wage Growth Is Coming Down, Without a Significant Rise in Unemployment

The "unemployment gap" compared to the Atlanta Fed wage growth tracker

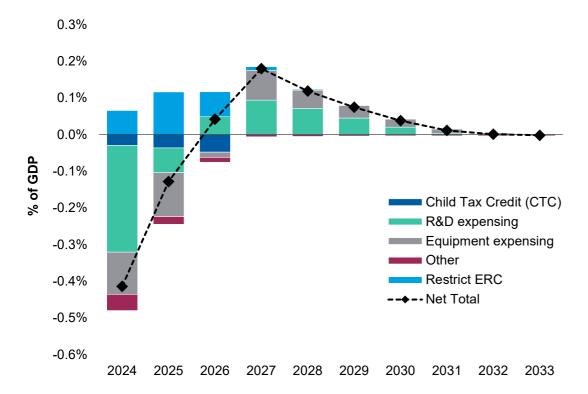


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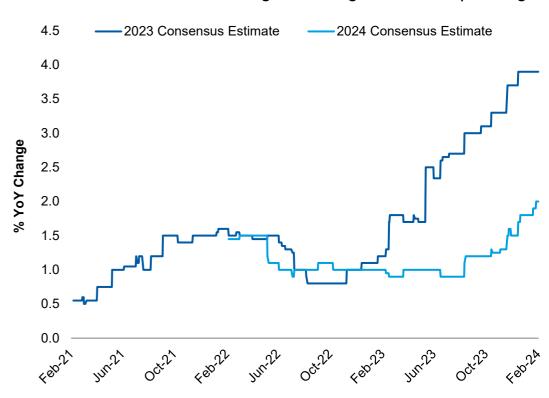
# Fiscal Policy > Monetary Policy = A Boost to Economic Growth

Government spending added 0.7% to U.S. GDP in 2023, 0.6% in 4Q23 alone. Election years in the U.S. create an incentive for government spending, skewing risk to the upside in 2024. Potential areas of upside surprise include the backlog from the pandemic's Employee Retention Credit, the Wyden-Smith Tax cut (if approved) or CHIPS Act investment.

# A Bipartisan Tax Bill Would Raise the Deficit in 2024 and 2025 Impact on the federal deficit as a percentage of GDP



# **2024 Government Spending Forecasts Are Already Rising**Consensus forecast YoY change in U.S. government spending



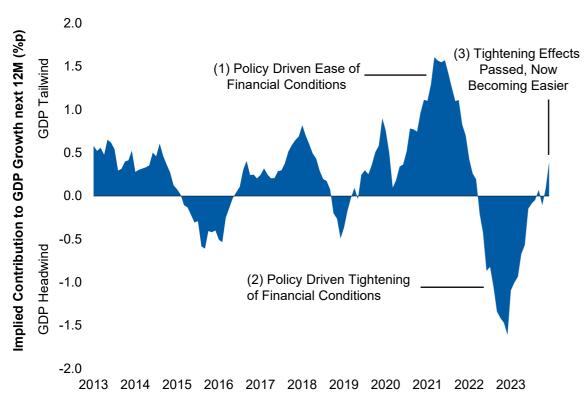
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### Financial Conditions Are Now a Tailwind to Growth in 2024

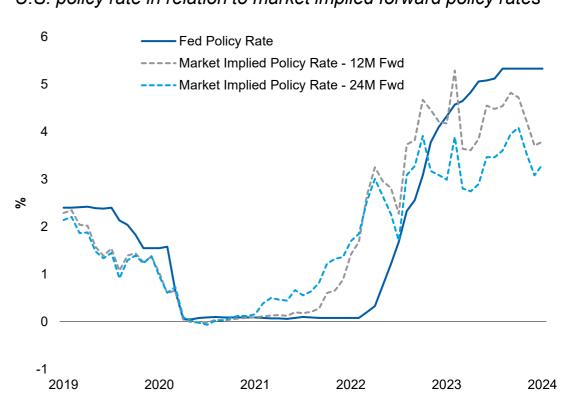
U.S. financial conditions began to tighten in mid-2021 and continued through 4Q22. The peak headwind to growth was felt in 2H22/1Q23. As that headwind faded, economic data started to surprise, and U.S. GDP forecasts were revised higher through most of 2023. Entering 2024, financial conditions now are a tailwind to growth.

### **Financial Conditions Are Now a Tailwind For Growth**

Contributions to GDP growth over next year (in percentage points)



# Markets Priced a Peak Forward Policy Rate by the end of 2022 U.S. policy rate in relation to market implied forward policy rates



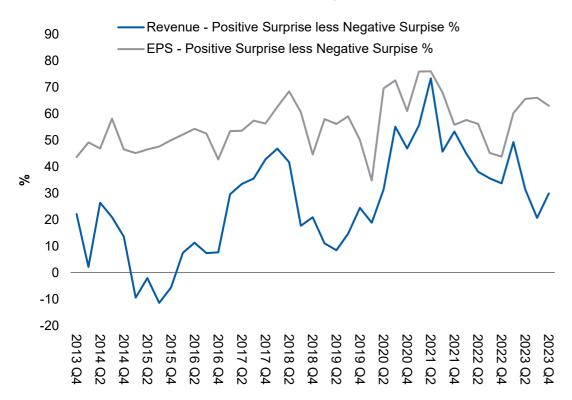
Note: Sign of this financial conditions index is reversed to better visualize headwind/tailwind.

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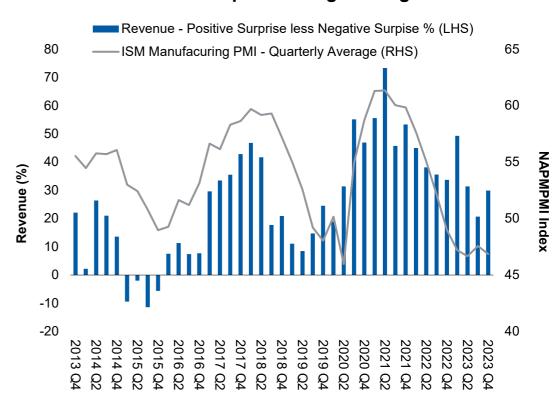
# A Positive Inflection in PMIs Would Suggest Revenue-Driven EPS Upside

We expect a positive inflection in manufacturing, driven by easier financial conditions, upside surprise from government spending and normalizing demand for goods. S&P 500 revenue surprise data is positively correlated with ISM Manufacturing PMI data, suggesting this inflection in manufacturing will lead to better, and higher quality, earnings results.

# **S&P 500 Earnings Have Been Solid, but Bottom-line Surprise Data Has Been a Bit Stronger Than Top-line Data**



# S&P 500 Revenue Surprise Correlates To PMI Data, Suggesting a Revenue-driven EPS Upside Alongside Higher PMIs

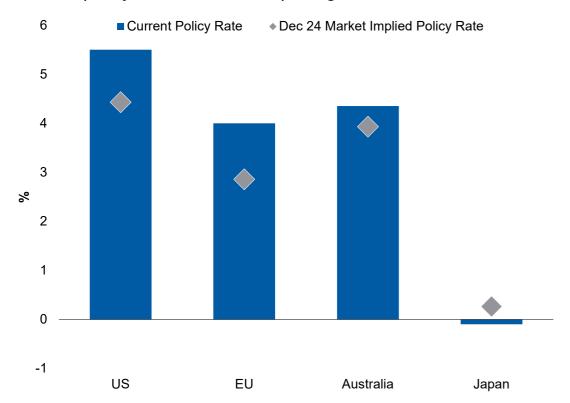


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# Economic Data Challenges the Fed's Desire to Cut Rates

Considering resilient economic growth, anticipated Fed cuts still look vulnerable to hawkish repricing. Conversely, the eurozone economy is facing a multitude of growth headwinds raising the risk of deeper rate cuts from the ECB.

# The Market Still Expects a Similar Magnitude of Fed & ECB Cuts Current policy rates and market pricing for December 2024



# Growth Divergence Should Drive Greater Policy Divergence Implied change in U.S. vs EU December 2024 policy rate



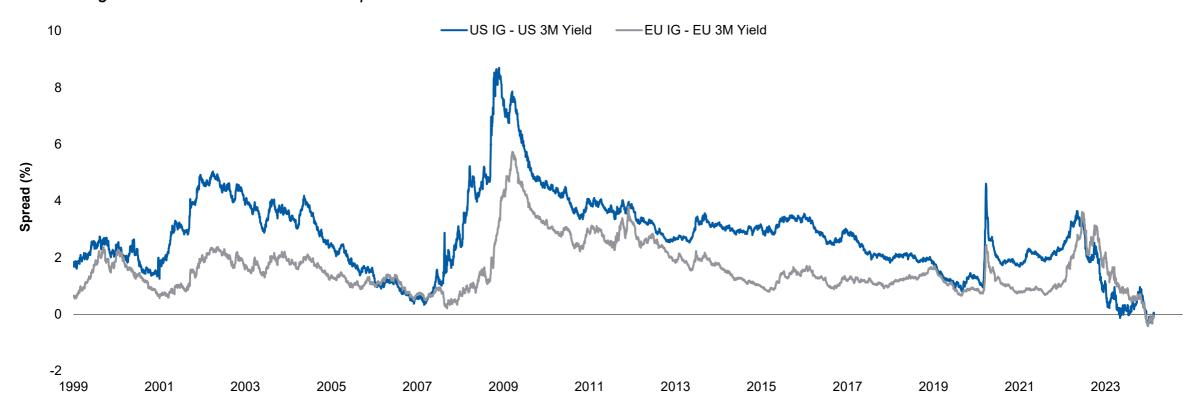
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# IG: High Conviction Underweight on Return Asymmetry and Better Alternatives

USD IG Credit spreads are close to all-time tight levels, leaving IG to trade more like U.S. Treasuries (USTs), but with a highly asymmetric forward return profile should spreads widen. All-in IG yields are now lower than cash rates. As a result, we much prefer front-end USTs, or a barbell mix of high-quality government bonds alongside lower-quality credit.

### IG Credit Yields Are Now Below Cash Rates in the U.S. and Europe

Bloomberg USD & EUR IG Index less respective 3M Government Yield



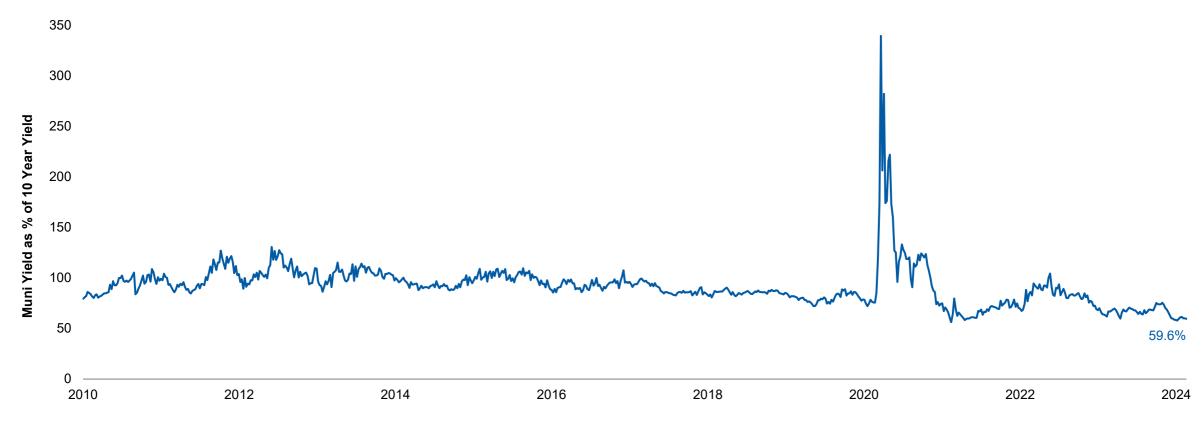
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### Munis Are Back to Neutral

The carry pickup for high-quality Munis is near zero compared to U.S. Treasuries (USTs) on an after-tax basis, as yield as a % of the 10-year yield is below 60%. Given that 40.8% is the highest marginal tax rate, we see little valuation appeal to hold high quality Munis over USTs. Lower-quality Munis may offer some value and leave us neutral on the asset class.

### High Quality Muni Carry Pickup Is Near Zero Compared to USTs on an After-tax Basis

AAA Muni yield % of UST 10-year yield

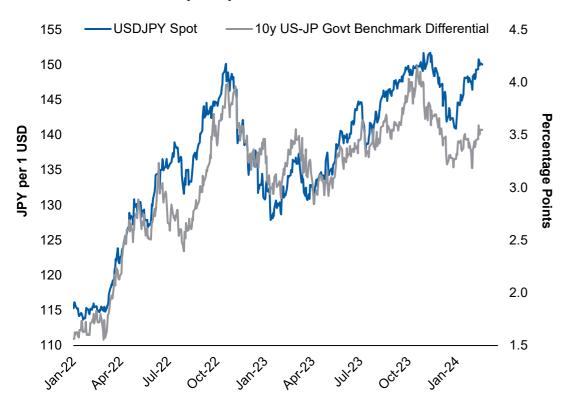


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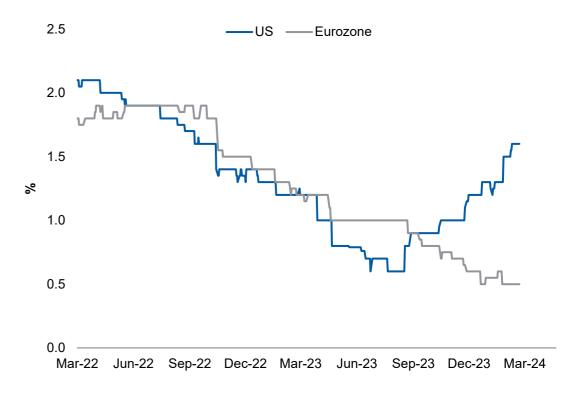
### **USD** Tailwinds To Persist

In Japan, expectations for a quick exit from negative rates have been pared back recently due to weak growth and inflation data. The rate differential stopped narrowing and lessened the appeal of the JPY (yen). The eurozone is suffering from structural issues that may mean a shallower growth recovery, keeping the growth differential to the U.S. elevated.

# JPY Weakened as the Yield Differential Has Stopped Narrowing USD/JPY versus 10-year yield differential



# U.S. and Eurozone Growth Expectations Keep Diverging Consensus 2024 GDP YoY% Forecasts



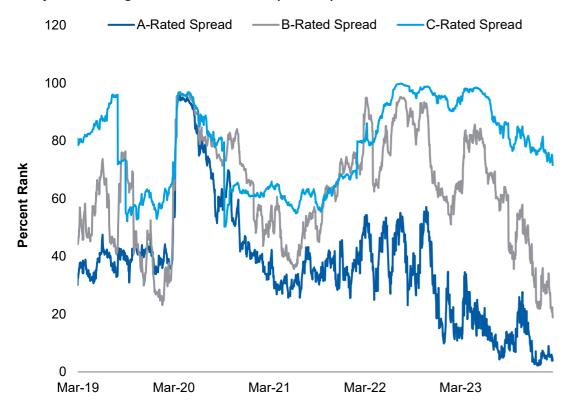
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# EM Hard Currency Debt: Overweight Given Positive Rates, Spread Set-Up

Lower funding costs, falling rates volatility and stronger global growth should support bifurcated EM Bond Index spreads. Distressed credits stand to benefit the most from lower external funding costs.

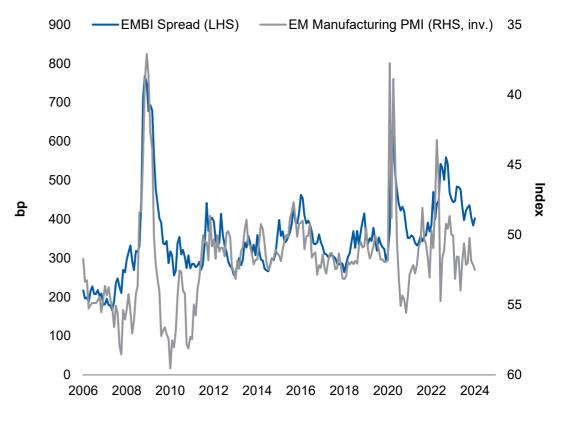
### **Distressed Credit Spreads Have Room for Compression**

15-year rolling EM bond index spread percent ranks\*



### EM Manufacturing Supported By Lower Rates

EMBI spread versus EM manufacturing PMI

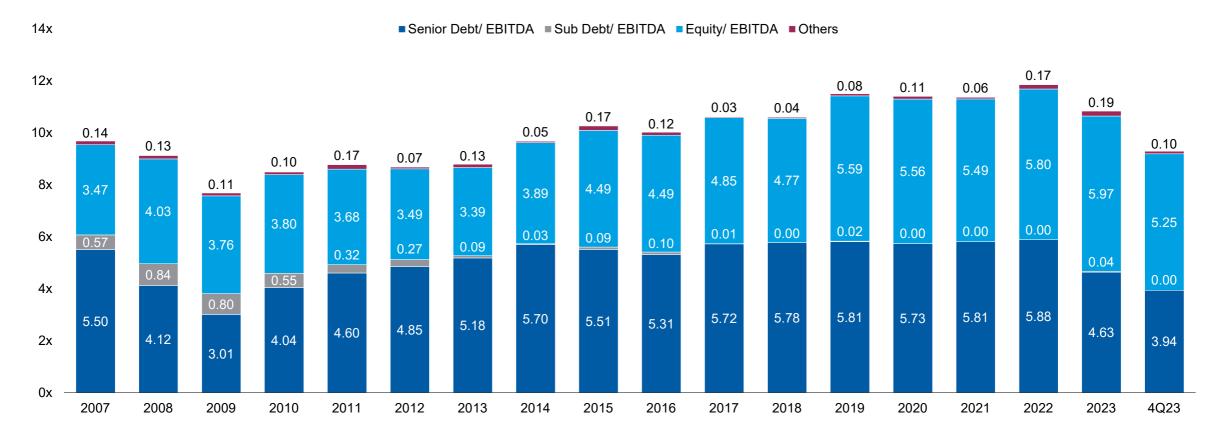


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# Private Equity Shows Signs of Improved Entry Valuations

Private markets transaction activity is thin, but we are now observing declining valuations in response to higher interest rates. When transaction volumes recover more broadly, we expect to see a clear pattern of lower valuations.

### Purchase Price Multiples — All Leveraged Buyouts

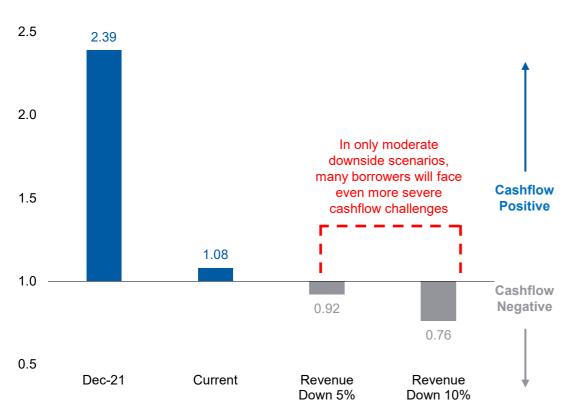


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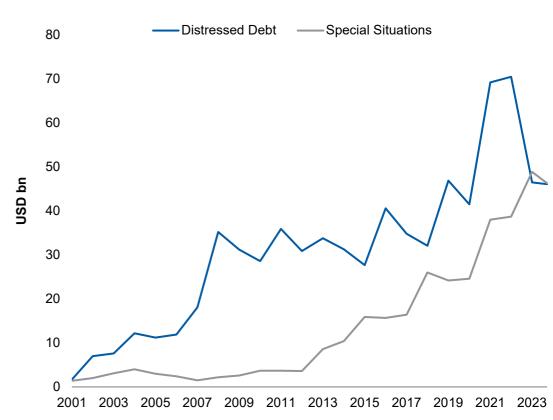
# The Opportunity Set For Special Situations Private Credit Looks Attractive

The number of borrowers struggling to service their debt is increasing, while the amount of capital available to provide flexible solutions has remained relatively stable.

### **Average Private Credit Cashflow/Interest Expense**



### Distressed Debt and Special Situations "Dry Powder"



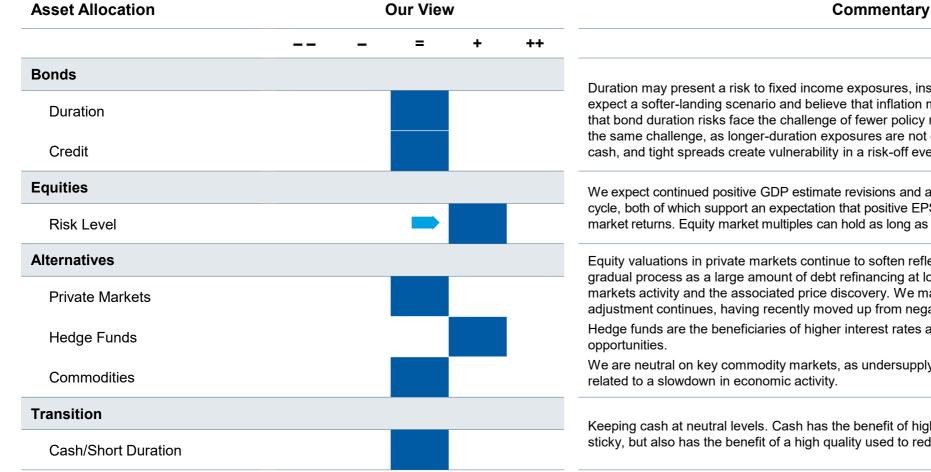
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# Capital Markets Investment Framework

Representative Allocations from the Portfolio Solutions Group



- High conviction underweight
- Underweight
- = Neutral
- + Overweight
- ++ High conviction overweight



Duration may present a risk to fixed income exposures, instead of a hedge. The reason is that we expect a softer-landing scenario and believe that inflation may be sticky and fall slowly. This means that bond duration risks face the challenge of fewer policy rate cuts than what is priced. IG credit has the same challenge, as longer-duration exposures are not offset with materially higher yields than cash, and tight spreads create vulnerability in a risk-off event.

We expect continued positive GDP estimate revisions and a positive inflection in the manufacturing cycle, both of which support an expectation that positive EPS revisions will support positive equity market returns. Equity market multiples can hold as long as fundamentals remain supportive.

Equity valuations in private markets continue to soften reflecting higher financing costs. This is a gradual process as a large amount of debt refinancing at low costs has led to the deferral of capital markets activity and the associated price discovery. We maintain private markets at neutral as this adjustment continues, having recently moved up from negative.

Hedge funds are the beneficiaries of higher interest rates and improved security selection

We are neutral on key commodity markets, as undersupply tailwinds are balanced by headwinds

Keeping cash at neutral levels. Cash has the benefit of higher front-end yields, as policy rates remain sticky, but also has the benefit of a high quality used to reduce risk.

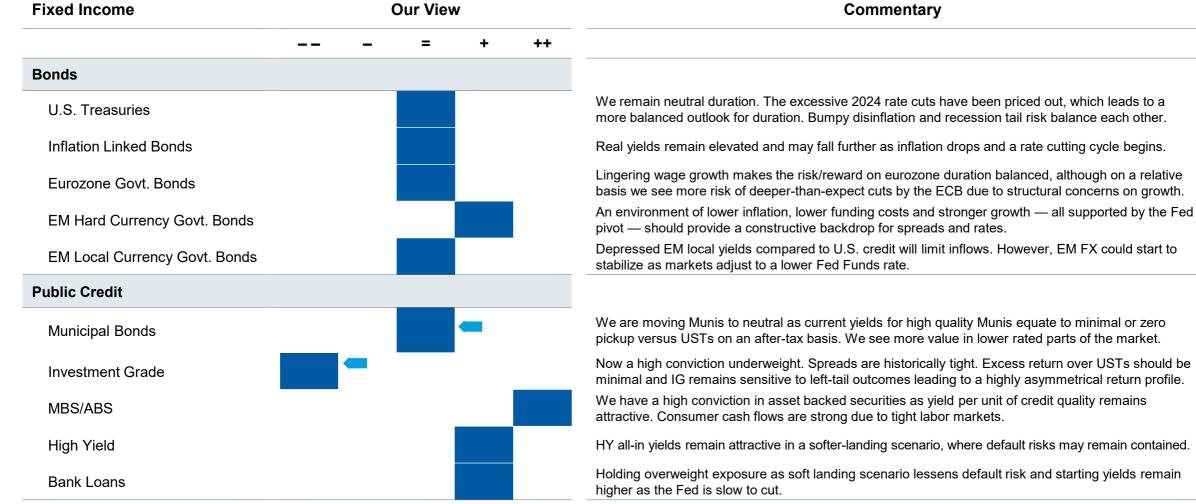
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### Global Fixed Income

Representative Allocations from the Portfolio Solutions Group



- High conviction underweight
  - Underweight
  - = Neutral
  - + Overweight
- ++ High conviction overweight



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# Global Equity

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- High conviction underweight
  - Underweight
  - = Neutral
  - + Overweight
- ++ High conviction overweight



### Commentary

The theme of U.S. growth resilience should continue into 2024, supported by financial conditions, government spending and a healthy consumer. Structural narratives support Big Tech valuations.

Loss of competitiveness and manufacturing destocking weigh on earnings, with ECB rate cuts likely to reverse margin expansion for the eurozone's largest sector (Financials).

Japan's slow exit from deflation should boost corporate revenue while business reforms should help profit margins. In turn, individual investors and corporate pension reform can support equity inflows. Valuations are no longer cheap, but not stretched either. Current JPY weakness is supportive.

The EM outlook is improving, as growth forecasts for EM (ex China) are being revised higher. Structural concerns persist for China, but government efforts to support equities offset fundamental concerns. Valuations look attractive and easing external conditions could support EM earnings.

Earnings revision momentum and structural growth themes (e.g., AI) continue to support Growth style outperformance.

Quality factors (profitability, ROE, etc.) tend to work both mid- and late-cycle. Note that the Quality style does not denote defensive sector exposure.

The cost of capital remains high, and we see Large Cap stocks as better insulated from leveragerelated pressures than the more fragile Small Caps.

We see balanced risk for the Dividend style exposures. Note high Dividend yield as an independent style factor does not imply quality, though many dividend-focused funds also seek quality factors.

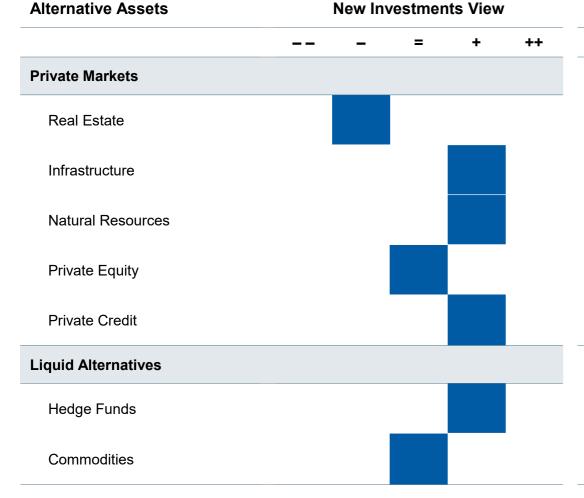
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### **Alternatives**

Representative Allocations from the Portfolio Solutions Group



- Highly selective new investments
- Selective new investments
- = Neutral
- + Priority new investments
- ++ High priority new investments



### Commentary

**Commercial Real Estate** is repricing meaningfully as cap rates that derive real estate values continue to demonstrate their long-term correlation to interest rates. Refinancing into higher debt costs will gradually trigger valuation adjustments, but opportunities in defensive sectors such as triple-net-lease, and segments with constrained supply, have already been emerging.

As a result of valuation adjustments across private markets more broadly, we recently upgraded **Infrastructure** and **Private Equity** to overweight and neutral respectively, reflecting an increased opportunity set that we believe offers defendable entry valuations. Attractive **Private Equity** opportunities are focused on the middle market segment that is less sensitive to leverage. **Infrastructure** investments related to the energy transition and digitization are experiencing demand that we believe will support current valuations.

Select markets within **Natural Resources** are benefiting from strong long-term fundamentals, such as increasing food demand and decreasing arable land in the case of agriculture investments.

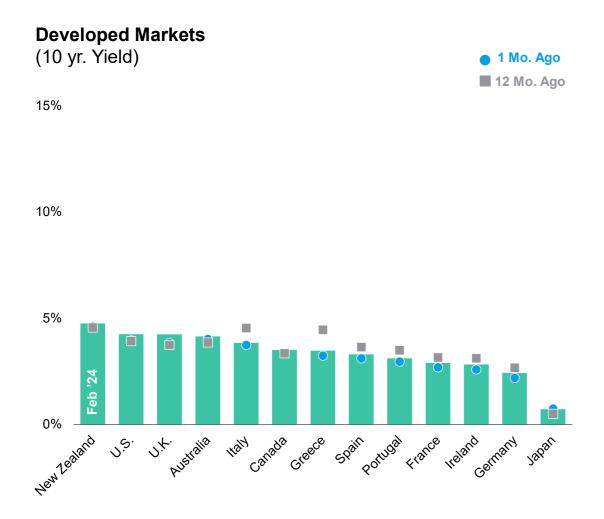
Dislocations in **Public Credit** continue to create opportunities in both corporate and niche **private lending**. Completed deal volume is relatively low, but risk-adjusted pricing remains attractive. **Special situations** lenders are commanding a premium as the supply of opportunities has expanded, though demand from investors has not responded.

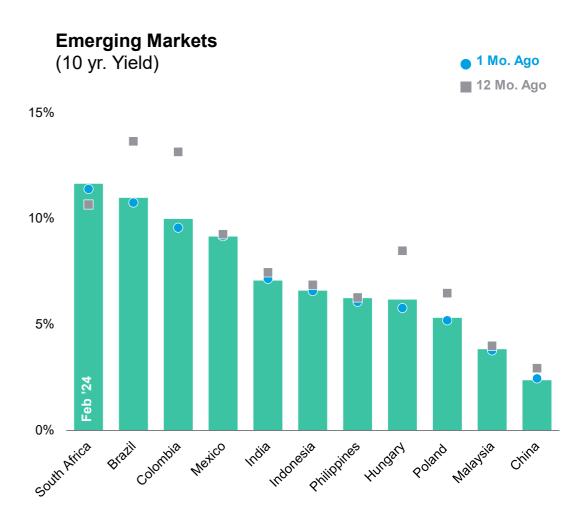
In long/short **Hedge Funds**, bottom-up fundamental security selection is benefiting from higher return dispersion and lower cross correlations in asset performance, as well as benefitting from higher cash returns.

We are neutral on key **Commodity Markets**, as undersupply tailwinds are balanced by headwinds related to a slowdown in economic activity.

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# Sovereign Bond Yields





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# Key Rates (%)

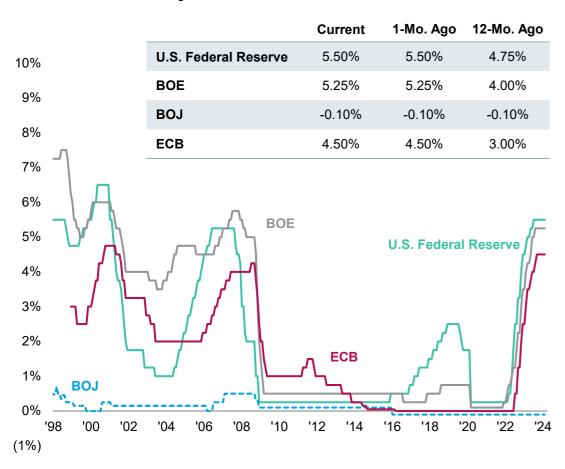
Security	Current	12-Mo. Ago	Average	Minimum	Maximum
1-Week SIFMA	3.30	2.80	3.40	1.90	4.55
Secured Overnight Financing Rate	5.32	4.55	5.15	4.55	5.40
1-Mo LIBOR	5.44	4.67	5.29	4.67	5.48
3-Mo LIBOR	5.60	4.97	5.51	4.87	5.69
2-Yr Treasury	4.63	4.80	4.61	3.74	5.21
5-Yr Treasury	4.24	4.17	4.11	3.28	4.96
10-Yr Treasury	4.24	3.92	4.04	3.29	4.99
30-Yr Treasury	4.36	3.93	4.19	3.54	5.11
2-Yr Japan	0.17	-0.03	0.01	-0.09	0.17
10-Yr Japan	0.71	0.50	0.59	0.20	0.96
2-Yr German Bund	2.91	3.16	2.88	2.34	3.31
10-Yr German Bund	2.42	2.67	2.45	1.91	2.98
2-Yr UK Gilt	4.59	4.08	4.43	3.17	5.52
10-Yr UK Gilt	4.23	3.73	4.09	3.21	4.74
Bloomberg US Agg	4.92	4.81	4.86	4.20	5.74
Bloomberg Global Agg	3.80	3.84	3.83	3.41	4.42
Bloomberg US Corporate	5.41	5.51	5.53	4.99	6.43
Bloomberg US Long Corporate	5.57	5.59	5.64	5.16	6.60
Bloomberg US Municipal	3.40	3.62	3.62	3.06	4.50
Bloomberg US Long Municipal	4.15	4.42	4.38	4.00	5.18
US High Yield	7.90	8.65	8.52	7.62	9.53
US Loans	9.93	9.97	10.35	9.93	10.80

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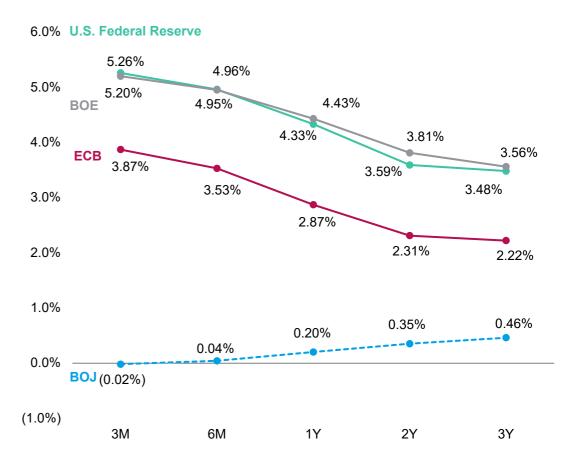
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# **Monetary Policy**

### **Central Bank Policy Rates**



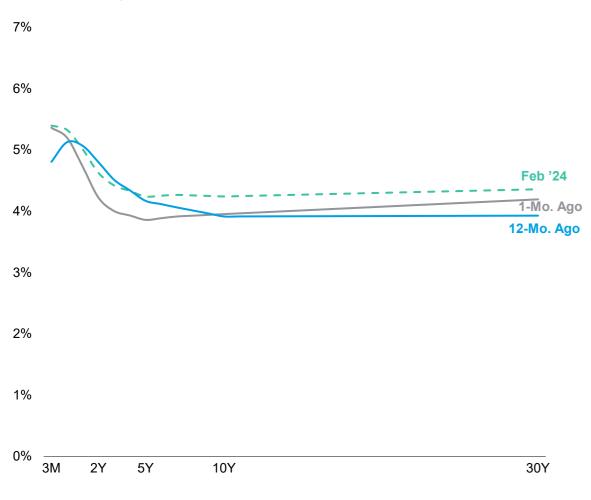
### **Market Expectations for Future Central Bank Rates**



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# U.S. Treasury Yields

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



**Yields & Performance** 

Coourity		Yield (%)		Total F	Return (%)
Security -	Current	Current 1-Mo. Ago 12-Mo. Ago		1-Mo.	12-Mo.
3-mo. Treasury	5.40	5.36	4.81	0.41	5.22
6-mo. Treasury	5.33	5.20	5.13	0.35	5.31
2-yr. Treasury	4.63	4.22	4.80	-0.47	3.66
3-yr. Treasury	4.42	4.00	4.51	-0.84	3.68
5-yr. Treasury	4.24	3.86	4.17	-1.45	3.02
10-yr. Treasury	4.24	3.95	3.92	-2.06	0.69
30-yr. Treasury	4.36	4.19	3.93	-2.19	-4.55

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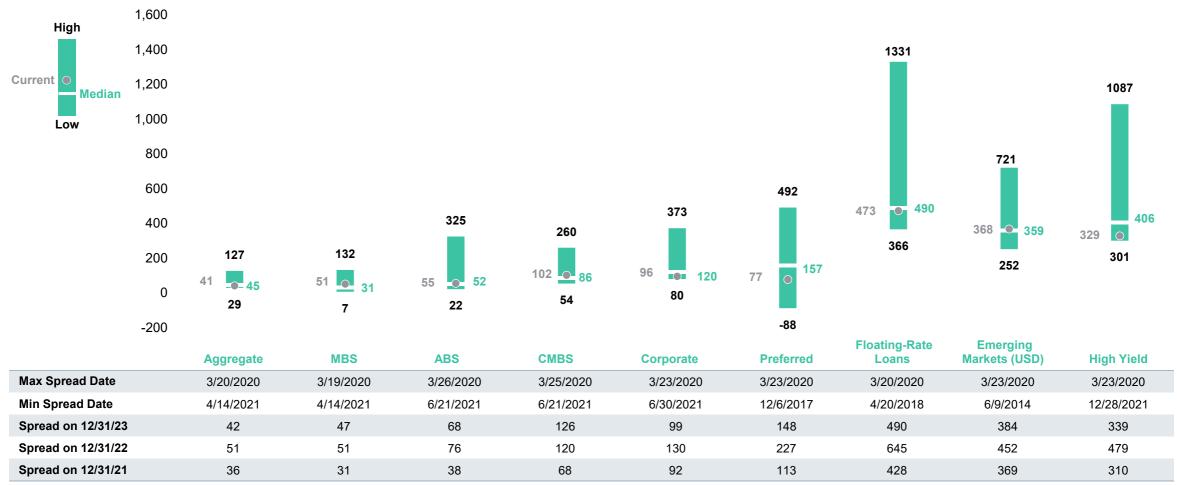
# **Characteristics and Performance Analysis**

	Averages								Total	Returns	s (%)		
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	3.17	89.9	4.92	41	8.5	6.2	-1.41	2.08	-1.68	3.33	-3.16	0.56	1.43
U.S. Treasury	2.62	89.8	4.46	_	7.8	6.0	-1.31	1.72	-1.59	2.29	-3.44	0.17	0.94
U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities	3.11	87.5	5.12	51	7.8	6.2	-1.63	2.14	-2.08	2.28	-3.34	-0.31	0.98
U.S. Asset Backed Securities	4.36	98.3	5.21	55	3.6	2.6	-0.28	2.10	0.18	5.15	0.28	1.80	1.76
U.S. Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	3.17	90.8	5.44	102	4.9	4.3	-0.77	2.97	-0.06	4.61	-2.07	1.37	1.91
U.S. Corp. Investment Grade	4.11	91.6	5.41	96	10.7	6.9	-1.50	2.59	-1.67	5.97	-2.85	1.77	2.49
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.54	102.6	3.40	-	13.4	6.1	0.13	1.93	-0.38	5.42	-0.21	1.91	2.68
Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index	4.32	92.3	5.11	-	14.4	7.9	-1.12	3.72	-1.18	4.77	-3.21	1.63	3.28
ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index	0.88	92.4	1.98	-	7.7	5.7	-1.06	1.80	-0.69	2.35	-0.88	2.67	2.13
ICE BofA Preferred Index (Fixed Rate)	5.20	92.4	6.03	77	-	4.8	0.80	6.48	3.61	6.83	0.79	3.15	4.76
U.S. High Yield													
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	6.13	92.4	7.90	329	4.9	3.3	0.30	4.01	0.31	10.97	1.86	3.99	4.26
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.64	96.5	9.93	473	4.3		0.91	3.26	1.59	11.49	5.69	5.26	4.49
Emerging Markets													
J.P. Morgan EM Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.37	85.0	8.06	368	-	6.6	0.98	4.68	-0.05	10.05	-2.39	0.58	2.98
J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	4.93	92.4	6.84	245	-	4.3	0.71	4.41	1.30	8.99	-0.67	2.69	3.69
J.P. Morgan Govt. Bond Index-EM (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.34	-	6.19	-	-	5.0	-0.57	1.05	-2.09	9.26	-2.61	-0.13	-0.04
Global Developed Markets													
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-U.S. Index	2.18	95.3	2.85	35	8.6	7.0	-1.18	0.86	-3.45	2.74	-7.37	-2.40	-1.41
FTSE World Government Bond Index	2.27	-	3.25	-	-	7.3	-1.30	1.24	-2.83	2.46	-6.91	-2.04	-0.87
ICE BofA U.K. Gilts Index	2.49	83.8	4.31	-	13.0	9.2	-1.88	1.90	-4.34	5.21	-11.49	-4.70	-2.23
ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index	2.01	93.0	3.05	47	8.9	7.3	-1.54	1.08	-3.71	7.38	-8.85	-2.52	-1.49
ICE BofA Developed Mkts HY Ex-Sub Fincl Index (USD Hedged)	5.82	92.5	7.58	353	3.7	3.2	0.36	4.12	0.60	11.29	2.15	4.13	4.43

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### Spread Analysis (bps)



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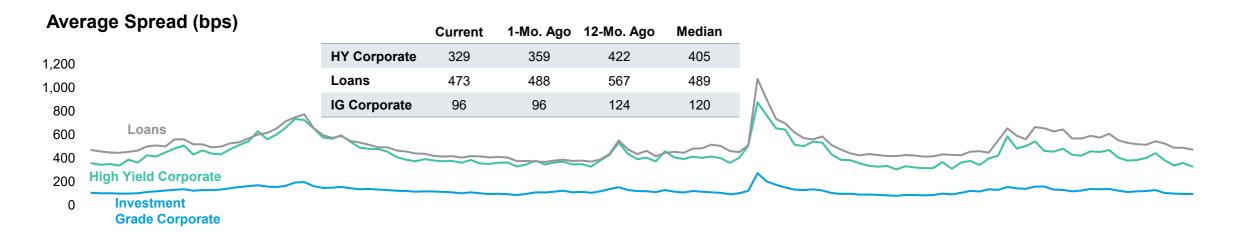
# Corporate Bond Market Update

	Averages						Total Returns (%)						
	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. Corp. Investment Grade Index	4.11	91.6	5.41	96	10.7	6.9	-1.50	2.59	-1.67	5.97	-2.85	1.77	2.49
AAA Index	3.16	82.9	4.83	38	18.3	10.6	-2.03	1.74	-3.10	3.00	-5.29	0.46	1.95
AA Index	3.45	88.3	4.97	48	12.6	7.9	-1.57	1.95	-2.18	4.22	-3.94	0.22	1.53
A Index	3.97	91.9	5.27	82	10.6	6.9	-1.53	2.41	-1.74	5.21	-3.10	1.41	2.23
BBB Index	4.37	91.9	5.63	118	10.4	6.7	-1.46	2.88	-1.49	7.01	-2.40	2.35	2.87
U.S. High Yield													
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index	6.13	92.4	7.90	329	4.9	3.3	0.30	4.01	0.31	10.97	1.86	3.99	4.26
BB Index	5.50	94.6	6.66	203	5.2	3.7	-0.24	3.08	-0.17	9.67	1.29	4.28	4.59
B Index	6.55	94.1	7.94	326	4.6	3.0	0.37	4.06	0.43	11.23	2.17	3.65	3.91
CCC Index	7.33	79.8	13.09	880	4.3	2.9	2.33	7.87	1.93	15.22	2.91	3.34	4.03
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.64	96.5	9.93	473	4.3	-	0.91	3.26	1.59	11.49	5.69	5.26	4.49
BBB Index	S+2.12	99.8	7.50	218	4.7	-	0.61	1.80	1.01	8.00	4.78	4.26	3.78
BB Index	S+2.91	99.4	8.42	312	4.5	-	0.67	2.43	1.19	9.18	5.37	4.47	4.05
B Index	S+3.91	98.2	9.84	459	4.3	-	0.89	3.40	1.57	12.48	6.04	5.64	4.77
CCC Index	S+4.79	81.4	19.01	1352	3.5	-	2.35	6.94	4.13	15.47	4.61	4.85	6.12
D Index	-	39.2	-	-	-	-	-3.03	-2.15	-3.76	-11.11	-23.98	-24.93	-17.75

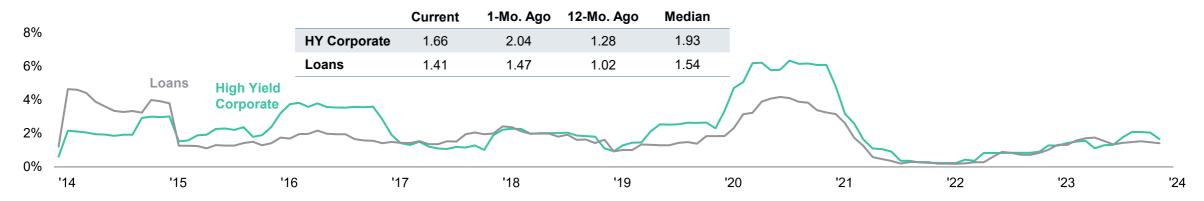
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### Corporate Bond Market Update



### **Annual Default Rate**



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# Municipal Bond Market Update

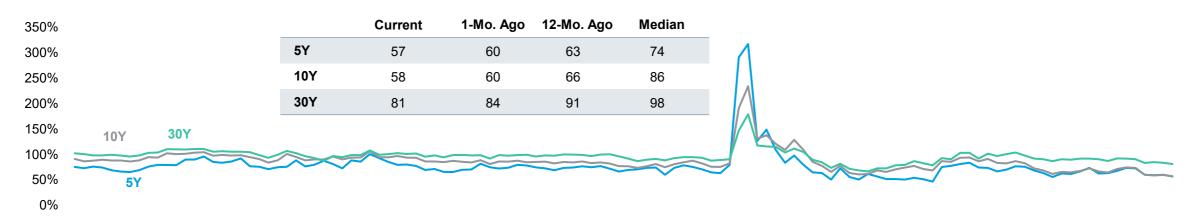
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	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield To Worst (%)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.54	102.6	3.40	13.4	6.1	0.13	1.93	-0.38	5.42	-0.21	1.91	2.68
AAA Index	4.46	103.7	3.22	12.9	6.4	-0.03	1.51	-0.68	4.81	-0.47	1.57	2.10
AA Index	4.57	103.8	3.24	12.9	5.9	0.09	1.82	-0.42	5.03	-0.28	1.75	2.45
A Index	4.53	100.4	3.71	13.9	6.0	0.27	2.37	-0.14	6.28	0.09	2.27	3.13
BBB Index	4.49	96.1	4.33	17.1	7.3	0.37	2.46	-0.14	7.48	0.13	2.69	3.92
5-Year Index	4.69	106.1	2.94	5.0	3.6	0.06	1.27	-0.25	4.00	-0.12	1.41	1.66
10-Year Index	4.55	106.8	2.94	10.0	5.3	0.05	1.86	-0.45	4.63	0.15	2.14	2.85
22+ Year Index	4.50	97.5	4.15	26.6	10.1	0.15	2.68	-0.74	7.23	-1.37	1.82	3.38
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index	4.64	65.5	5.57	19.7	7.1	0.79	3.33	0.32	8.30	0.52	3.31	4.48
Hospital	5.29	84.4	6.52	20.6	6.9	0.75	3.15	0.06	5.11	-1.18	1.03	3.80
IDR/PCR	4.26	39.2	5.73	19.6	6.9	1.08	4.36	0.63	8.38	0.32	3.75	6.00
Tobacco	2.38	18.9	6.08	28.7	9.8	0.29	4.16	-1.29	10.25	-0.47	4.82	7.61
Puerto Rico	3.64	56.7	4.63	19.4	7.2	1.44	4.82	1.62	14.45	2.48	6.75	4.21

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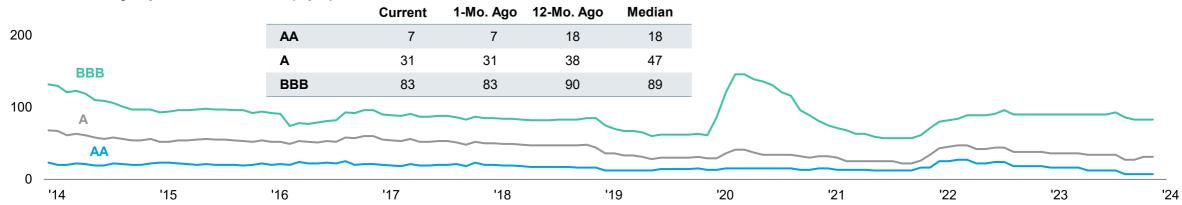
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### Municipal Bond Market Update

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



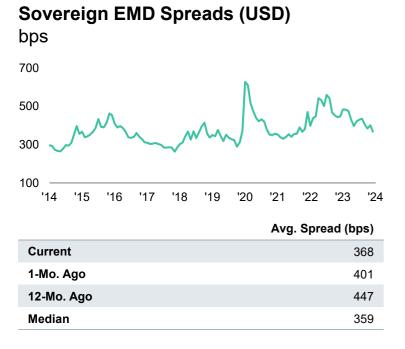
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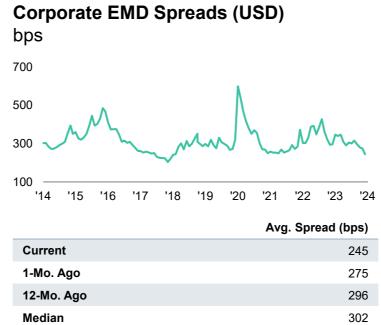


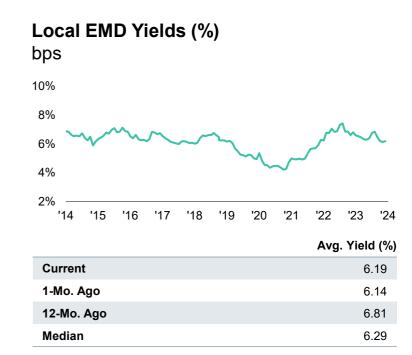
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## **Emerging Markets Bond Market Update**







		Total Returns (%)									
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield (%)	Duration	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.37	85.0	8.06	6.6	0.98	4.68	-0.05	10.05	-2.39	0.58	2.98
JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	4.93	92.4	6.84	4.3	0.71	4.41	1.30	8.99	-0.67	2.69	3.69
JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.34	-	6.19	5.0	-0.57	1.05	-2.09	9.26	-2.61	-0.13	-0.04

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### Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
Higher A	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 <b>5.36</b>	Bank Loan <b>-0.77</b>	High Yield <b>13.46</b>	Bank Loan <b>1.59</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>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 1.30
	MBS <b>6.08</b>	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>0.31</b>
	EMD (Hard Currency) 5.53	EMD (Hard Currency) 1.23	EMD (Local Currency) <b>9.94</b>	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>	Municipal -0.38
	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) <b>9.08</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) -0.50
	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>4.96</b>	Investment Grade -0.68	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>	Treasury -1.59
	High Yield <b>2.50</b>	Bank Loan -0.69	MBS <b>1.67</b>	Municipal 5.45	High Yield -2.26	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>	Investment Grade -1.67
	Bank Loan <b>1.60</b>	High Yield -4.64	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>	MBS -2.08
	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-3.08</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-6.02</b>	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) -16.45	MBS <b>5.05</b>	EMD (Local Currency) <b>-2.09</b>
Lower	EMD (Local Currency) -5.72	EMD (Local Currency) -14.92	Municipal <b>0.25</b>	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. -3.45

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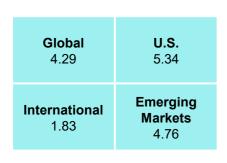
# Performance: Market Barometer (%)













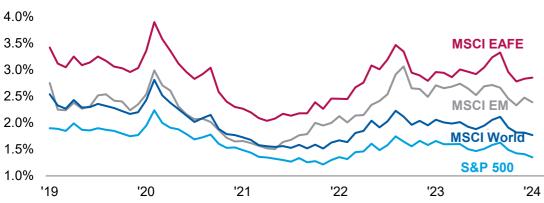
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International 4.45	Emerging Markets -6.30

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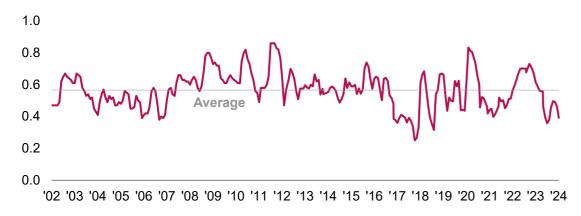
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### Dividend Yields and Volatility Analysis

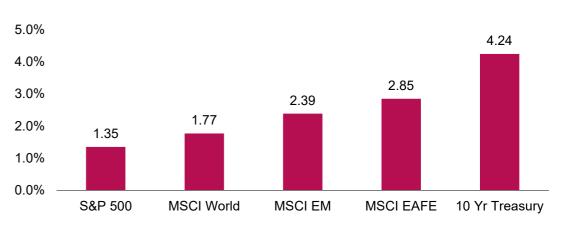
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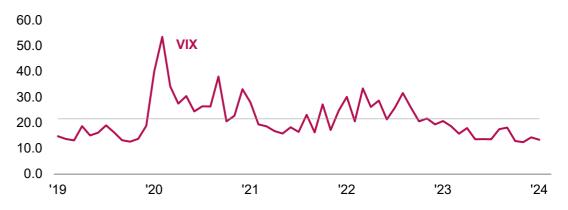
Correlation of S&P 500 Stocks



### **Current Yields**



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

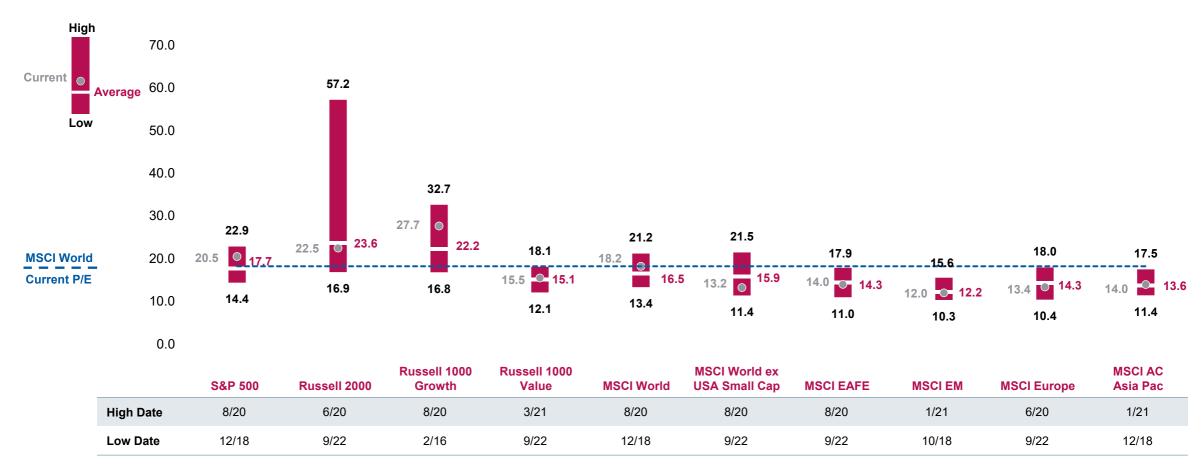


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# Valuation Analysis

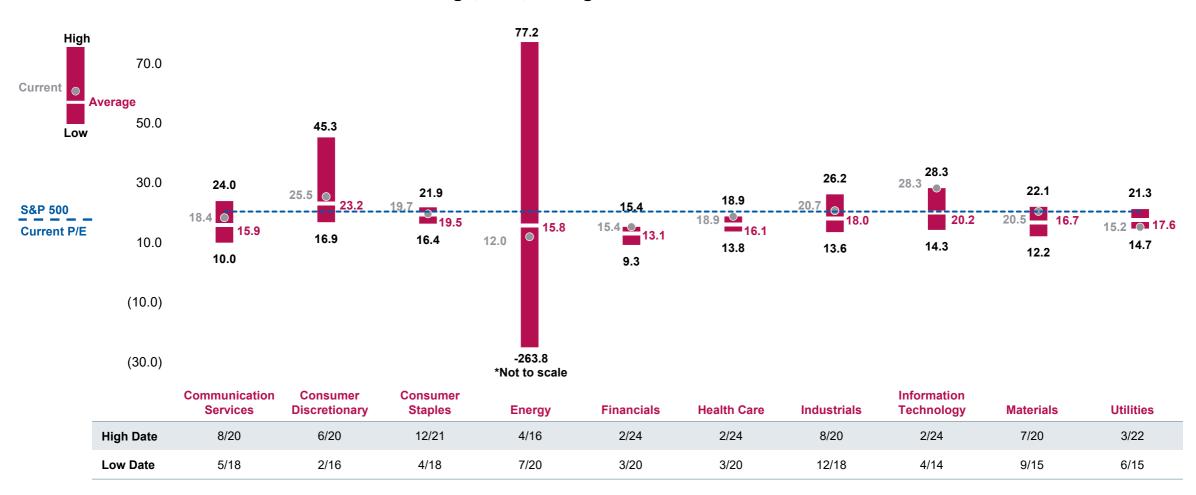
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# Valuation Analysis

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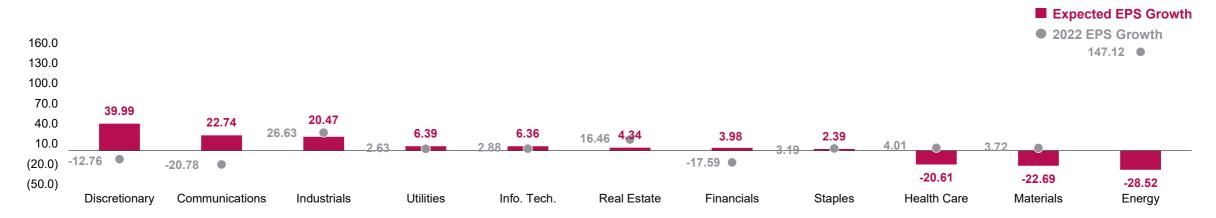
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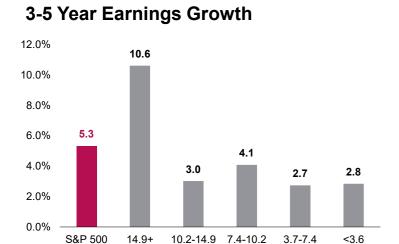


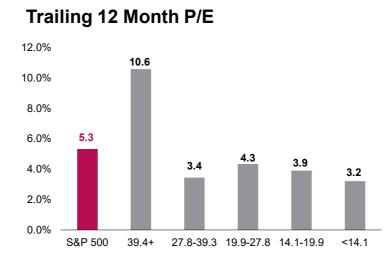
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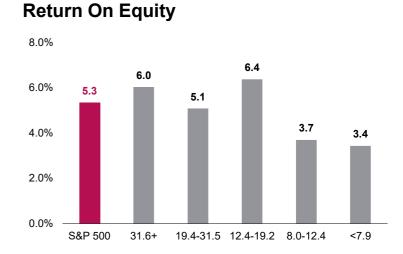


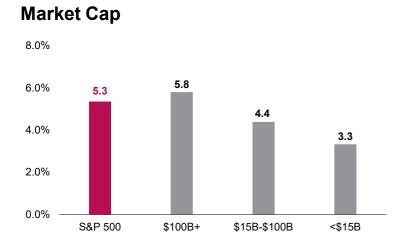
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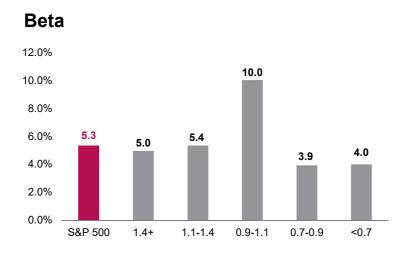
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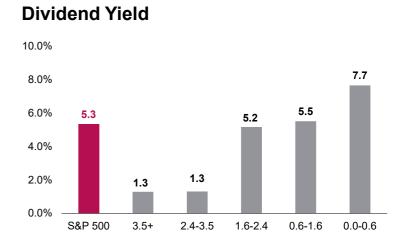










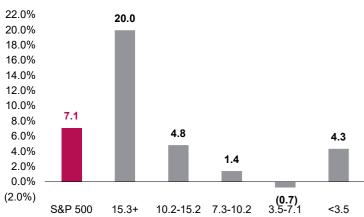


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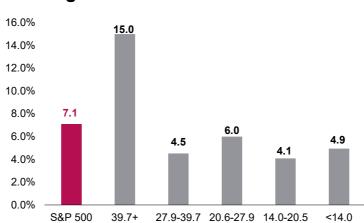
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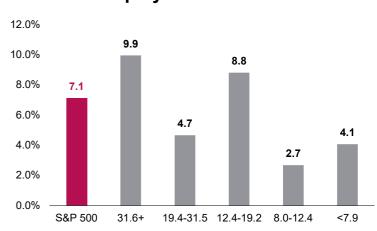
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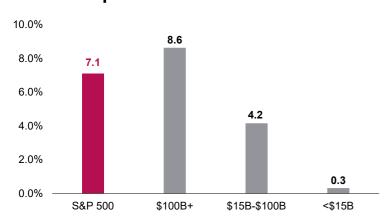
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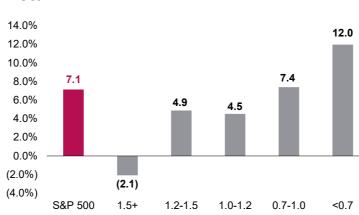
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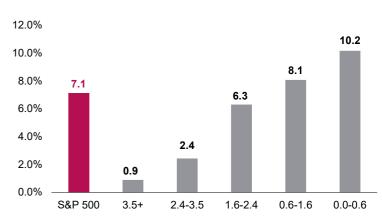
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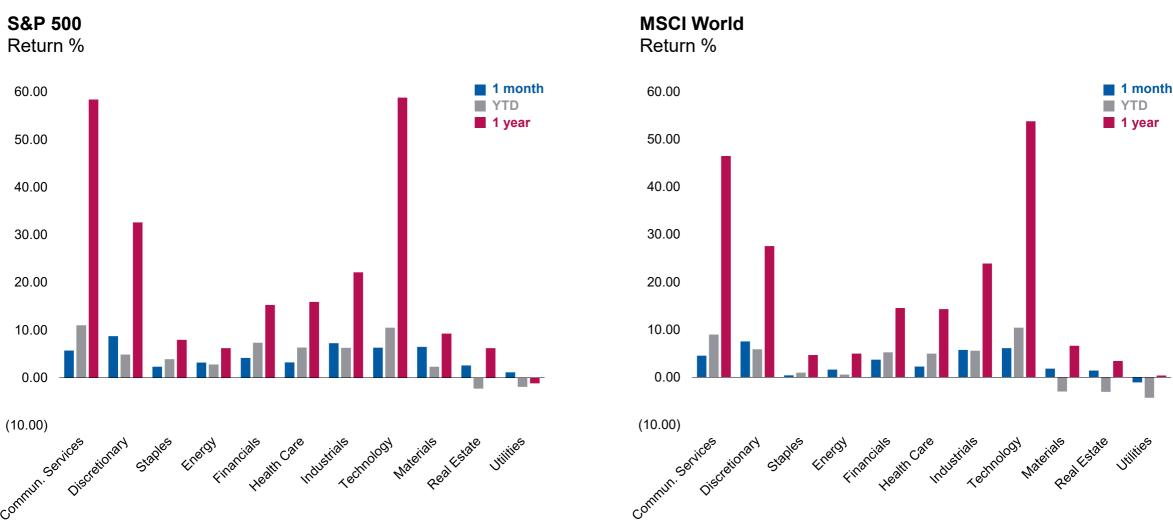
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# Index Sectors: Return Analysis

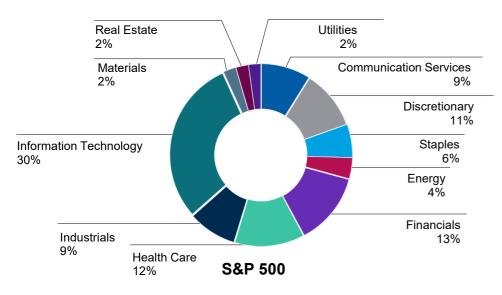


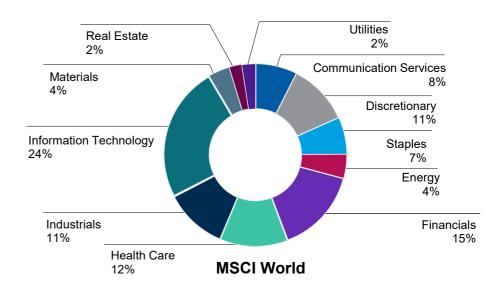
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## **Current Characteristics and Sector Weights**

	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	1947	443	846	1479	2384	782	1440	424	1537
Maximum Market Cap	\$3,073.53B	\$48.44B	\$3,073.53B	\$885.02B	\$2,919.59B	\$10.17B	\$388.34B	\$537.76B	\$388.34B	\$537.76B
Minimum Market Cap	\$5.84B	\$0.03B	\$0.60B	\$0.36B	\$1.36B	\$0.00B	\$1.36B	\$0.10B	\$1.36B	\$0.10B
Dividend Yield	1.35	1.35	0.64	2.18	1.77	2.85	2.85	2.39	2.97	2.33
NTM PE	20.49	22.50	27.67	15.48	18.23	13.23	13.99	12.00	13.40	13.96
Price to Book	4.57	2.06	12.53	2.43	3.20	1.32	1.82	1.65	2.01	1.60
Price to Cash Flow	15.44	12.20	24.53	10.49	13.51	9.17	10.34	7.39	9.30	10.03
Price to Sales	2.72	1.25	4.66	1.68	2.13	0.84	1.34	1.27	1.35	1.29
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	13.86	12.89	17.37	9.06	12.83	12.16	10.28	16.75	10.78	14.02
5Yr. Div Growth Rate	4.44	6.25	5.35	1.12	2.59	4.88	0.52	2.71	-0.26	0.94





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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	5.34	11.98	7.11	30.45	11.91	14.76	12.70	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49
	Russell 1000 Defensive	3.06	8.15	5.14	26.04	10.57	12.50	11.84	20.23	-16.43	26.93	13.93	30.47
	Russell 1000 Dynamic	7.78	16.32	8.61	33.80	10.77	16.12	12.76	33.34	-21.94	25.57	27.69	32.35
U.S.	Russell 2500	5.44	13.69	2.68	12.25	2.15	8.84	8.36	17.42	-18.37	18.18	19.99	27.77
Equities	Russell 1000 Growth	6.82	14.34	9.49	45.93	12.49	18.77	15.66	42.68	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39
	Russell 1000 Value	3.69	9.55	3.80	14.01	8.41	9.38	8.74	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.80	26.54
	Russell Mid Cap	5.59	12.13	4.08	15.46	5.51	10.35	9.45	17.23	-17.32	22.58	17.10	30.54
	Russell 2000	5.65	13.95	1.54	10.05	-0.94	6.89	7.13	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52
	CBOE S&P 500 Buywrite BXM	1.93	5.75	3.73	11.51	6.99	5.84	5.74	11.82	-11.37	20.47	-2.75	15.68
	MSCI World	4.24	10.67	5.49	24.96	8.64	11.66	9.06	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67
	MSCI EAFE	1.83	7.86	2.42	14.41	4.45	6.77	4.39	18.24	-14.45	11.26	7.82	22.01
	MSCI EM	4.76	3.80	-0.11	8.73	-6.30	1.89	3.01	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44
Global	MSCI AC Asia Pac	3.97	6.89	2.23	12.19	-3.52	4.15	4.75	11.45	-17.22	-1.46	19.71	19.36
	MSCI ACWI	4.29	9.94	4.90	23.15	6.79	10.51	8.37	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	26.60
Equities	MSCI Europe	1.56	6.51	1.44	12.60	5.97	7.30	3.95	19.89	-15.06	16.30	5.38	23.77
	MSCI World Small Cap	3.34	10.14	0.48	8.66	0.69	6.94	6.49	15.76	-18.76	15.75	15.96	26.19
	MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap	0.29	5.63	-1.42	5.72	-1.53	4.54	4.08	12.62	-20.59	11.14	12.78	25.41
	FTSE 100	-0.22	2.92	-1.59	5.33	6.02	4.33	2.18	14.38	-7.01	17.36	-8.73	22.03
	FTSE All Small	-0.90	4.85	-2.72	4.65	-1.28	4.93	3.36	12.57	-23.06	22.15	10.77	22.63
	STOXX Europe 600	1.60	6.56	1.36	12.44	5.46	7.36	4.05	19.87	-16.14	16.09	6.83	24.53
	Nikkei 225 Average	5.46	15.73	10.29	32.06	0.32	8.08	7.69	22.05	-19.49	-4.69	23.99	21.35
	CAD EOO Comme Comings	F 70	40.04	11.01	FO 44	C 44	40.05	0.44	FF 00	-39.89	04.57	00.04	20.00
	S&P 500 Comm. Services S&P 500 Cons Disc	5.70	16.34 11.27	11.01	58.44	6.44	13.25	9.41	55.80		21.57	23.61	32.69
Sectors	S&P 500 Cons Disc S&P 500 Cons Staples	8.71	6.66	4.87	32.62 7.96	5.56 9.61	12.42	12.23 9.14	42.41	-37.03 -0.62	24.43 18.63	33.30	27.94
	S&P 500 Cons Staples S&P 500 Energy	2.32 3.18	2.77	3.89 2.79	6.21	26.86	10.09 11.07	3.93	0.52 -1.33	-0.62 65.72	54.64	10.75 -33.68	27.61 11.81
	S&P 500 Energy S&P 500 Financials	4.16	13.13	7.33	15.28	9.88	11.07	10.90	12.15	-10.53	35.04	-33.00	32.13
	S&P 500 Health Care	3.22	10.90	6.32	15.26	10.56	11.12	11.27	2.06	-10.55	26.13	13.45	20.82
	S&P 500 Industrials	7.23	13.74	6.29	22.15	12.01	11.74	10.76	18.13	-1.95 -5.48	21.12	11.06	29.37
	S&P 500 Industrials S&P 500 Info Tech	6.31	14.74	10.51	58.85	18.89	26.09	21.76	57.84	-3.46 -28.19	34.53	43.89	50.29
	S&P 500 Into Tech S&P 500 Materials	6.46	6.96	2.30	9.25	8.24	12.16	8.63	12.55	-20.19 -12.27	27.28	20.73	24.58
	S&P 500 Materials S&P 500 Real Estate	2.58	6.22	-2.28	9.25 6.19	5.12	5.96	7.87	12.35	-12.27	46.19	-2.17	29.01
	S&P 500 Real Estate S&P 500 Utilities	1.12	-0.05	-1.93	-1.19	5.12	5.90	8.02	-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
A A	S&P 500 <b>13.69</b>	Growth <b>5.67</b>	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 <b>42.68</b>	Growth 9.49
	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 -4.38	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>7.11</b>
	Mid-Cap <b>13.22</b>	S&P 500 <b>1.38</b>	Mid-Cap <b>13.80</b>	Growth 30.21	Value -8.27	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>4.90</b>
	Growth 13.05	International -0.81	S&P 500 <b>11.96</b>	International <b>25.03</b>	Mid-Cap <b>-9.06</b>	Global <b>26.60</b>	Emerging Markets 18.31	Mid-Cap <b>22.58</b>	S&P 500 -18.11	International 18.24	Mid-Cap <b>4.08</b>
	Small-Cap <b>4.89</b>	Global -2.36	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>	Value <b>3.80</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>	International 2.42
	Emerging Markets -2.19	Value -3.83	Growth <b>7.08</b>	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	Small-Cap <b>1.54</b>
	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 <b>22.01</b>	International 7.82	International Small-Cap <b>11.14</b>	International Small-Cap -20.59	Value <b>11.46</b>	Emerging Markets <b>-0.11</b>
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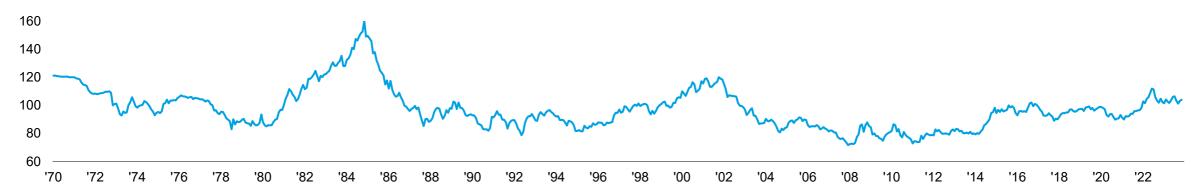
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# Developed Market Currency Performance and Yields

		Spot Ret	urns vs. US	D (%)			Spot Ret	urns vs. El	JR (%)		Local Interest Rates (%)
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
U.S. Dollar (USD)	-	-	-	-	-	0.38	2.08	-2.00	3.90	1.02	4.70
Euro (EUR) *	-0.38	-2.04	2.04	-3.75	-1.01	-	-	-	-	-	3.12
British Pound (GBP)	-0.67	-0.77	4.49	-3.28	-1.00	-0.29	1.29	2.39	0.49	0.01	4.77
Japanese Yen (JPY)	-2.34	-5.81	-8.99	-10.71	-5.75	-1.97	-3.85	-10.81	-7.23	-4.78	0.17
Australian Dollar (AUD)	-1.50	-4.57	-3.44	-5.61	-1.76	-1.12	-2.59	-5.37	-1.92	-0.75	4.06
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	-1.50	-2.78	0.38	-2.27	-0.59	-1.12	-0.76	-1.63	1.54	0.43	4.64
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	-1.02	-3.77	-1.66	-5.72	-2.22	-0.65	-1.77	-3.63	-2.05	-1.22	5.06
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	-1.35	-4.18	-2.38	-6.69	-4.21	-0.97	-2.19	-4.34	-3.05	-3.23	4.41
Swedish Krona (SEK)	-0.15	-2.61	0.78	-6.71	-2.26	0.23	-0.58	-1.23	-3.07	-1.26	3.56
Danish Krone (DKK)	-0.38	-2.03	1.88	-3.83	-1.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.16	-0.08	0.02	3.32
Swiss Franc (CHF)	-2.58	-4.42	6.44	0.93	2.50	-2.21	-2.43	4.31	4.87	3.55	1.02

## **U.S. Dollar Index**



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# **Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields**

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Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Asia, excluding Japan											
Chinese Renminbi (CNY)	-0.19	-1.40	-3.53	-3.52	-1.45	0.19	0.65	-5.46	0.24	-0.44	1.73
Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	-0.33	-3.17	-5.44	-5.17	-3.04	0.05	-1.16	-7.33	-1.47	-2.05	3.27
Indian Rupee (INR)	0.15	0.36	-0.30	-3.95	-3.02	0.53	2.45	-2.29	-0.20	-2.03	7.02
Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	0.41	-2.02	-2.96	-3.23	-2.19	0.79	0.01	-4.90	0.54	-1.19	6.32
Philippine Peso (PHP)	0.14	-1.49	-1.54	-4.79	-1.65	0.52	0.55	-3.51	-1.07	-0.65	6.09
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	-0.61	-1.90	0.12	-0.37	0.10	-0.24	0.14	-1.89	3.52	1.12	3.43
South Korean Won (KRW)	0.23	-3.28	-0.63	-5.51	-3.32	0.61	-1.27	-2.62	-1.82	-2.33	3.42
Taiwanese Dollar (TWD)	-0.98	-2.91	-3.61	-4.13	-0.53	-0.61	-0.89	-5.54	-0.39	0.49	1.08
Thai Baht (THB)	-1.08	-4.83	-1.46	-5.64	-2.55	-0.71	-2.85	-3.43	-1.96	-1.56	2.12
Latin America											
Brazilian Real (BRL)	-0.55	-2.24	5.07	3.90	-5.47	-0.18	-0.20	2.97	7.95	-4.50	9.76
Chilean Peso (CLP)	-3.62	-9.69	-13.93	-9.23	-7.50	-3.25	-7.82	-15.65	-5.69	-6.55	5.41
Colombian Peso (COP)	-0.39	-1.34	23.31	-2.71	-4.75	-0.02	0.71	20.84	1.09	-3.77	8.30
Mexican Peso (MXN)	0.64	-0.77	7.37	7.01	2.46	1.02	1.29	5.23	11.18	3.51	11.13
Peruvian New Sol (PEN)	0.78	-1.89	0.85	-1.11	-2.61	1.16	0.15	-1.16	2.75	-1.62	5.25

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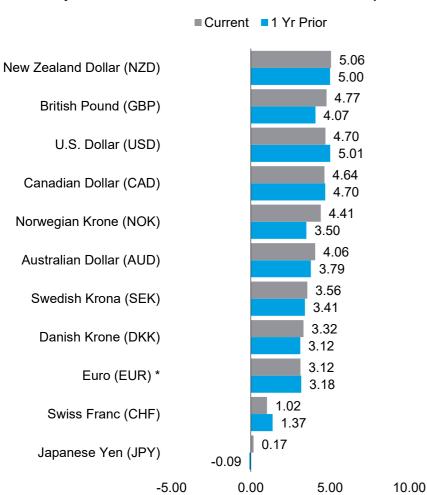
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Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Europe											
Czech Koruna (CZK)	-1.99	-4.43	-5.17	-2.67	-0.77	-1.62	-2.44	-7.07	1.13	0.24	3.38
Hungarian Forint (HUF)	-2.78	-4.78	-1.68	-6.34	-5.26	-2.41	-2.80	-3.65	-2.69	-4.29	6.47
Polish Zloty (PLN)	-0.12	-1.40	11.26	-2.25	-1.07	0.26	0.65	9.04	1.56	-0.06	4.95
Romanian Leu (RON)	-0.26	-1.94	1.14	-4.37	-1.92	0.11	0.10	-0.88	-0.64	-0.92	5.93
Russian Ruble (RUB)	-1.48	-1.86	-17.63	-6.47	-6.27	-1.11	0.18	-19.28	-2.82	-5.31	
Turkish New Lira (TRY)	-2.81	-5.40	-39.53	-38.06	-29.77	-2.44	-3.43	-40.74	-35.65	-29.05	40.50
Middle East and Africa											
Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)	-2.46	-5.62	1.78	-23.06	-15.64	-2.09	-3.66	-0.25	-20.06	-14.77	17.90
Israeli Shekel (ILS)	1.85	0.82	2.28	-2.48	0.29	2.24	2.92	0.23	1.33	1.31	3.95
Kenyan Shilling (KES)	9.18	6.80	-13.64	-9.27	-7.43	9.60	9.02	-15.37	-5.73	-6.48	16.68
Moroccan Dirham (MAD)	-0.82	-2.10	3.11	-3.99	-1.08	-0.45	-0.07	1.05	-0.25	-0.06	2.98
Nigerian Naira (NGN)	-30.37	-43.21	-70.85	-36.13	-25.58	-30.11	-42.03	-71.43	-33.64	-24.82	11.54
South African Rand (ZAR)	-3.05	-4.67	-4.31	-7.57	-6.03	-2.68	-2.69	-6.23	-3.97	-5.06	8.89
Ugandan Shilling (UGX)	-2.80	-3.82	-5.22	-2.33	-1.15	-2.43	-1.82	-7.11	1.48	-0.13	13.25
Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)	15.57	9.55	-15.57	-2.42	-12.50	16.01	11.82	-17.26	1.38	-11.61	15.45

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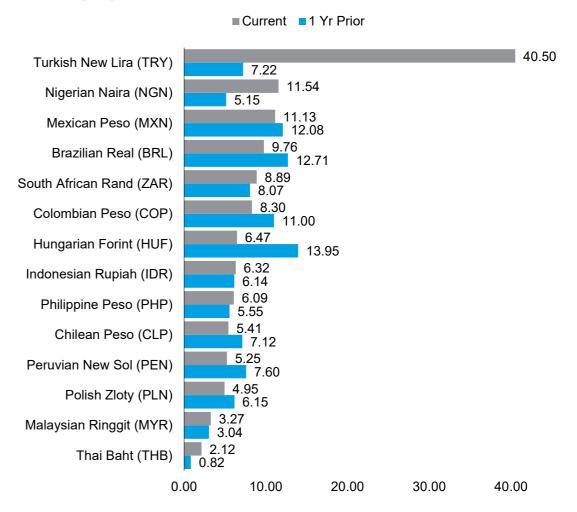
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# Local Sovereign Currency Yields

## **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	-1.47	-3.74	-1.08	-3.94	7.15	5.66
Bloomberg Sub Agriculture	-4.35	-9.54	-5.34	-8.61	6.78	9.64
Coffee	-2.57	3.29	0.89	12.48	15.25	11.73
Corn	-6.42	-12.31	-10.55	-21.50	2.41	6.06
Cotton	16.58	25.16	23.18	23.72	14.02	11.40
Soybean	-6.77	-15.54	-11.78	-8.38	5.39	10.41
Soybean Oil	-2.29	-13.09	-6.22	-17.32	8.32	14.39
Sugar	-6.93	-12.97	9.65	21.17	17.46	13.53
Wheat	-3.28	-2.84	-7.87	-23.51	-9.74	-0.10
Bloomberg Sub Energy	-0.42	-3.82	2.36	-8.21	10.94	-1.57
Brent Crude	2.48	3.69	7.99	9.43	26.20	13.65
Heating Oil	-0.65	4.00	11.43	19.97	38.93	16.03
Natural Gas	-10.83	-27.26	-19.13	-56.04	-27.15	-30.65
Unleaded Gas	5.96	8.10	11.75	20.46	33.39	20.62
WTI Crude Oil	2.88	3.01	9.16	11.17	19.45	2.85

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Bloomberg Sub Industrial Metals	-0.55	1.49	-2.44	-9.76	0.78	4.64
Aluminum	-2.50	0.98	-6.81	-7.36	0.17	1.01
Copper	-1.67	0.66	-0.80	-3.62	-0.63	6.10
Nickel	9.99	7.27	7.59	-27.64	-0.57	6.82
Zinc	-4.26	-1.90	-9.01	-16.20	-1.08	0.17
Bloomberg Sub Precious Metals	-0.56	-2.27	-1.83	10.58	2.84	7.82
Gold	-0.19	0.24	-0.89	11.30	5.29	8.13
Platinum	-4.81	-5.03	-11.60	-4.89	-8.04	0.52
Silver	-1.74	-10.46	-5.02	8.20	-5.17	6.62
Bloomberg Sub Livestock	2.84	9.17	11.86	11.93	6.89	-1.32
Lean Hogs	2.56	12.30	17.57	4.64	3.98	-3.61
Live Cattle	3.01	7.51	9.16	16.79	8.10	0.09

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## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
Higher •	Managed Futures 18.37	Multi-Strategy 3.84	MLP <b>18.31</b>	Long/Short Equity 13.41	Fixed Income Arbitrage 1.10	Long/Short Equity 12.17	Convertible Arbitrage 10.25	MLP <b>40.17</b>	MLP <b>30.92</b>	MLP <b>26.56</b>	MLP <b>4.43</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 <b>27.11</b>	Managed Futures 19.12	Long/Short Equity 10.93	Long/Short Equity 2.41
	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 <b>-1.05</b>	Managed Futures 9.01	Event Driven 6.95	Event Driven 12.92	Commodity <b>16.09</b>	Event Driven <b>9.30</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>2.31</b>
	MLP <b>4.80</b>	Convertible Arbitrage <b>0.81</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>4.41</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>6.83</b>	Convertible Arbitrage -2.26	Event Driven 8.22	Global Macro 6.53	Global Macro 9.60	Global Macro 15.89	Currency 8.44	Global Macro 1.41
	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 8.15	Multi-Strategy <b>5.60</b>	Long/Short Equity 8.35	Equity Market Neutral <b>1.71</b>	Multi-Strategy <b>8.04</b>	Managed Futures 1.23
	Global Macro <b>3.11</b>	Global Macro <b>0.18</b>	Global Macro 3.58	Event Driven <b>6.30</b>	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>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>0.88</b>
	Event Driven <b>1.57</b>	Managed Futures -0.93	Currency 3.54	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 -0.97	Equity Market Neutral <b>6.73</b>	Equity Market Neutral <b>0.83</b>
	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 <b>6.56</b>	Currency 1.73	Convertible Arbitrage <b>6.33</b>	Convertible Arbitrage -3.32	Convertible Arbitrage <b>4.04</b>	Event Driven <b>0.47</b>
	Convertible Arbitrage -1.68	Currency -7.61	Long/Short Equity -3.43	Global Macro <b>2.14</b>	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	Commodity 0.40
	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 -0.78
Lower	Commodity <b>-17.01</b>	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 -1.44

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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	0.35	0.37	0.80	0.61	0.41
International	0.90	1.00	0.80	0.77	0.39	0.45	0.81	0.62	0.46
Emerging Markets	0.73	0.82	1.00	0.64	0.39	0.43	0.71	0.57	0.49
Small Cap	0.88	0.86	0.76	1.00	0.25	0.29	0.77	0.65	0.41
U.S. Aggregate	0.47	0.51	0.47	0.36	1.00	0.86	0.48	0.16	-0.07
Municipal	0.52	0.60	0.56	0.46	0.87	1.00	0.54	0.28	0.03
High Yield	0.83	0.83	0.72	0.83	0.56	0.67	1.00	0.81	0.52
Bank Loan	0.61	0.62	0.61	0.69	0.20	0.37	0.81	1.00	0.50
Commodities	0.44	0.50	0.50	0.46	-0.04	0.09	0.50	0.50	1.00
	5 Years ended F	ebruary 29, 2024	10 Years ended Fe	ebruary 29, 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.
Intermediate Core Bond	9,924	19,047	79,162
Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	5,007	4,877	34,401
High Yield Bond	4,292	7,044	-1,678
Multisector Bond	4,049	6,505	18,501
Muni National Interm	2,247	3,288	3,077
Diversified Emerging Mkts	2,241	-47	-5,897
Global Bond-USD Hedged	2,166	3,947	11,031
Intermediate Government	1,890	2,086	7,451
High Yield Muni	1,816	656	-395
Foreign Large Blend	1,685	1,202	14,468

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Long Government	-1,842	-1,209	6,787
Small Growth	-1,920	-4,381	-12,022
Mid-Cap Value	-2,507	-6,231	-18,757
Foreign Large Growth	-2,546	-9,486	-21,794
Global Allocation	-2,674	-6,487	-15,471
Moderate Allocation	-2,919	-9,009	-34,224
Mid-Cap Growth	-3,367	-8,747	-21,420
Large Blend	-3,696	-20,663	-73,714
Large Value	-5,834	-20,761	-71,699
Large Growth	-10,795	-29,068	-93,299

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Large Blend	10,924	101,330	214,306
Large Growth	9,383	23,313	50,259
Corporate Bond	6,232	15,867	13,956
Technology	4,279	10,001	12,326
Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	3,666	6,766	17,849
Target Maturity	2,566	7,442	15,663
Foreign Large Blend	2,548	13,412	40,686
Intermediate Government	2,255	3,101	23,118
Intermediate Core Bond	2,153	14,286	46,553
Derivative Income	2,026	4,292	23,766

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Consumer Cyclical	-534	1,271	2,634
Equity Energy	-588	-2,339	-7,215
China Region	-718	-746	-4,479
Utilities	-938	-1,083	-2,661
Mid-Cap Growth	-969	394	118
Large Value	-1,457	8,201	-5,200
Small Blend	-1,527	12,011	19,330
TradingLeveraged Equity	-2,011	-6,450	-5,543
Commodities Focused	-2,749	-1,412	-9,075
Ultrashort Bond	-3,440	-13,880	36,800

Source: Morningstar as of 1/31/24. 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 37.28	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>7.11</b>
	Municipal <b>9.05</b>	S&P 500 <b>1.38</b>	High Yield <b>17.49</b>	International 25.03	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	International 2.42
	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>	Asset Allocation 1.89
	Small-Cap 4.89	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	Bank Loan 1.59
	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 <b>13.46</b>	Small-Cap <b>1.54</b>
	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>	High Yield <b>0.31</b>
	Bank Loan <b>1.60</b>	Small-Cap -4.41	Asset Allocation 8.61	Municipal <b>5.45</b>	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	Emerging Markets -0.11
	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 <b>8.64</b>	Municipal 5.21	Municipal <b>1.52</b>	S&P 500 -18.11	Municipal <b>6.40</b>	Municipal <b>-0.38</b>
	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 -1.08
	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 <b>-20.44</b>	Commodities -7.91	US Agg -1.68

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## Glossary of Terms

### **Index Definitions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 UK Gilts Index** tracks the performance of GBP denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by the UK government in its domestic market.

**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, Taiwan and Thailand.

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Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) World ex USA Small Cap Index is an unmanaged index of small-cap equity securities in the developed markets, excluding the United States.

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## Glossary of Terms and About Risk

## Index Definitions (cont.)

Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australasia, Far East (MSCI EAFE) Index is an unmanaged index of equities in the developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

**MSCI USA Index** is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 625 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

**Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index** is an unmanaged index of the institutional leveraged loan market. Prior to August 29, 2022 the index name was S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index.

**Nikkei 225 Stock Average Index** is unmanaged price-weighted index of 225 top-rated Japanese companies listed in the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Russell 1000 Index is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap stocks.

Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap growth stocks.

Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap value stocks.

Russell 2000 Index is an unmanaged index of 2,000 U.S. small-cap stocks.

Russell 2500 Index is an unmanaged index of approximately 2,500 U.S. small- and mid-cap U.S. stocks.

Russell Midcap Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. mid-cap stocks.

**Standard & Poor's 500 Index** is an unmanaged index of large-cap stocks commonly used as a measure of U.S. stock market performance.

**STOXX Europe 600 Index** is a fixed component number index designed to provide a broad yet liquid representation of large, mid and small capitalization companies in Europe.

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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 lowest 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 creditworthiness 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. Gov't Agency - While certain U.S. Governmentsponsored agencies may be chartered or sponsored by acts of Congress, their securities are neither issued nor quaranteed 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-term bonds typically are more sensitive to interest rate changes than shorter-term bonds. **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 Loans are 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**

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of loss.

In general, equity securities' values also fluctuate in response to activities specific to a company. Investments in foreign markets entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. The risks of investing in emerging market countries are greater than risks associated with investments in foreign developed countries. Fixed income securities are subject to the ability of an issuer to make timely principal and interest payments (credit risk), changes in interest rates (interest-rate risk), the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (market risk). In a rising interest-rate environment, bond prices may fall and may result in periods of volatility and increased portfolio redemptions. In a declining interest-rate environment, the portfolio may generate less income. Longer-term securities may be more sensitive to interest rate changes. Alternative investments are speculative, involve a high degree of risk, are highly illiquid, typically have higher fees than other investments, and may engage in the use of leverage, short sales, and derivatives, which may increase the risk of investment loss. These investments are designed for investors who understand and are willing to accept these risks. Performance may be volatile, and an investor could lose all or a substantial portion of its investment.

There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will work under all market conditions, and each investor should evaluate their ability to invest for the long-term, especially during periods of downturn in the market.

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