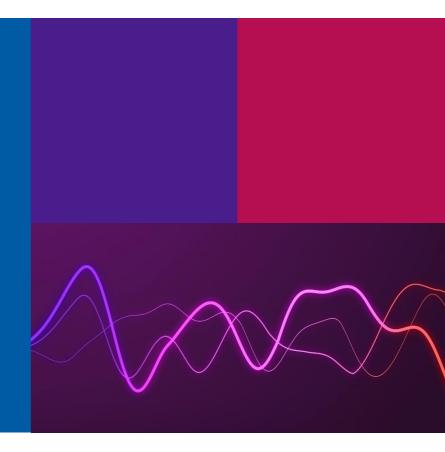
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# Key Themes for November



#### **Duration: Not What it Used To Be**

What's the role of duration in your portfolio. Commonly, investors add duration as both a hedge and source of returns that sits alongside an equity allocation. This worked well from 1981-2020, a forty-year period when bond yields trended lower. But we think the regime has changed and it's more likely that bond yields trend sideways in a range. Additionally, we believe inflation is still a risk and term premia is on the rise. So, what role does duration play in a portfolio? It's still a hedge against strong downturns in markets, but since it may trade sideways, one should not expect duration to drive bond returns as in the past. It's a factor of bond returns that needs to be actively managed, no longer a passive factor.



### **What Many Are Getting Wrong About China**

The transmission mechanism. A common mistake is for Westerners to view China through the lens of Western developed markets (DMs). China is adding stimulus to support market sentiment and while this has lifted markets, it is less clear that it will lead to a durable increase in real demand as one would assume in Western DMs. A longer-term bullish view requires confidence that stimulus leads to investment and consumption. This is yet to be seen and ultimately, we are skeptical.



### **How To Invest in Fully Valued Markets**

Valuations are at the core. The good news is that asset values have risen to date in 2024. The challenge now is how to invest based on these valuations. In bonds, we note that yields have come down and spreads are tight. But opportunities still exist across the credit spectrum as a soft landing may keep default rates lower than priced in some sectors and credit cohorts. Same story in equities, where it's about valuations, asset and investment section more than just top-down asset allocation. Said differently, we believe we are entering a period where alpha may take on increased significance vs. beta in portfolios. Valuations, selection and active management will become more critical for returns.



### When Will Geopolitical Risks Matter?

Answer? When they matter. In other words, geopolitical events are difficult to hedge and even more difficult to time. Sometimes there is no perfect hedge. However, an escalation of hostilities in the Middle East that affects oil flows in the Strait of Hormuz has the potential to be much more disruptive for oil markets (and the global economy) than what we have experienced to date. Although this is still a low probability scenario, we see little signs of de-escalation, so we look for ways to hedge our portfolio.

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

### Oil Futures Are an Attractive Hedge at Current Levels

Better safe than sorry. Under current circumstances, we think that owning oil futures is a reasonable hedge. To be clear, this is a best guess, and we realize there are many events and supply dynamics that could push oil prices lower. We see this as a tail-risk hedge if geopolitical events worsen significantly. If those events don't materialize, a best-case outcome, then our portfolio allocations stand to gain more than the hedge position in oil may lose. We see this allocation as a means of dampening portfolio volatility at the tails.

### **Equities: Financials Preferred as Macro Data Improves**

Selective cyclical exposure. The macro data trend has improved since August, driving cyclical sector outperformance relative to defensives. Amongst cyclical exposures, we believe Financials offer an attractive risk/reward across both our base-case, soft-landing view and a potential risk scenario where inflation concerns return and lift rates higher. Like other cyclical sectors, Financials see a relative performance tailwind as economic data improves. Financials should also benefit from a further lift in a normalizing interest rate environment, particularly as the spread between the long-term Treasury rates and short-term rates widens.

### **Covering Underweight in Duration**

**Trading the range.** Last month we highlighted that we thought market pricing of Fed rate cut expectations was too aggressive, such that bond yields fell too low. We further underweighted duration, but with the U.S. Treasury (UST) 10-year at or above 4%, we look to take profits and add duration back to portfolios. Using the UST 10-year as a proxy for duration, we think 4%-4.25% represents a fair value range.

### **U.S. Utilities: Robust Structural Theme**

**Powering up.** For the first time in decades, U.S. power demand has entered a new growth cycle, primarily driven by data centers and the need to power new technology like generative AI. As a result, utility companies are in the early stages of what will be a multi-year capital expenditure cycle designed to increase their power generation capacity and service new demand. Utilities have broadly outperformed other defensive sectors thus far this year, and we think that trend will continue as spending on data centers and AI remains strong into next year.

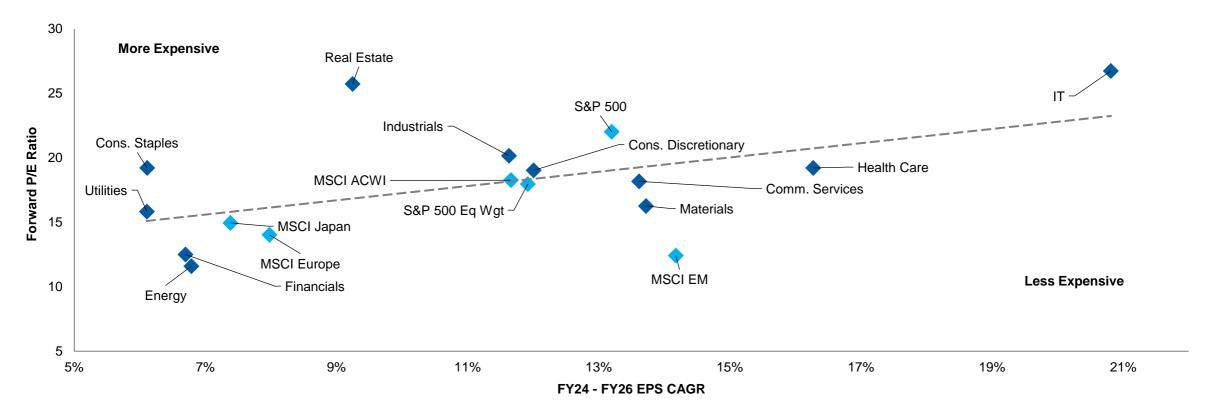
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# Being Selective Is the Key To Navigating Fully-Valued Markets

Equity valuations in the U.S. and in certain global tech and defensive sectors look expensive even on a fundamentals-adjusted basis. Nevertheless, pockets of value still exist among non-U.S. equities and cyclical sectors, which could be effective portfolio diversifiers against a soft-landing backdrop and the prevailing valuation environment.

### **Not Everything Is Expensive Yet**

Key equity regions and global sectors: Valuations and earnings growth

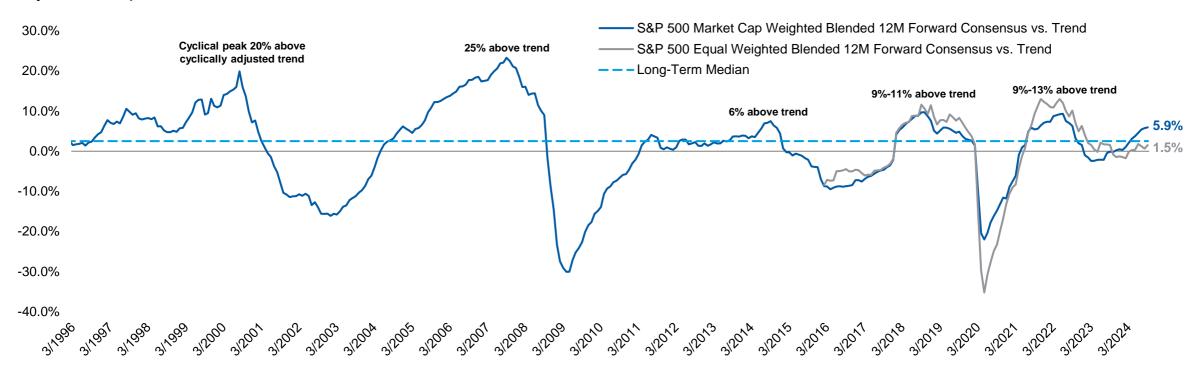


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# Headroom to a Cyclical EPS Peak, Suggesting EPS Driven Return Potential

With equity valuations full, Earnings Per Share (EPS) growth is necessary for forward equity return potential. Consensus S&P EPS estimates appear to approach cyclical peak reference points, but current expectations reflect AI themes more than cyclical drivers. S&P equal-weighted EPS offer a cleaner comparison and show scope for cyclical EPS upside.

S&P Equal Weighted EPS Have Scope to Rise to Levels Historically Consistent with Cyclical Peaks – Currently Below Median S&P 500 and S&P 500 Equal Weighted Index – blended 12M forward EPS relative to long-term exponential trend (a measure of cyclically adjusted EPS)



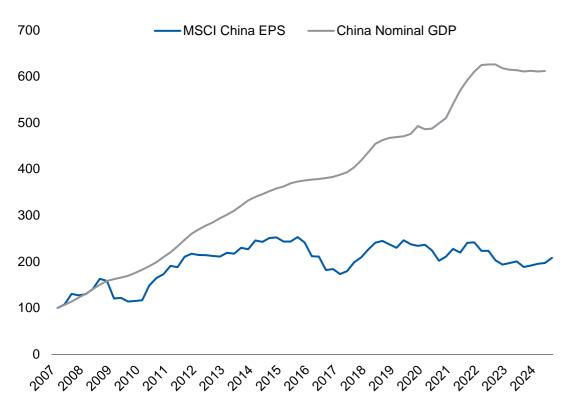
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# Chinese Stimulus Has Yet to Filter Through to Real Demand

While China has implemented several stimulus measures intended to boost market sentiment, the key question remains whether stimulus can transmit to durable real demand and lift animal spirits. Past evidence shows that this transmission mechanism has not always been effective in creating a virtuous economic cycle.

### Chinese GDP Growth Has Yet to Translate Into EPS Growth

Index: 2007=100



Investment Spending is Generating Incrementally Less GDP 5-year Incremental Output/Investment Ratio (IOIR) = 5-year change in GDP/5-year total capital expenditures

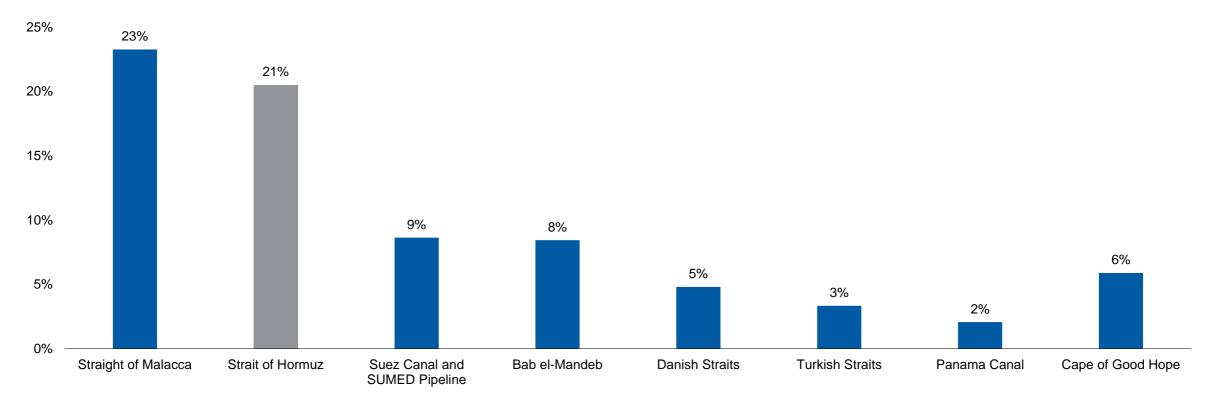


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The Equivalent of 20% of Global Oil Supply is Transported Through the Straight of Hormuz, Making it a Key Chokepoint Volume of crude and products transported through world chokepoints as a % of total oil supply



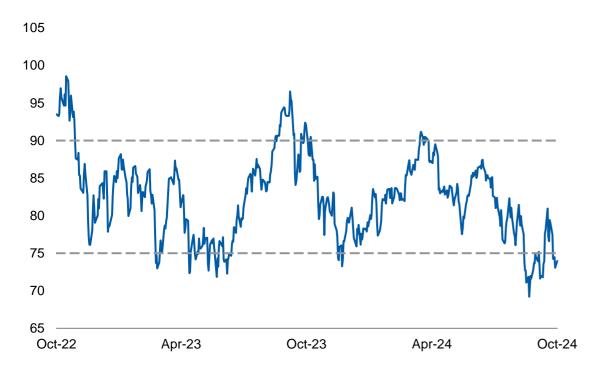
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# Oil Futures Are an Attractive Hedge to Geopolitical Risks at Current Levels

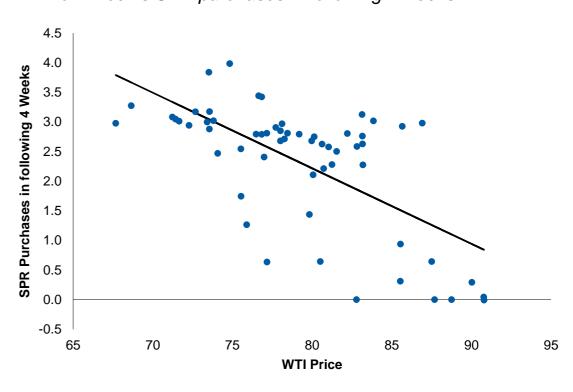
We initiated a long position in Brent futures. Oil is trading close to the lower end of its recent range where, absent a deeper recession, prices should find more support. An improved entry point and positive carry make this our preferred way to add a portfolio hedge against geopolitical escalation in the Middle East.

# Oil Prices are at the Lower End of Their Recent Trading Range

Brent Price (\$/b)



### U.S. SPR (Strategic Petroleum Reserve) Purchases Have Been Picking Up as Prices Fall Below Recent Trading Range WTI oil Price vs SPR purchases in following 4 weeks



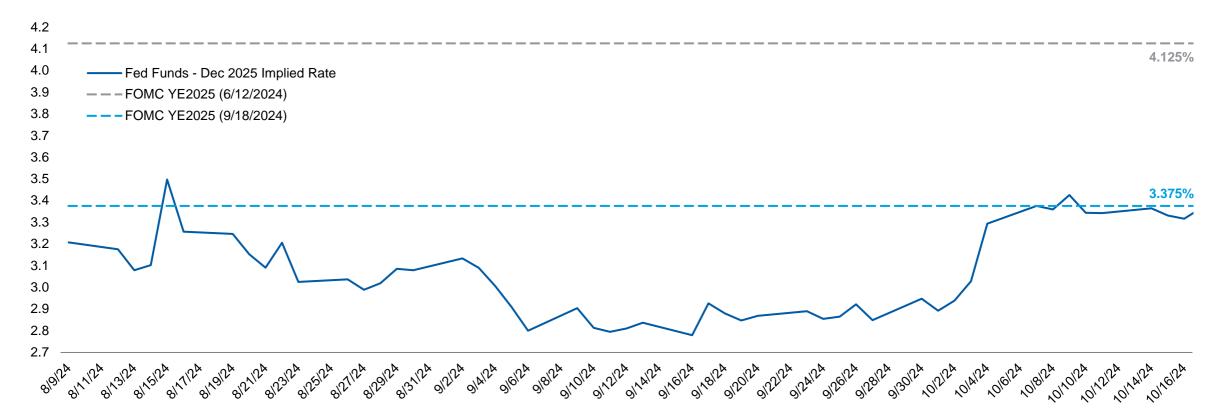
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# **Covering Underweight Duration**

Following the September Fed meeting, the market was pricing in an aggressive rate cutting cycle, with the Fed Funds rate projected to reach under 2.8% by end 2025. We thought this path was too steep relative to our view of the economy, and further reduced our duration exposure. Now with the market aligned with the Fed, we are more constructive on rates.

### **December 2025 Fed Funds Futures Are Now in Line with Fed Projections**

Market pricing of Fed rate cut expectations has now moved back in line with FOMC projections

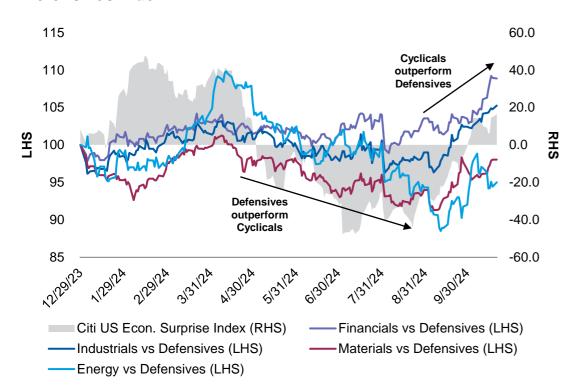


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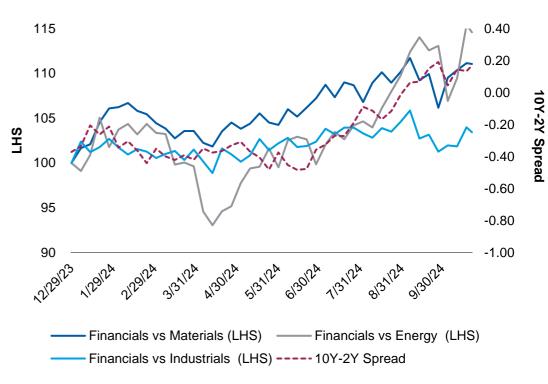
# Financials Are Our Preferred Cyclical Sector Exposure as Macro Data Improves

The macro data has improved since August, driving cyclical sector outperformance relative to defensives. Among cyclical exposures, we believe Financials offer an attractive risk/reward profile. The sector's positive exposure to rates may help the sector outperform both in our soft-landing base case, and a risk scenario driven by renewed inflation concerns.

### Stronger Macro Data Supported Cyclicals Over Defensives Individual MSCI USA cyclical sectors vs MSCI USA Defensives Index



# Financials Outperform Other Cyclicals, Driven by Rates MSCI USA Financials relative performance vs stated cyclical sectors



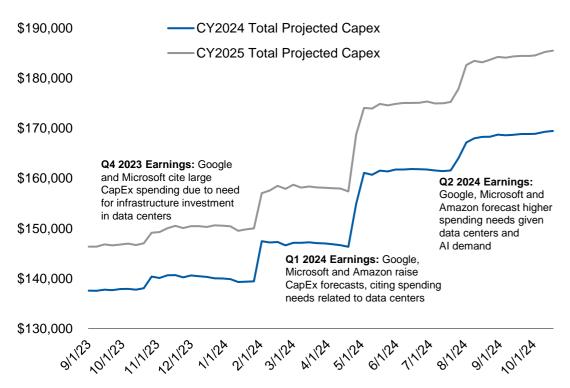
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### U.S. Utilities Have Benefitted from Structural Growth in U.S. Power Demand

Three of the largest investors in AI (Google, Amazon, Microsoft) provided strong forward guidance for capital expenditures in early 2024 given needs to invest in AI-related infrastructure and data centers. Positive forecasts for the data center buildout have helped catalyze outperformance for utilities relative to other defensive sectors.

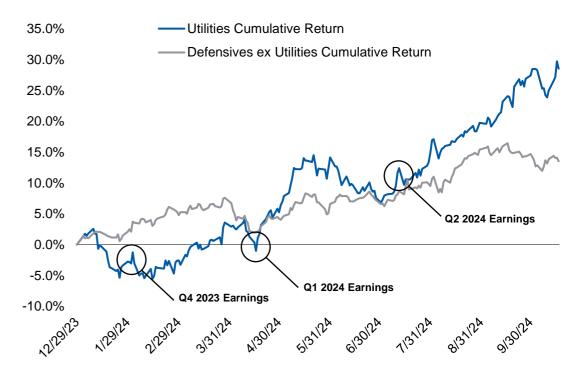
# **Total Forecasted Capital Expenditures From Google, Microsoft and Amazon Have Trended Higher This Year**

Total projected for FY2024 and FY 2025 (in \$ millions)



# Utilities Have Outperformed Other Defensive Sectors YTD in Part Due to Sensitivity to Data Center Demand

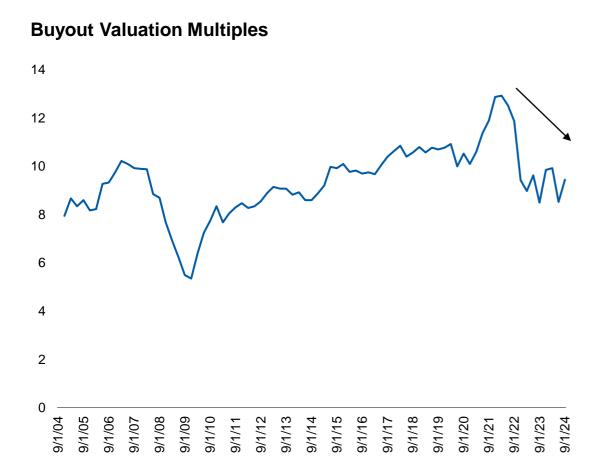
Utilities YTD performance vs. consumer staples/health care blended average

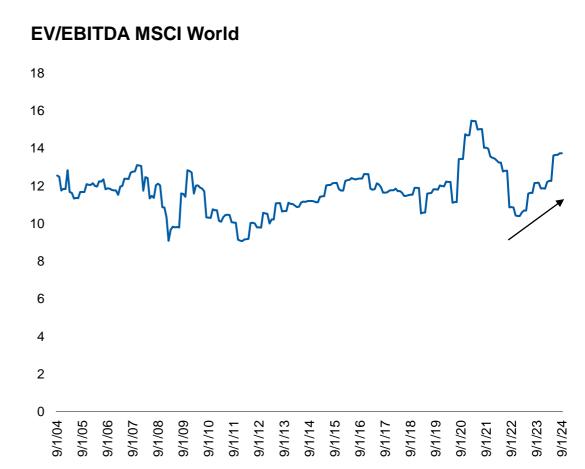


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# Private Equity Is at an Attractive Entry Point

PE valuations have adjusted to lower levels in 2024, although with volatility in the data. In contrast, public market valuations continue to rally.





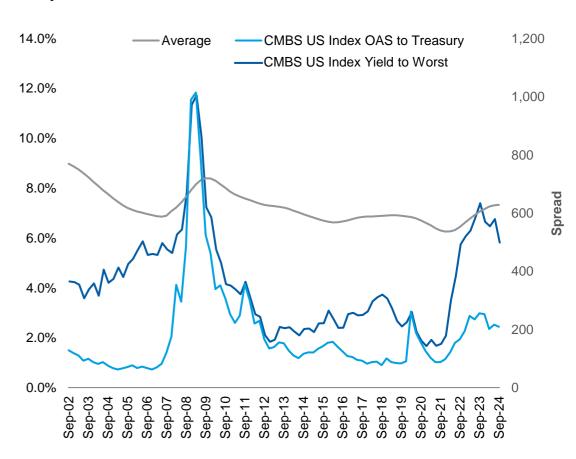
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# Commercial Real Estate Opportunity Set Strengthening

Valuations remain expensive against treasuries; however, we have reached the peak in cap rates as the market remains stable with no broad distress. Supply issues are subsiding while the cost of debt is receding.

### **Cap Rates** 12.0% -Multifamily ——Retail — Office Industrial 10.0% 8.0% 6.0% 4.0% 2.0% 0.0% Sep-15 Sep-16 Sep-18 Sep-19 Sep-20 Sep-08 Sep-10 Sep-12 Sep-13 Sep-14 Sep-17 Sep-07 Sep-11 Sep-21

### Cap Rates vs. Cost of Debt



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# Capital Markets Investment Framework

Representative Allocations from the Portfolio Solutions Group



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



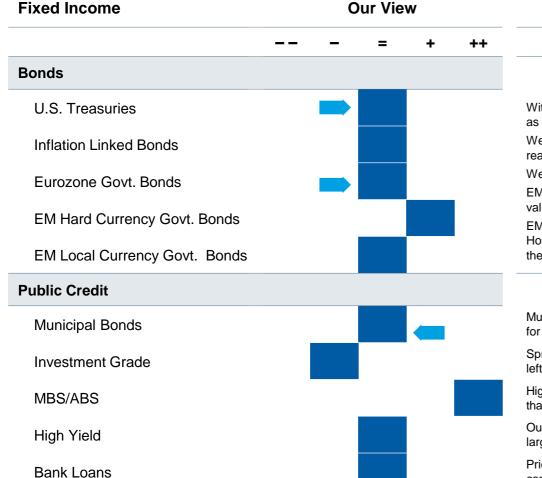
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### Global Fixed Income

### Representative Positioning from Portfolio Solutions Group



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



Commentary

With the UST 10-year yield now back above 4%, we will be looking to add duration back into portfolios. Using the 10-year as a proxy for duration, we view 4%-4.25% as the fair value range.

We see some value in TIPS relative to nominal treasuries over the medium term, with breakeven inflation still reasonably subdued.

We decreased our duration underweight after the recent leg up in bond yields.

EMD spreads have narrowed a lot since their selloff over the summer. While somewhat expensive, we still see relative value in the asset class versus other very expensive parts of fixed income.

EM Local appears to offer some value on a relative basis with valuations closer to fair versus history, rather than rich. However, we assign a high probability to the USD rallying in the case of a Trump victory, which would be a negative for the asset class.

Muni ratios versus Treasuries have tightened and now look closer to fair value than cheap. We still like the asset class for taxable investors, but it looks marginally less attractive than it did a month ago.

Spreads are near historical tights, excess return over USTs should be minimal, and IG remains sensitive to left-tail outcomes.

High conviction in ABS and yield per unit of credit quality remains attractive. U.S. 30-year fixed mortgage rates are higher than BB Corporate yields, a rare occurrence in 25 years.

Our view of the economy has improved, likely signaling a lower future default path. However, the High Yield market has largely priced that in with index spreads now under 300 bps (basis points).

Pricing Bank Loans to the forward curve makes them look slightly less attractive. A lot of the perceived "value" in loans is coming from the lower rated part of the market, as it is with High Yield.

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Equity

# Global Equity

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**Our View** 

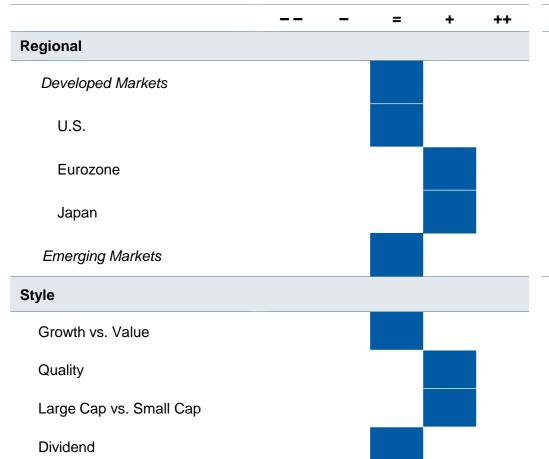


– High conviction underweight

++ High conviction overweight

- Underweight
- Neutral
- Overweight

Commentary



Neutral U.S. equities as multiples (~21x 2025 consensus) sit at levels last seen during the peak of the pandemic and the dotcom bubble. Both valuation and growth expectations are skewed by the largest index weights, driven by AI themes. Equal-weighted multiples are high, but less extended.

We remain overweight European equities via specific segments of the market where the risk/return skew is favorable. We continue to see European banks as attractive, though we closed our French equities position last month.

The strengthening JPY (yen) is a risk for Japanese equities, but the risk looks properly priced as Japan has derated and is now trading at a 20% discount vs global equities. We maintain overweight, as we think the JPY will strengthen but at a gradual pace, while structural improvements remain on track.

The absence of a global hard landing and ongoing DM central banks rate-cut cycle are supportive for EM assets. Structural concerns persist for China, and we are not convinced that recent stimulus announcements can overcome these challenges.

Growth style indexes remain disproportionately exposed to Big Tech, where we seek to keep our risk exposure close to neutral.

With little excess risk premium in equities and a limit to economic growth acceleration due to inflation risk, we continue to prefer a tilt toward Quality. We balance with selective cyclical exposure.

The window for small cap outperformance is narrow, requiring Goldilocks growth and inflation

We see balanced risk for Dividend Yield style exposures. 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**

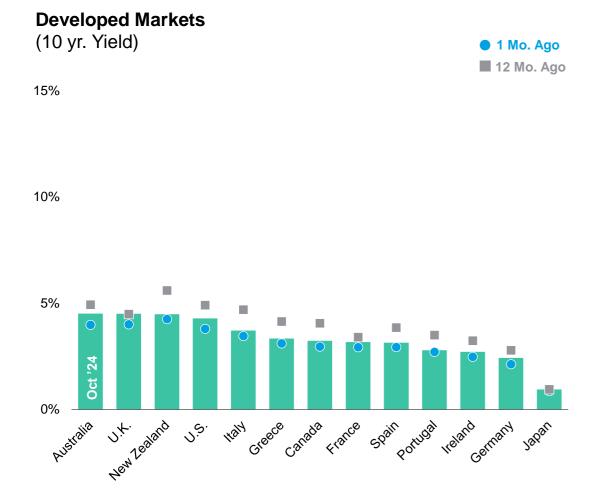
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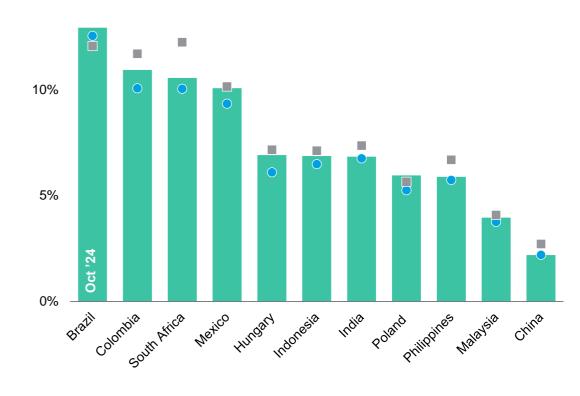
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Private Markets	
Private Equity	We believe moderating asset prices and low transaction activity in private equity reached their much-anticipated turning points mid-2024. We expect investor cash flows to recover because of increasing market activity, and asset pricing to offer an attractive entry point for strategies that have the tool kit to pursue value creation within an environment of higher debt service costs and lower leverage multiples. We continue to focus on strategies with compelling opportunities and expertise across revenue growth initiatives, margin expansion and capital structure optimization, and we believe the middle market is particularly well-placed to deliver attractive returns in this environment. Limited exits across the industry YTD further emphasize the importance of selecting a strategy with a clear value-creation plan.
	Commercial core real estate ended a run of seven consecutive negative quarters with a positive total return in 3Q24. This protracted adjustment was driven by higher debt costs and pockets of elevated supply. A significant amount of commercial real estate debt matures this year, which is expected to drive higher transaction volumes with attractive entry valuations Long-term demand tailwinds in key sectors remain in place while supply issues are starting to subside. We expect these dynamics to lead to further improved pricing and represent a compelling opportunity.
Private Real Assets	Private infrastructure is benefiting from the tailwinds of several mega trends, including the digitization of society and economies, and the energy transition. Within the two segments, we have started to see a divergence in performance and valuations based on the underlying operating business structures. For example, lower energy prices are challenging renewable energy generation businesses with high merchant exposure. Within digital, significant capital has been deployed in the hyperscale space, increasingly more so during the past twelve months as AI has garnered additional attention. Smaller opportunities, such as co-location data centers, have seen less upward pressure on valuations. Opportunities with high-quality enterprise customers could present an interesting data center diversifier. Transport has also seen additional interest recently as assets that have recovered post-COVID are now changing ownership.
Private Credit	Private loan pricing and terms are now in line with the long-term average, but elevated rates and muted defaults are keeping total return expectations elevated. As corporates continue to seek ways to manage cashflow, custom solution providers can capitalize on favorable pricing / terms for opportunities that fall in the white space between more rigid mandates.
Liquid Alternatives	
Hedge Funds	Hedge funds are benefiting from a constructive market environment for skill-based managers. We maintain a preference for market neutral, relative value equity and macro strategies. Within macro strategies, we favor discretionary strategies that are tactically oriented given supportive levels of market and fundamental economic dispersion. Within equity strategies, we continue to have conviction in fundamental long/short equity, but also have increasing confidence in quantitative equity strategies that are benefiting from the reduction in asset price correlation at the stock level caused by geopolitical and U.S. election related uncertainty.
Commodities	We add exposure to oil prices in our portfolios: while high OPEC spare capacity and generally healthy supply from non-OPEC countries should limit oil price upside all things equal the risk of an escalation in the Middle East with potentially big upside to oil prices skews outcomes more favorably.

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# Sovereign Bond Yields







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# Key Rates (%)

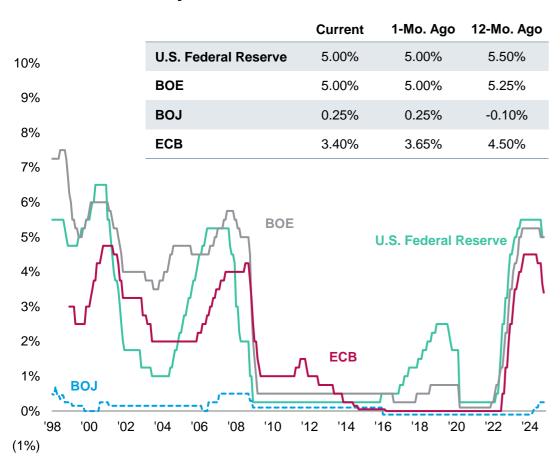
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1-Week SIFMA	3.24	4.09	3.44	1.90	4.55
Secured Overnight Financing Rate	4.90	5.35	5.27	4.81	5.40
1-Mo SOFR	4.66	5.32	5.25	4.66	5.37
3-Mo SOFR	4.56	5.38	5.21	4.56	5.39
2-Yr Treasury	4.16	5.06	4.45	3.54	5.05
5-Yr Treasury	4.15	4.82	4.13	3.41	4.71
10-Yr Treasury	4.28	4.90	4.19	3.62	4.76
30-Yr Treasury	4.48	5.06	4.38	3.93	4.95
2-Yr Japan	0.43	0.13	0.24	0.01	0.47
10-Yr Japan	0.94	0.94	0.84	0.56	1.10
2-Yr German Bund	2.31	2.99	2.67	2.02	3.11
10-Yr German Bund	2.42	2.78	2.36	1.91	2.75
2-Yr UK Gilt	4.48	4.74	4.22	3.53	4.76
10-Yr UK Gilt	4.50	4.48	4.06	3.46	4.50
Bloomberg US Agg	4.73	5.65	4.80	4.10	5.50
Bloomberg Global Agg	3.64	4.35	3.73	3.26	4.27
Bloomberg US Corporate	5.16	6.35	5.29	4.64	6.21
Bloomberg US Long Corporate	5.55	6.54	5.53	5.07	6.39
Bloomberg US Municipal	3.66	4.49	3.55	3.21	4.47
Bloomberg US Long Municipal	4.27	5.18	4.22	3.94	5.15
US High Yield	7.33	9.48	7.81	6.98	9.40
US Loans	9.09	10.60	9.85	9.05	10.53

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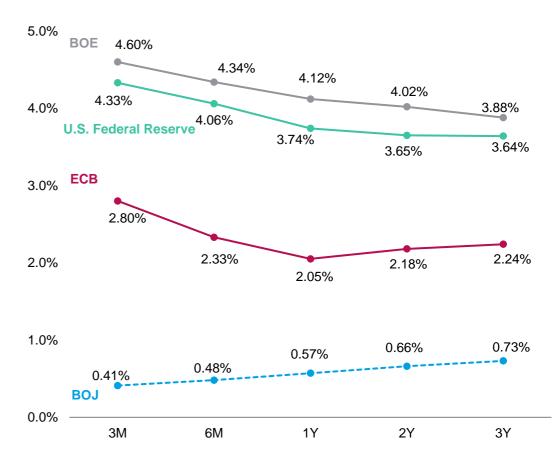
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# Monetary Policy

### **Central Bank Policy Rates**



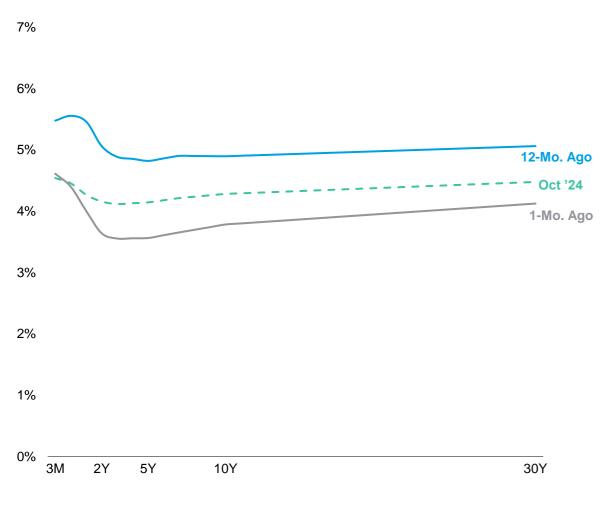
### **Market Expectations for Future Central Bank Rates**



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# U.S. Treasury Yields

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



**Yields & Performance** 

Coourity		Yield (%)	Total R	eturn (%)	
Security -	Current	1-Mo. Ago	12-Mo. Ago	1-Mo.	12-Mo.
3-mo. Treasury	4.54	4.61	5.48	0.38	5.39
6-mo. Treasury	4.46	4.40	5.56	0.32	5.60
2-yr. Treasury	4.16	3.64	5.06	-0.65	5.45
3-yr. Treasury	4.12	3.56	4.89	-1.22	5.89
5-yr. Treasury	4.15	3.56	4.82	-2.30	6.72
10-yr. Treasury	4.28	3.79	4.90	-3.58	9.02
30-yr. Treasury	4.48	4.13	5.06	-5.37	14.11

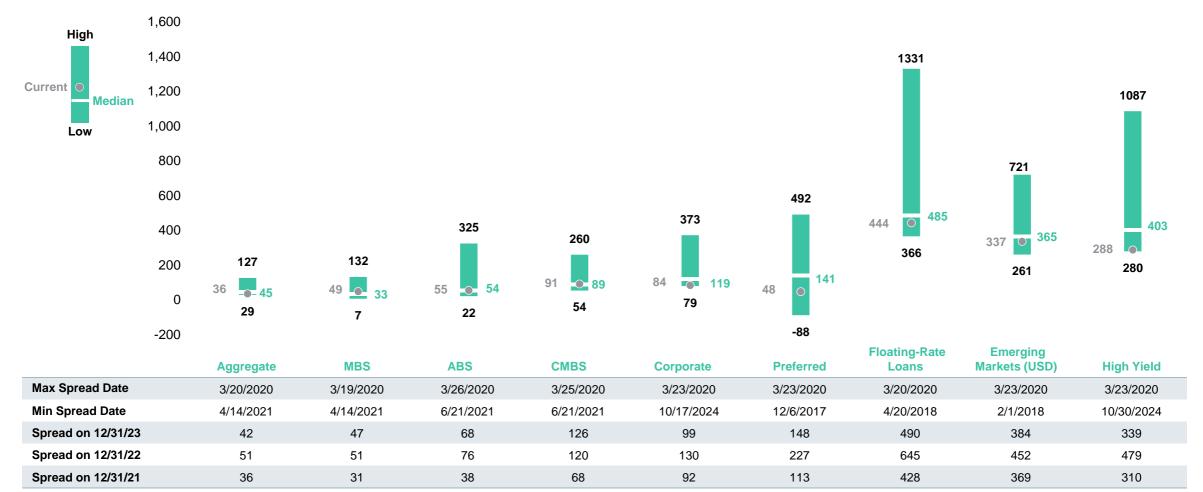
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# Characteristics and Performance Analysis

	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	3.39	91.5	4.73	36	8.4	6.1	-2.48	0.25	1.86	10.55	-2.20	-0.23	1.49
U.S. Treasury	2.93	91.6	4.27	-	7.7	5.9	-2.38	0.06	1.36	8.41	-2.55	-0.70	1.00
U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities	3.29	88.8	5.08	49	7.7	6.1	-2.83	-0.09	1.54	11.44	-2.08	-0.60	1.02
U.S. Asset Backed Securities	4.78	99.6	4.76	55	3.7	2.7	-0.70	1.25	4.34	8.14	1.69	1.91	2.05
U.S. Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	3.29	92.7	5.13	91	4.7	4.2	-1.84	0.66	4.29	10.75	-0.77	0.78	2.16
U.S. Corp. Investment Grade	4.26	93.2	5.16	84	10.7	7.0	-2.43	0.86	2.77	13.63	-2.07	0.54	2.57
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.58	101.9	3.66	-	13.6	6.2	-1.46	0.30	0.81	9.70	-0.30	1.05	2.30
Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index	4.36	92.7	5.04	-	14.4	7.8	-2.76	-0.09	2.42	12.82	-2.98	0.18	2.91
ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index	1.02	93.1	1.92	-	7.6	5.1	-1.81	0.45	3.21	8.69	-1.80	2.11	2.27
ICE BofA Preferred Index (Fixed Rate)	5.30	94.1	5.29	48	-	5.2	-1.09	4.25	9.17	20.33	0.95	2.61	4.52
U.S. High Yield													
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	6.35	95.7	7.33	288	4.8	3.2	-0.55	2.68	7.44	16.47	2.95	4.38	4.78
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.48	96.9	9.09	444	4.5	_	0.86	2.22	7.45	10.56	6.68	6.02	4.92
Emerging Markets													
J.P. Morgan EM Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.38	86.3	7.72	337	-	6.7	-1.72	2.42	6.78	18.16	-0.99	0.47	2.92
J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	5.16	95.1	6.29	202	_	4.4	-0.86	2.05	7.57	14.90	0.92	2.44	3.81
J.P. Morgan Govt. Bond Index-EM (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.54	-	6.38	-	-	5.2	-4.61	1.65	0.10	8.76	-0.53	-0.92	-0.06
Global Developed Markets													
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-U.S. Index	2.27	96.0	2.70	33	8.6	7.0	-4.12	0.86	-1.43	8.65	-5.62	-2.87	-0.85
FTSE World Government Bond Index	2.47	-	3.02	-	-	7.2	-3.46	0.38	-0.84	8.37	-5.40	-2.85	-0.47
ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index	2.09	94.2	2.83	49	8.9	7.3	-3.69	1.02	-0.79	10.73	-6.14	-3.06	-1.02
ICE BofA Developed Mkts HY Ex-Sub Fincl Index (USD Hedged)	6.10	95.9	7.02	321	3.7	3.1	-0.25	2.81	7.68	16.11	3.34	4.47	4.94
Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Corporates (EUR)	2.44	96.3	3.34	104	5.0	4.4	-0.31	1.22	3.51	8.79	-1.08	-0.38	1.08
Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Euro (EUR)	4.68	97.0	5.93	320	3.8	3.2	0.60	2.71	6.91	13.11	2.44	2.93	3.72

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# Spread Analysis (bps)



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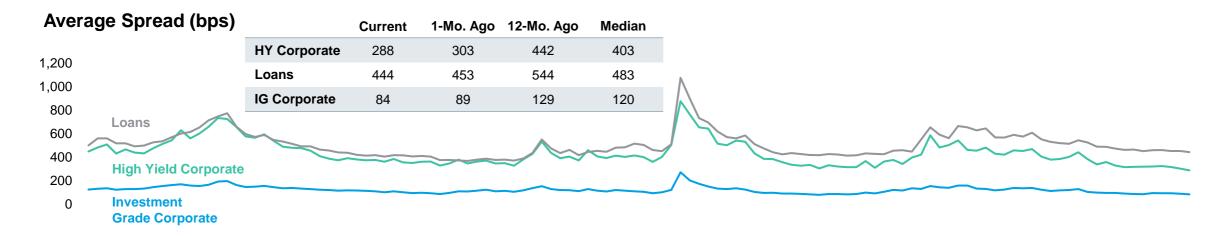
# Corporate Bond Market Update

	Averages						Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1- <b>M</b> o	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
U.S. High Grade													
Bloomberg U.S. Corp. Investment Grade Index	4.26	93.2	5.16	84	10.7	7.0	-2.43	0.86	2.77	13.63	-2.07	0.54	2.57
AAA Index	3.30	84.0	4.74	34	17.3	10.2	-3.91	0.00	-0.30	12.76	-5.25	-1.46	1.81
AA Index	3.61	89.4	4.81	45	13.0	8.0	-2.96	0.43	1.25	11.94	-3.59	-0.78	1.58
A Index	4.12	93.4	5.01	70	10.5	6.9	-2.53	0.79	2.45	12.96	-2.17	0.27	2.32
BBB Index	4.50	93.7	5.35	103	10.4	6.7	-2.22	1.01	3.35	14.53	-1.63	1.05	2.95
U.S. High Yield													
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index	6.35	95.7	7.33	288	4.8	3.2	-0.55	2.68	7.44	16.47	2.95	4.38	4.78
BB Index	5.77	97.5	6.26	180	5.1	3.5	-0.89	1.73	5.87	14.42	2.10	4.05	4.84
B Index	6.89	97.6	7.35	286	4.6	2.9	-0.45	2.26	6.70	15.46	3.16	3.97	4.40
CCC Index	7.24	84.7	11.84	756	4.2	2.8	0.62	7.93	16.06	28.17	5.41	6.52	5.50
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.48	96.9	9.09	444	4.5	-	0.86	2.22	7.45	10.56	6.68	6.02	4.92
BBB Index	S+1.98	100.0	6.79	197	4.9	-	0.59	1.68	6.25	7.90	6.09	4.54	4.20
BB Index	S+2.67	99.7	7.56	277	4.9	-	0.71	1.81	6.56	9.04	6.63	4.92	4.46
B Index	S+3.78	98.2	9.17	448	4.4	-	1.02	2.50	7.96	11.45	7.16	6.57	5.25
CCC Index	S+4.66	83.1	17.12	1238	3.5	-	0.05	2.15	8.74	12.27	4.03	6.22	6.16
D Index	-	33.7	-	-	-	-	1.77	-8.53	-18.89	-17.91	-29.31	-27.86	-19.12

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# Corporate Bond Market Update



### **Annual Default Rate**



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# Municipal Bond Market Update

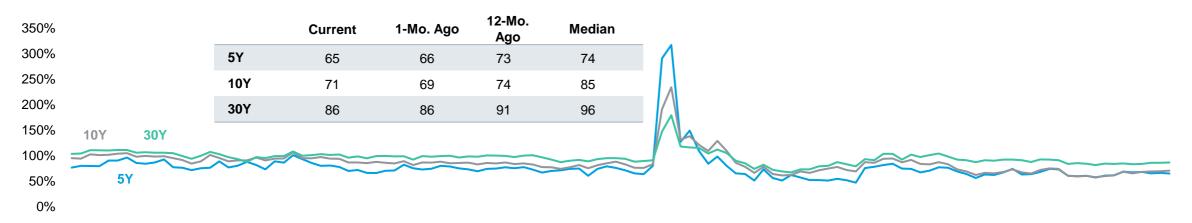
			Averages					Tota	Returns	(%)		
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield To Worst (%)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.58	101.9	3.66	13.6	6.2	-1.46	0.30	0.81	9.70	-0.30	1.05	2.30
AAA Index	4.51	102.7	3.51	13.2	6.5	-1.56	0.29	0.09	9.10	-0.51	0.77	1.83
AA Index	4.61	102.9	3.53	13.1	6.1	-1.47	0.27	0.49	9.01	-0.38	0.90	2.08
A Index	4.57	100.2	3.89	13.9	6.2	-1.41	0.30	1.55	10.77	0.06	1.42	2.73
BBB Index	4.59	97.3	4.35	17.5	7.1	-1.25	0.63	2.94	14.00	0.12	1.85	3.43
5-Year Index	4.71	105.6	3.14	5.0	3.7	-1.04	0.94	1.17	6.60	0.10	1.01	1.65
10-Year Index	4.57	104.8	3.46	9.9	5.8	-1.65	0.14	-0.65	7.42	-0.30	1.05	2.36
22+ Year Index	4.60	97.9	4.27	26.7	9.8	-1.95	0.05	1.10	15.11	-1.67	0.57	2.73
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index	4.64	65.0	5.44	19.7	6.7	-1.52	0.53	5.84	17.47	0.67	2.71	4.40
Hospital	5.27	75.4	5.83	20.4	5.9	-1.24	1.84	10.33	21.03	0.23	1.48	3.77
IDR/PCR	4.13	36.7	5.82	20.1	6.8	-1.35	0.18	3.91	16.13	-0.02	2.72	5.57
Tobacco	2.31	18.9	6.25	28.1	10.0	-1.49	-0.71	0.24	20.58	-1.35	3.06	7.18
Puerto Rico	3.59	55.8	4.65	19.3	7.1	-1.04	0.57	4.06	18.54	1.61	4.30	4.67

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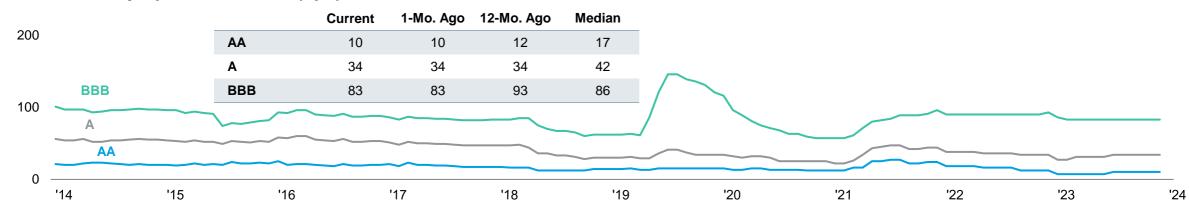
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# Municipal Bond Market Update

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



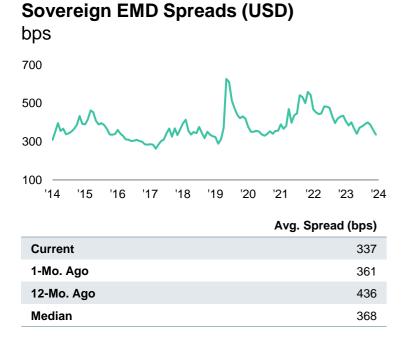
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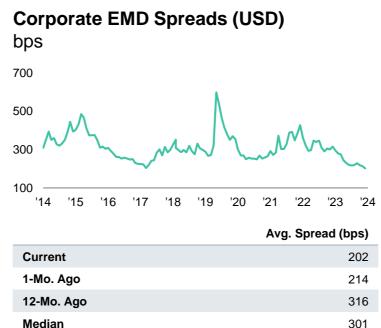


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# **Emerging Markets Bond Market Update**





Local EMI bps	D Yield	s (%	<b>b</b> )					
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6%	~~	~~~			کر	~~~	<b>✓</b> ✓	~
4%			$\sim$	<b>~</b>	~			
2% ———								
'14 '15	'16 '17	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24
						Avg	. Yield	l (%
Current							6.	.38
1-Mo. Ago							6.	.11
12-Mo. Ago							6.	.85
Median							6.	.28

		Total Returns (%)									
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield (%)	Duration	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.38	86.3	7.72	6.7	-1.72	2.42	6.78	18.16	-0.99	0.47	2.92
JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	5.16	95.1	6.29	4.4	-0.86	2.05	7.57	14.90	0.92	2.44	3.81
JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.54	-	6.38	5.2	-4.61	1.65	0.10	8.76	-0.53	-0.92	-0.06

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### Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
Higher A	Municipal <b>9.05</b>	Municipal <b>3.30</b>	High Yield <b>17.49</b>	EMD (Local Currency) <b>15.21</b>	Municipal 1.28	Investment Grade 14.54	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>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>7.57</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 9.89	Bank Loan <b>5.20</b>	Municipal -8.53	Bank Loan 13.32	Bank Loan <b>7.45</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 1.52	High Yield -11.22	EMD (Local Currency) <b>12.70</b>	High Yield <b>7.44</b>
	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>5.53</b>	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>11.09</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>6.78</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 -1.04	MBS -11.81	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>9.08</b>	Investment Grade 2.77
	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>4.96</b>	Investment Grade -0.68	Investment Grade 6.11	Investment Grade 6.42	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-2.15</b>	Bank Loan 8.64	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>5.88</b>	MBS -1.04	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -12.26	Investment Grade 8.52	MBS 1.54
	High Yield <b>2.50</b>	Bank Loan -0.69	MBS <b>1.67</b>	Municipal <b>5.45</b>	High Yield -2.26	Municipal <b>7.54</b>	Municipal <b>5.21</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) -1.51	Treasury -12.46	Municipal <b>6.40</b>	Treasury 1.36
	Bank Loan 1.60	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>	Municipal <b>0.81</b>
	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>0.10</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. <b>-1.43</b>

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# Performance: Market Barometer (%)









<b>Global</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
32.79	38.02
International 22.97	Emerging Markets 25.32

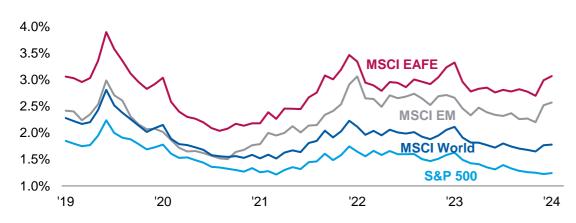
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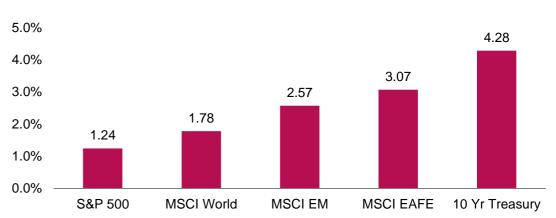
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# Dividend Yields and Volatility Analysis

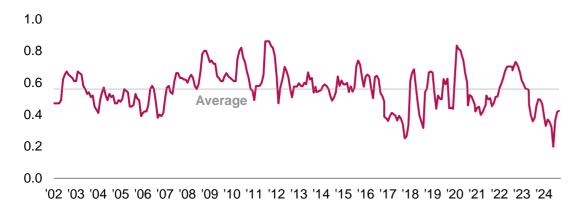
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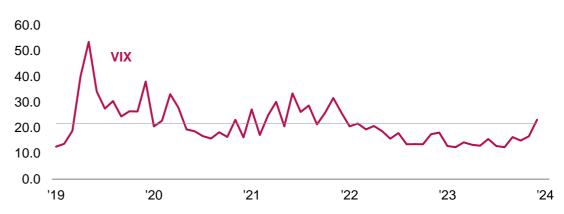
### **Current Yields**



### Correlation of S&P 500 Stocks



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

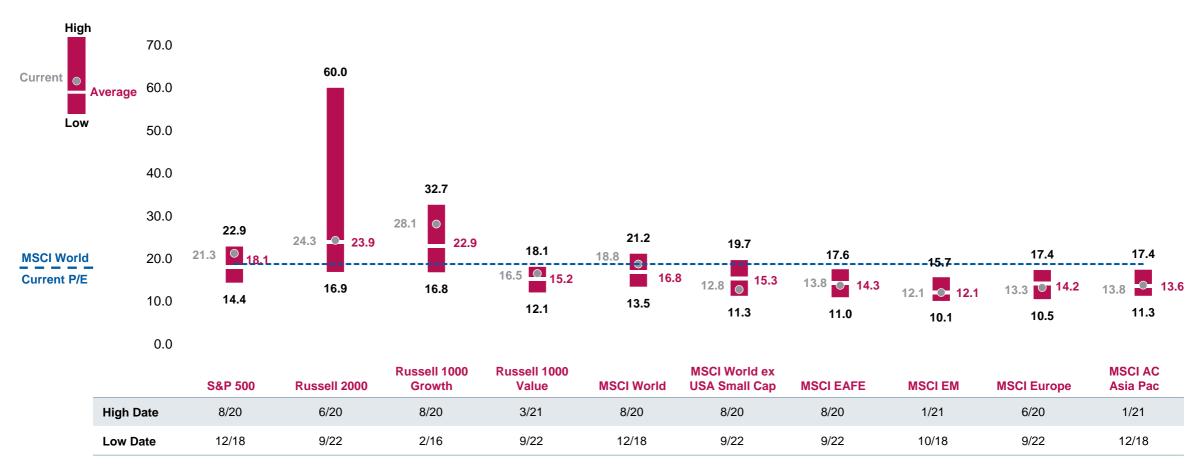


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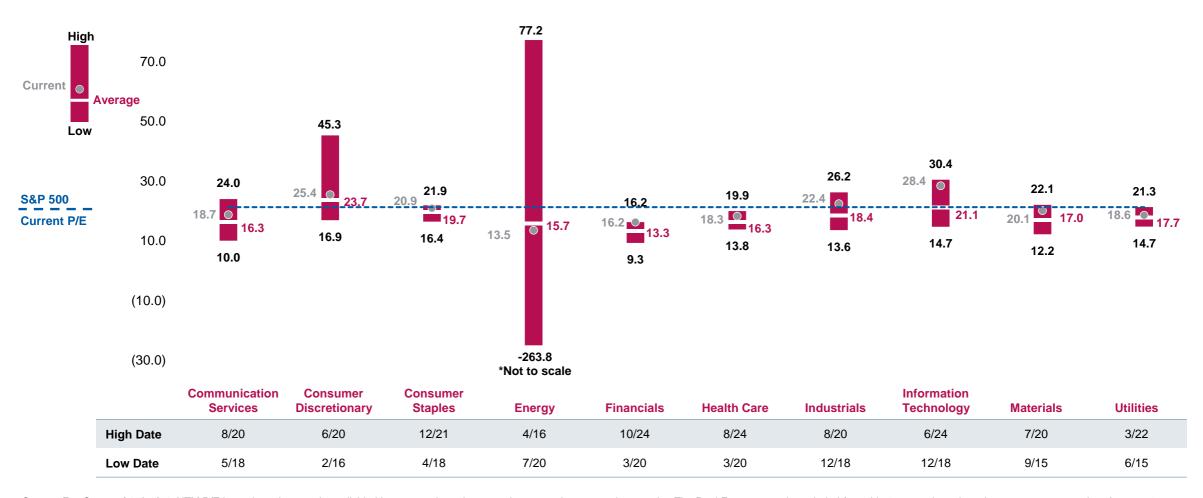
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# Valuation Analysis

### S&P 500 Sectors: Current NTM P/E vs. 10-Year High, Low, Average



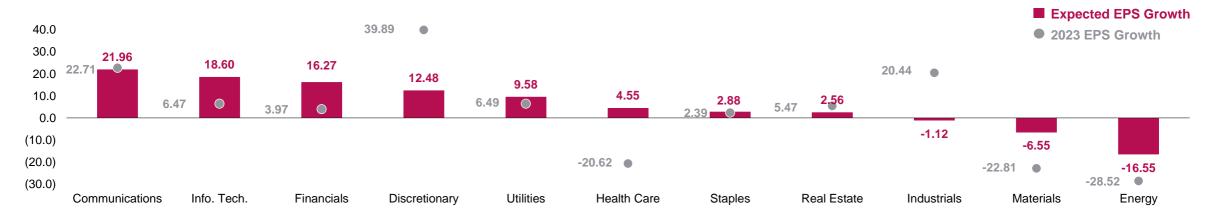
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# Corporate Earnings Growth

### Regions/Styles

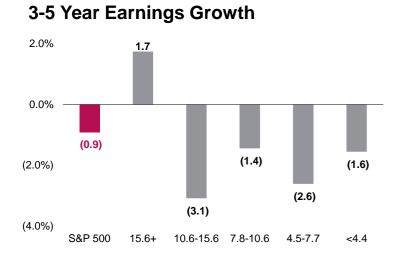


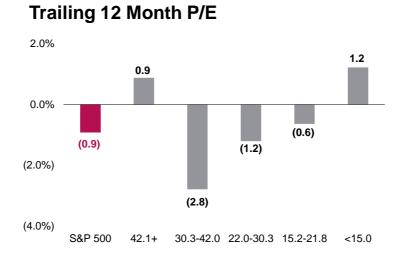
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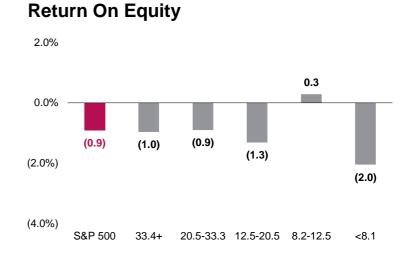


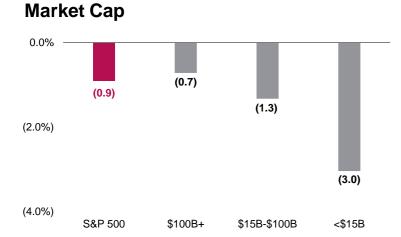
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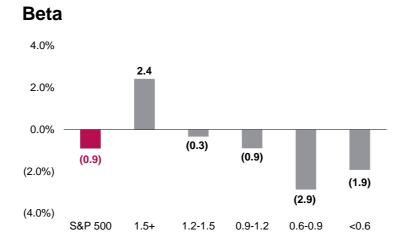
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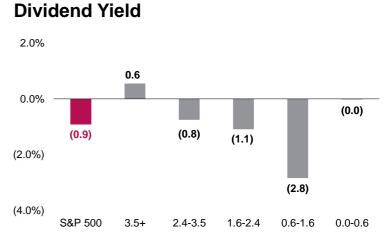








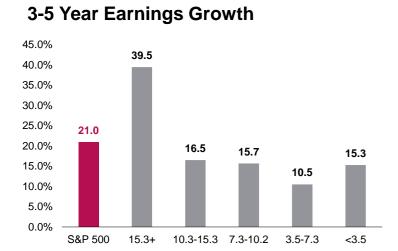


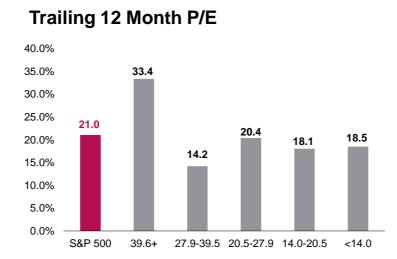


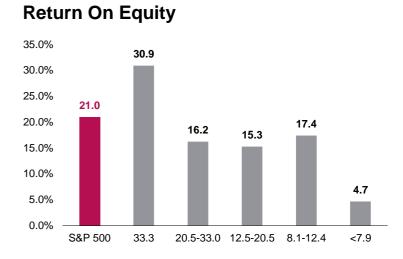
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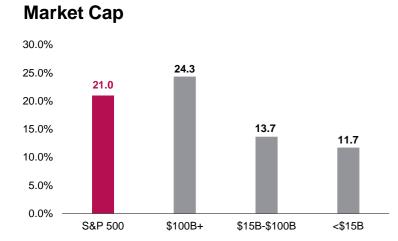
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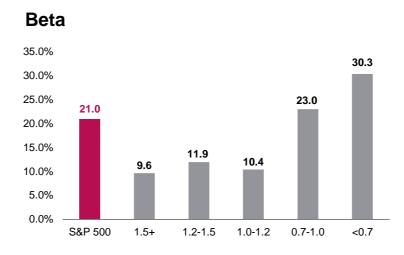
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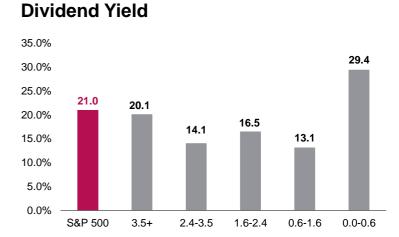








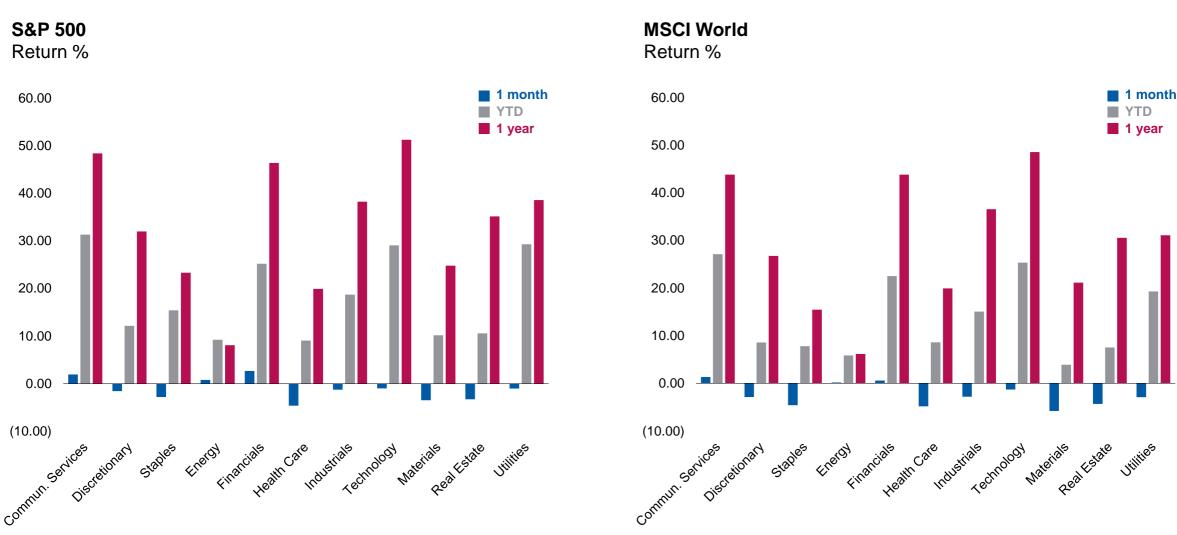




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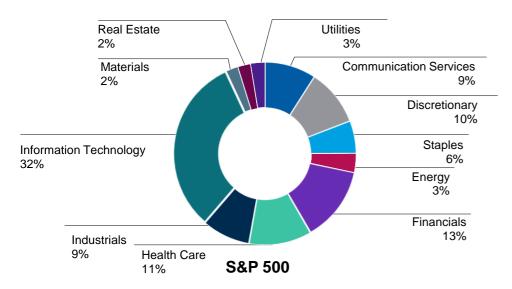


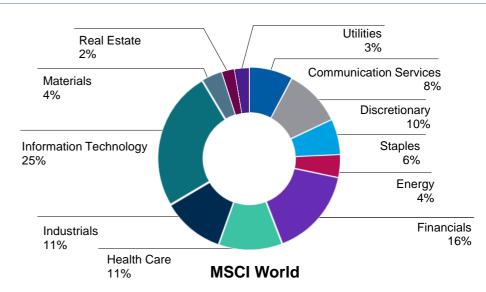
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# Current Characteristics and Sector Weights

	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	1969	394	871	1409	2297	731	1278	414	1331
Maximum Market Cap	\$3,434.77B	\$13.74B	\$3,434.77B	\$972.07B	\$3,427.64B	\$10.10B	\$361.87B	\$792.01B	\$361.87B	\$792.01B
Minimum Market Cap	\$6.74B	\$0.01B	\$0.62B	\$0.30B	\$1.61B	\$0.02B	\$1.61B	\$0.14B	\$1.61B	\$0.14B
Dividend Yield	1.24	1.30	0.54	1.99	1.78	3.00	3.07	2.57	3.26	2.41
NTM PE	21.27	24.31	28.10	16.53	18.76	12.80	13.76	12.08	13.25	13.79
Price to Book	4.98	2.06	13.32	2.76	3.40	1.34	1.83	1.89	2.03	1.72
Price to Cash Flow	17.73	14.26	26.86	12.45	14.92	8.62	10.43	8.81	9.40	11.22
Price to Sales	2.98	1.28	5.69	1.81	2.25	0.86	1.33	1.47	1.33	1.41
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	14.68	12.81	18.73	10.09	13.53	11.03	9.57	15.84	9.67	13.21
5Yr. Div Growth Rate	4.44	6.16	5.40	1.16	2.62	4.89	0.62	2.63	-0.27	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	-0.91	3.66	20.97	38.02	9.08	15.27	13.00	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49
	Russell 1000 Defensive	-1.92	2.43	16.13	28.57	6.68	12.15	11.86	20.23	-16.43	26.93	13.93	30.47
	Russell 1000 Dynamic	0.53	5.24	24.61	48.39	9.50	17.66	13.45	33.34	-21.94	25.57	27.69	32.35
U.S.	Russell 2500	-0.93	0.29	10.27	33.08	1.51	9.81	8.92	17.42	-18.37	18.18	19.99	27.77
Equities	Russell 1000 Growth	-0.33	4.63	24.14	43.77	8.84	19.00	16.18	42.68	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39
	Russell 1000 Value	-1.10	2.96	15.40	30.98	6.85	10.14	8.87	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.80	26.54
	Russell Mid Cap	-0.54	3.74	14.02	35.39	3.55	10.94	9.80	17.23	-17.32	22.58	17.10	30.54
	Russell 2000	-1.44	-2.24	9.56	34.07	-0.05	8.50	7.94	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52
	CBOE S&P 500 Buywrite BXM	-0.50	3.84	12.99	18.52	4.61	6.05	6.39	11.82	-11.37	20.47	-2.75	15.68
	MSCI World	-1.98	2.45	16.50	33.68	6.38	12.03	9.78	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67
	MSCI EAFE	-5.44	-1.46	6.85	22.97	2.70	6.24	5.27	18.24	-14.45	11.26	7.82	22.01
	MSCI EM	-4.45	3.58	11.66	25.32	-1.43	3.93	3.43	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44
Global	MSCI AC Asia Pac	-4.64	1.94	12.05	26.30	0.48	5.04	5.21	11.45	-17.22	-1.46	19.71	19.36
	MSCI ACWI	-2.24	2.57	16.00	32.79	5.51	11.08	9.06	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	26.60
Equities	MSCI Europe	-5.89	-1.80	6.13	22.43	3.00	6.91	5.23	19.89	-15.06	16.30	5.38	23.77
	MSCI World Small Cap	-2.69	-0.38	8.03	29.45	0.08	7.81	7.51	15.76	-18.76	15.75	15.96	26.19
	MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap	-5.72	-1.36	5.15	23.60	-2.55	4.75	5.64	12.62	-20.59	11.14	12.78	25.41
	FTSE 100	-5.54	-2.03	9.19	21.85	5.55	5.91	3.87	14.38	-7.01	17.36	-8.73	22.03
	FTSE All Small	-5.31	-1.29	10.65	31.18	-1.51	7.74	5.59	12.57	-23.06	22.15	10.77	22.63
	STOXX Europe 600	-6.97	-1.77	6.21	22.90	2.54	6.95	5.37	19.87	-16.14	16.09	6.83	24.53
	Nikkei 225 Average	-3.22	-0.70	9.49	27.73	2.06	5.50	7.41	22.05	-19.49	-4.69	23.99	21.35
	S&P 500 Comm. Services	1.94	7.98	31.31	48.39	6.14	14.35	9.89	55.80	-39.89	21.57	23.61	32.69
0	S&P 500 Cons Disc	-1.55	4.40	12.14	31.97	0.76	11.67	12.64	42.41	-37.03	24.43	33.30	27.94
Sectors	S&P 500 Cons Staples	-2.80	3.91	15.42	23.31	7.94	9.44	8.95	0.52	-0.62	18.63	10.75	27.61
	S&P 500 Energy	0.79	-3.58	9.22	8.10	20.44	14.61	4.37	-1.33	65.72	54.64	-33.68	11.81
	S&P 500 Financials	2.69	6.74	25.19	46.35	6.97	12.46	11.42	12.15	-10.53	35.04	-1.69	32.13
	S&P 500 Health Care	-4.62	-1.44	9.07	19.91	4.88	11.19	10.04	2.06	-1.95	26.13	13.45	20.82
	S&P 500 Industrials	-1.25	5.02	18.70	38.23	10.45	13.23	11.18	18.13	-5.48	21.12	11.06	29.37
	S&P 500 Info Tech	-0.97	2.77	29.04	51.23	16.42	25.54	22.07	57.84	-28.19	34.53	43.89	50.29
	S&P 500 Materials	-3.49	1.43	10.16	24.81	5.20	12.19	9.01	12.55	-12.27	27.28	20.73	24.58
	S&P 500 Real Estate	-3.28	5.71	10.56	35.15	0.10	5.50	7.57	12.36	-26.13	46.19	-2.17	29.01
	S&P 500 Utilities	-1.02	10.64	29.30	38.59	9.58	7.93	9.45	-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 <b>36.39</b>	Growth 38.49	S&P 500 <b>28.71</b>	Value <b>-7.54</b>	Growth <b>42.68</b>	Growth 24.14
	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 19.96	Growth 27.60	International -14.45	S&P 500 <b>26.29</b>	S&P 500 <b>20.97</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>16.00</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 18.31	Mid-Cap <b>22.58</b>	S&P 500 -18.11	International 18.24	Value <b>15.40</b>
	Small-Cap <b>4.89</b>	Global <b>-2.36</b>	Emerging Markets 11.19	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>	Mid-Cap <b>14.02</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 14.82	Emerging Markets <b>-20.09</b>	Small-Cap <b>16.93</b>	Emerging Markets <b>11.66</b>
	Emerging Markets <b>-2.19</b>	Value -3.83	Growth <b>7.08</b>	Mid-Cap <b>18.52</b>	International -13.79	International Small-Cap 25.41	International Small-Cap 12.78	International 11.26	Small-Cap <b>-20.44</b>	International Small-Cap 12.62	Small-Cap 9.56
	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 11.14	International Small-Cap -20.59	Value <b>11.46</b>	International 6.85
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 <b>18.42</b>	Value <b>2.80</b>	Emerging Markets <b>-2.54</b>	Growth <b>-29.14</b>	Emerging Markets <b>9.83</b>	International Small-Cap 5.15

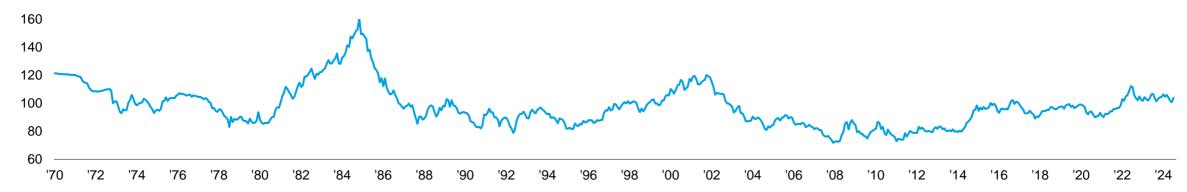
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# Developed Market Currency Performance and Yields

Spot Returns vs. USD (%)						Spot Returns vs. EUR (%)					Local Interest Rates (%)
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
U.S. Dollar (USD)	-	-	-	-	-	2.80	1.75	-2.64	2.15	0.55	4.23
Euro (EUR) *	-2.72	-1.72	2.71	-2.11	-0.54	-	-	-	-	-	2.48
British Pound (GBP)	-4.15	0.85	5.95	-2.11	-0.13	-1.47	2.62	3.15	-0.01	0.42	4.70
Japanese Yen (JPY)	-6.10	-7.45	-0.58	-9.20	-6.63	-3.47	-5.83	-3.20	-7.25	-6.12	0.44
Australian Dollar (AUD)	-5.59	-4.01	3.45	-4.46	-1.01	-2.94	-2.33	0.72	-2.41	-0.46	4.16
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	-3.08	-5.41	-0.41	-3.84	-1.17	-0.37	-3.75	-3.04	-1.77	-0.63	3.24
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	-6.46	-6.00	2.32	-5.96	-1.48	-3.84	-4.36	-0.38	-3.94	-0.94	3.82
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	-4.51	-7.93	1.28	-8.47	-3.60	-1.84	-6.32	-1.39	-6.50	-3.08	4.25
Swedish Krona (SEK)	-5.27	-5.81	4.42	-7.07	-2.08	-2.61	-4.17	1.66	-5.07	-1.54	2.05
Danish Krone (DKK)	-2.77	-1.77	2.79	-2.19	-0.51	-0.05	-0.05	0.07	-0.09	0.03	1.99
Swiss Franc (CHF)	-2.45	-2.67	5.24	1.86	2.68	0.29	-0.96	2.47	4.05	3.24	0.39

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



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# **Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields**

		Spot Ret	turns vs. USI	D (%)			Spot Ret		Local Interest Rates (%)		
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Asia, excluding Japan											
Chinese Renminbi (CNY)	-1.40	-0.33	2.85	-3.48	-0.23	1.36	1.41	0.13	-1.40	0.32	1.38
Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	-5.83	4.93	8.80	-1.85	-0.93	-3.20	6.77	5.93	0.27	-0.39	3.23
Indian Rupee (INR)	-0.34	-1.04	-0.98	-3.79	-3.35	2.45	0.69	-3.60	-1.72	-2.82	6.50
Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	-3.54	-1.90	1.21	-3.36	-2.21	-0.84	-0.18	-1.46	-1.28	-1.67	6.05
Philippine Peso (PHP)	-3.57	-4.71	-2.36	-4.63	-2.67	-0.87	-3.04	-4.93	-2.58	-2.14	4.08
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	-3.09	-0.29	3.56	0.64	0.57	-0.38	1.46	0.83	2.81	1.12	2.69
South Korean Won (KRW)	-5.24	-6.67	-2.13	-5.39	-3.36	-2.59	-5.04	-4.72	-3.36	-2.83	2.92
Taiwanese Dollar (TWD)	-1.23	-4.21	1.23	-4.61	-1.02	1.54	-2.54	-1.44	-2.56	-0.48	1.34
Thai Baht (THB)	-4.65	1.15	6.51	-0.56	-2.20	-1.98	2.92	3.70	1.58	-1.66	2.08
Latin America											
Brazilian Real (BRL)	-5.92	-16.09	-12.88	-0.88	-7.06	-3.29	-14.62	-15.18	1.25	-6.55	12.64
Chilean Peso (CLP)	-6.61	-9.17	-6.61	-5.50	-5.07	-3.99	-7.58	-9.07	-3.47	-4.56	4.95
Colombian Peso (COP)	-5.42	-12.21	-6.26	-4.90	-5.20	-2.77	-10.68	-8.73	-2.86	-4.68	6.78
Mexican Peso (MXN)	-2.17	-15.48	-9.90	0.84	-0.88	0.57	-14.00	-12.27	3.01	-0.34	10.63
Peruvian New Sol (PEN)	-1.18	-1.63	1.89	1.93	-2.33	1.59	0.09	-0.80	4.12	-1.80	2.08

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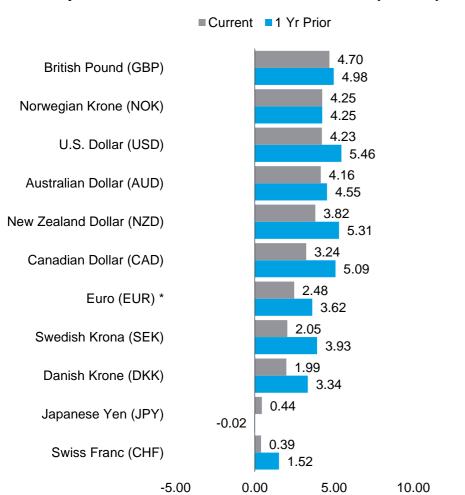
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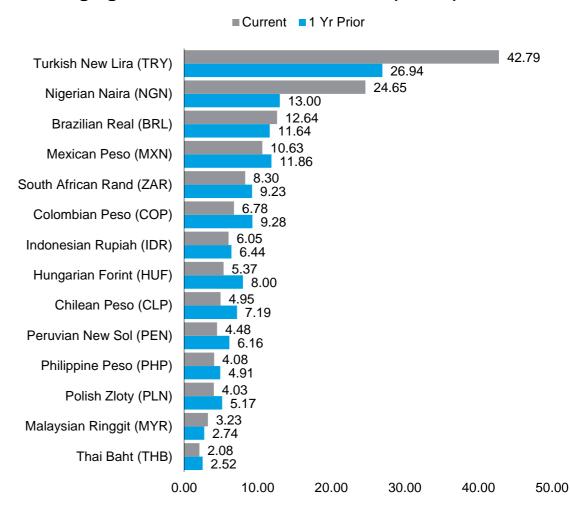
	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)							Local Interest Rate			
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Europe											
Czech Koruna (CZK)	-3.09	-4.14	-0.26	-1.65	-0.39	-0.38	-2.46	-2.89	0.47	0.15	3.35
Hungarian Forint (HUF)	-5.38	-8.00	-3.68	-6.14	-4.79	-2.73	-6.39	-6.22	-4.12	-4.27	5.37
Polish Zloty (PLN)	-4.29	-1.89	5.13	-0.18	-0.98	-1.61	-0.18	2.36	1.97	-0.44	4.03
Romanian Leu (RON)	-2.70	-1.71	2.57	-2.27	-1.44	0.03	0.01	-0.14	-0.16	-0.90	5.50
Russian Ruble (RUB)	-4.24	-8.07	-3.78	-9.97	-8.01	-1.56	-6.46	-6.32	-8.03	-7.50	
Turkish New Lira (TRY)	-0.30	-13.87	-17.49	-34.55	-30.12	2.49	-12.36	-19.67	-33.14	-29.74	42.79
Middle East and Africa											
Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)	-2.77	-26.68	-26.86	-27.96	-19.50	-0.05	-25.39	-28.79	-26.41	-19.06	17.90
Israeli Shekel (ILS)	-0.57	-3.74	8.14	-5.50	-1.19	2.22	-2.06	5.29	-3.47	-0.65	4.39
Kenyan Shilling (KES)	0.00	21.71	16.71	-4.80	-4.35	2.80	23.84	13.63	-2.75	-3.82	14.96
Moroccan Dirham (MAD)	-1.33	0.27	4.68	-2.68	-0.47	1.44	2.02	1.91	-0.59	0.07	2.71
Nigerian Naira (NGN)	-0.60	-46.58	-46.12	-37.32	-26.42	2.19	-45.64	-47.54	-35.97	-26.02	24.65
South African Rand (ZAR)	-2.53	3.44	6.03	-4.91	-3.15	0.20	5.25	3.24	-2.87	-2.62	8.30
Ugandan Shilling (UGX)	0.74	3.28	3.55	-0.92	0.29	3.56	5.09	0.82	1.21	0.84	14.49
Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)	-1.12	-3.80	-17.31	-13.56	-13.04	1.65	-2.11	-19.49	-11.70	-12.56	16.00

## 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	-1.85	2.97	3.89	-1.18	2.15	6.96
Bloomberg Sub Agriculture	-4.16	4.48	-6.83	-9.24	2.03	9.83
Coffee	-8.65	10.45	42.68	65.28	15.14	20.65
Corn	-2.92	3.67	-18.55	-21.60	-5.36	4.06
Cotton	-5.12	2.09	-12.41	-14.69	-5.78	6.29
Soybean	-7.11	-3.16	-20.70	-21.87	3.57	8.57
Soybean Oil	4.35	7.70	-5.21	-9.28	-1.89	14.73
Sugar	1.60	19.42	19.10	-8.73	16.05	18.48
Wheat	-1.93	4.97	-14.63	-6.73	-15.65	-3.45
Bloomberg Sub Energy	-4.42	-8.08	-8.34	-22.86	-5.88	-2.35
Brent Crude	2.29	-7.03	5.26	-3.18	12.11	13.78
Heating Oil	3.59	-8.83	-3.30	-12.58	20.07	14.22
Natural Gas	-19.32	-7.99	-41.18	-60.94	-45.43	-31.86
Unleaded Gas	3.30	-7.97	3.95	-0.64	17.09	15.96
WTI Crude Oil	2.99	-6.45	8.15	-3.27	6.87	3.60

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Bloomberg Sub Industrial Metals	-3.71	6.36	8.05	12.79	-0.15	7.32
Aluminum	-0.17	14.42	8.06	13.84	-2.27	6.08
Copper	-4.30	4.22	14.23	21.50	1.94	11.40
Nickel	-10.48	-5.63	-5.91	-13.80	-6.28	-1.19
Zinc	-1.70	14.11	13.83	25.43	0.23	5.88
Bloomberg Sub Precious Metals	4.00	12.70	33.12	38.25	13.96	11.48
Gold	3.79	12.55	32.04	36.96	14.83	11.43
Platinum	1.25	1.55	0.03	6.91	1.06	1.81
Silver	4.66	13.11	36.08	41.95	10.66	11.41
Bloomberg Sub Livestock	5.72	8.16	21.32	11.72	9.86	1.12
Lean Hogs	14.81	23.31	34.85	22.95	6.84	-0.97
Live Cattle	1.21	0.85	16.68	7.97	12.05	2.59

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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 <b>3.84</b>	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>18.56</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 7.86	Commodity <b>27.11</b>	Managed Futures 19.12	Long/Short Equity 10.93	Long/Short Equity 14.11
	Long/Short Equity 5.55	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 <b>6.95</b>	Event Driven 12.92	Commodity 16.09	Event Driven 9.30	Event Driven 9.71
	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 9.60	Global Macro 15.89	Currency 8.44	Equity Market Neutral 8.82
	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 1.71	Multi-Strategy <b>8.04</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>7.97</b>
	Global Macro 3.11	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>	Multi-Strategy <b>7.64</b>
	Event Driven 1.57	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 -0.97	Equity Market Neutral <b>6.73</b>	Commodity 5.86
	Equity Market Neutral -1.19	Event Driven -6.29	Event Driven 2.68	Managed Futures 3.29	Equity Market Neutral <b>-5.00</b>	MLP <b>6.56</b>	Currency 1.73	Convertible Arbitrage <b>6.33</b>	Convertible Arbitrage -3.32	Convertible Arbitrage <b>4.04</b>	Convertible Arbitrage 5.80
	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 5.53
	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 5.22	Event Driven -6.80	Global Macro -5.19	Currency 3.78
↓ Lower	Commodity -17.01	MLP <b>-32.59</b>	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	Managed Futures 2.43

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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	0.69	0.86	0.37	0.38	0.79	0.60	0.40
International	0.89	1.00	0.80	0.78	0.41	0.46	0.81	0.61	0.45
Emerging Markets	0.71	0.79	1.00	0.63	0.39	0.44	0.71	0.57	0.50
Small Cap	0.86	0.84	0.71	1.00	0.28	0.30	0.77	0.64	0.37
U.S. Aggregate	0.55	0.59	0.55	0.46	1.00	0.85	0.48	0.15	-0.07
Municipal	0.57	0.64	0.63	0.51	0.85	1.00	0.54	0.28	0.02
High Yield	0.83	0.82	0.72	0.83	0.59	0.69	1.00	0.80	0.50
Bank Loan	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.68	0.22	0.38	0.81	1.00	0.50
Commodities	0.41	0.47	0.48	0.39	-0.02	0.10	0.48	0.49	1.00
	5 Years ended C	October 31, 2024	10 Years ended Od	ctober 31, 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	4,808	12,236	33,774
Intermediate Core Bond	4,028	7,141	64,995
Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	2,752	5,680	17,393
High Yield Bond	2,414	7,832	14,295
Long Government	2,156	2,109	2,002
High Yield Muni	1,659	5,296	8,972
Muni National Interm	1,507	3,629	7,818
Real Estate	1,160	-249	-4,220
Nontraditional Bond	906	2,793	7,021
Ultrashort Bond	901	1,065	-535

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Foreign Large Value	-1,934	-3,487	-10,523
Mid-Cap Blend	-2,222	-4,182	-10,322
Foreign Large Blend	-2,266	-25	-2,871
Foreign Large Growth	-2,276	-6,329	-22,810
Mid-Cap Growth	-2,367	-8,222	-30,844
Intermediate Government	-4,233	-4,538	-2,160
Moderate Allocation	-4,503	-12,293	-37,143
Large Value	-6,631	-18,053	-65,799
Large Growth	-10,264	-31,672	-114,483
Large Blend	-10,727	-29,966	-82,039

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Large Blend	35,189	90,827	308,257
Intermediate Core Bond	8,095	19,068	55,576
Large Value	6,484	15,557	32,804
Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	5,249	9,882	27,538
Foreign Large Value	4,623	4,830	3,258
Foreign Large Blend	4,504	12,471	54,505
China Region	2,616	-791	-1,959
Large Growth	2,478	11,955	85,927
Multisector Bond	2,418	4,088	9,881
Diversified Emerging Mkts	2,396	1,287	10,664

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
TradingMiscellaneous	-408	-173	860
Consumer Cyclical	-414	-1,056	-1,878
Small Blend	-453	11,682	25,722
Inflation-Protected Bond	-465	239	-4,163
Corporate Bond	-538	4,891	21,139
Industrials	-783	-566	1,386
Equity Energy	-938	-2,909	-5,187
Japan Stock	-1,438	-2,733	1,906
Technology	-1,651	3,447	24,077
Financial	-3,168	1,205	2,019

Source: Morningstar as of 9/30/24. 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 37.28	Municipal <b>1.28</b>	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>20.97</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	Emerging Markets 11.66
	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 <b>22.01</b>	Emerging Markets 18.31	Small-Cap <b>14.82</b>	Municipal -8.53	Small-Cap <b>16.93</b>	Small-Cap 9.56
	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	Asset Allocation 9.23
	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	Bank Loan <b>7.45</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>7.44</b>
	Bank Loan 1.60	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	International 6.85
	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 - <b>18.11</b>	Municipal <b>6.40</b>	Commodities 3.89
	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 <b>-1.54</b>	Emerging Markets -20.09	US Agg <b>5.53</b>	US Agg <b>1.86</b>
<b>↓</b> Lower	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	Municipal <b>0.81</b>

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## Glossary of Terms

#### **Index Definitions**

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

**Bloomberg 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)

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

**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 guaranteed 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 Barclays 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.

**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, Taiwan and Thailand.

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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.

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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 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-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.

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