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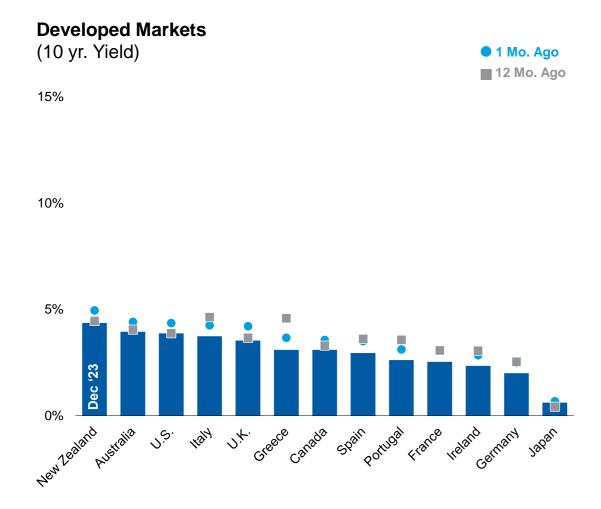
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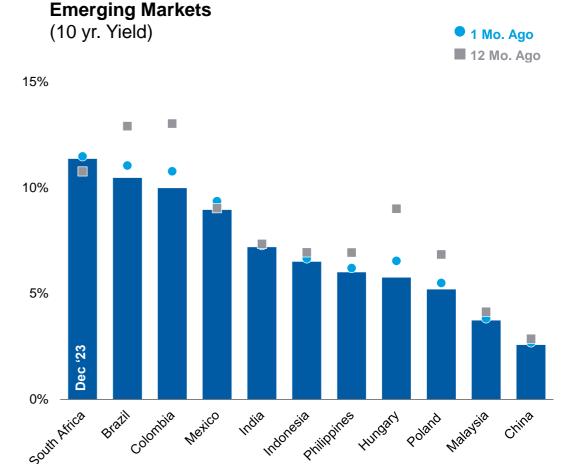


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# Sovereign Bond Yields





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# Key Rates (%)

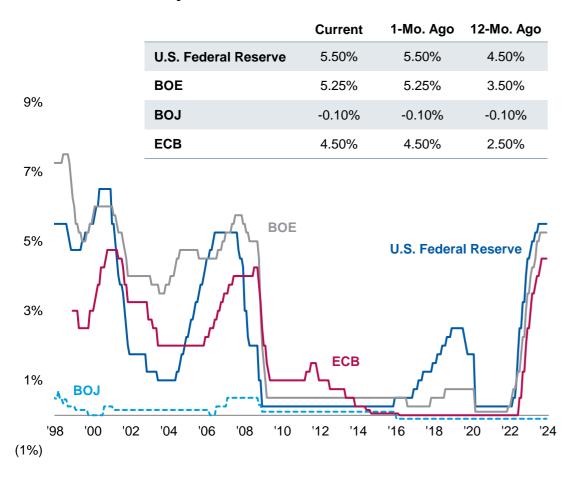
Security	Current	12-Mo. Ago	Average	Minimum	Maximum
1-Week SIFMA	3.87	3.66	3.33	1.66	4.52
Secured Overnight Financing Rate	5.38	4.30	5.00	4.30	5.40
1-Mo LIBOR	5.47	4.37	5.15	4.38	5.48
3-Mo LIBOR	5.59	4.75	5.40	4.77	5.69
2-Yr Treasury	4.25	4.38	4.60	3.74	5.21
5-Yr Treasury	3.85	3.96	4.07	3.28	4.96
10-Yr Treasury	3.88	3.84	3.96	3.29	4.99
30-Yr Treasury	4.03	3.92	4.10	3.54	5.11
2-Yr Japan	0.04	0.03	0.00	-0.09	0.15
10-Yr Japan	0.61	0.45	0.55	0.20	0.96
2-Yr German Bund	2.39	2.65	2.89	2.34	3.31
10-Yr German Bund	2.00	2.49	2.46	1.91	2.98
2-Yr UK Gilt	3.96	3.60	4.29	3.17	5.52
10-Yr UK Gilt	3.53	3.70	4.01	3.06	4.74
Bloomberg US Agg	4.53	4.64	4.82	4.18	5.74
Bloomberg Global Agg	3.51	3.70	3.81	3.34	4.42
Bloomberg US Corporate	5.06	5.39	5.51	4.83	6.43
Bloomberg US Long Corporate	5.22	5.57	5.62	5.01	6.60
Bloomberg US Municipal	3.22	3.55	3.61	3.04	4.50
Bloomberg US Long Municipal	4.01	4.47	4.39	3.99	5.18
US High Yield	7.69	8.97	8.60	7.62	9.53
US Loans	10.13	9.99	10.33	9.80	10.80

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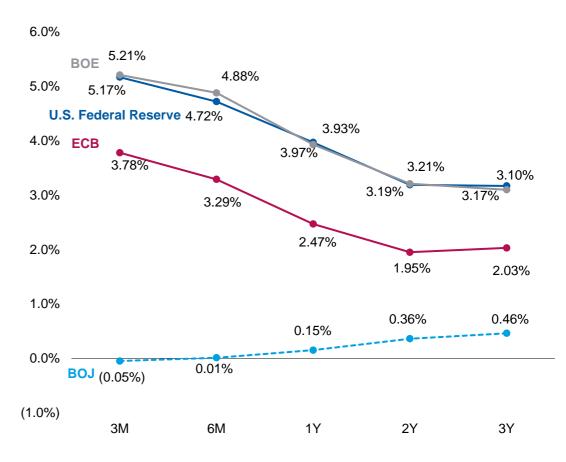
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# **Monetary Policy**

### **Central Bank Policy Rates**



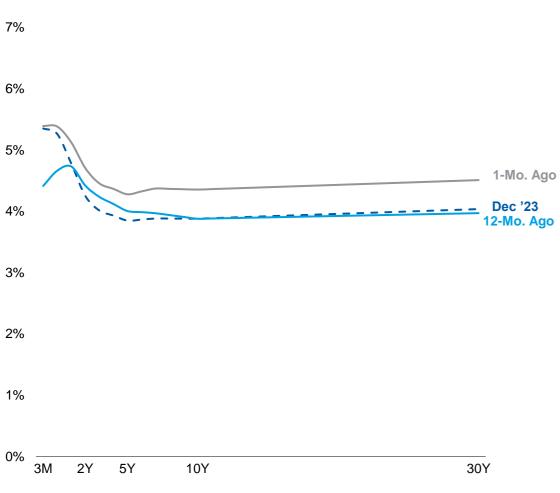
### **Market Expectations for Future Central Bank Rates**



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# U.S. Treasury Yields

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



**Yields & Performance** 

Coording		Yield (%)		Total Return (%)			
Security	Current	1-Mo. Ago	12-Mo. Ago	1-M	o. 12-Mo.		
3-mo. Treasury	5.35	5.39	4.41	0.47	5.01		
6-mo. Treasury	5.26	5.38	4.66	0.52	5.14		
2-yr. Treasury	4.25	4.71	4.42	1.12	3.50		
3-yr. Treasury	4.01	4.46	4.24	1.52	3.97		
5-yr. Treasury	3.85	4.28	4.00	2.30	3.73		
10-yr. Treasury	3.88	4.36	3.88	4.04	2.83		
30-yr. Treasury	4.03	4.51	3.97	8.22	1.23		

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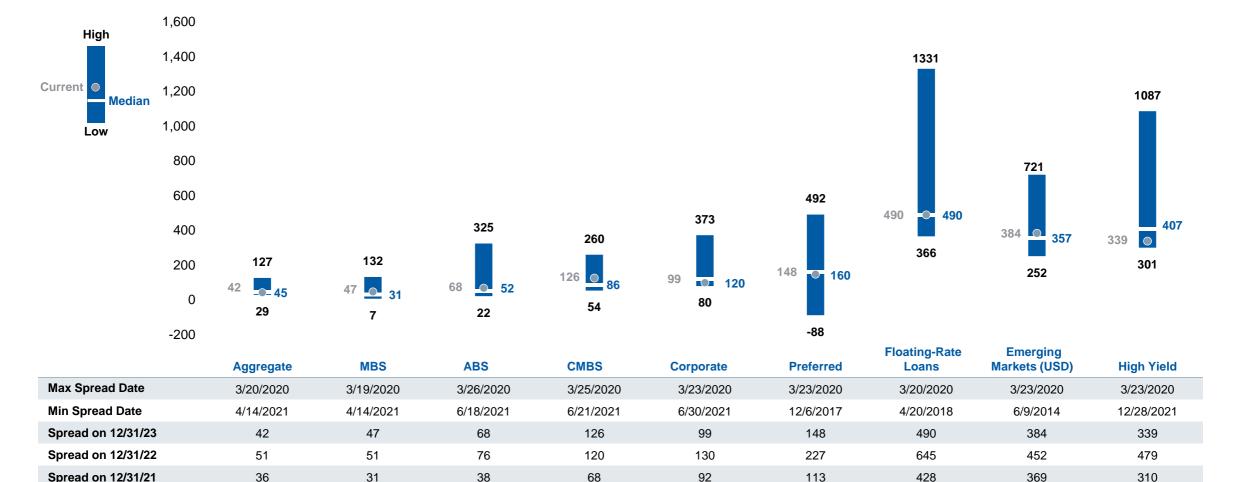
# Characteristics and Performance Analysis

			Avera	ages			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	3.09	91.7	4.53	42	8.5	6.2	3.83	6.82	5.53	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.81
U.S. Treasury	2.54	91.4	4.08	-	7.9	6.2	3.36	5.66	4.05	4.05	-3.82	0.53	1.27
U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities	3.06	89.8	4.68	47	7.4	5.9	4.31	7.48	5.05	5.05	-2.86	0.25	1.38
U.S. Asset Backed Securities	4.25	98.7	4.96	68	3.7	2.7	1.91	3.48	5.54	5.54	0.22	1.92	1.81
U.S. Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	3.14	91.3	5.27	126	5.0	4.4	3.03	5.25	5.42	5.42	-2.45	1.68	2.06
U.S. Corp. Investment Grade	4.04	93.6	5.06	99	10.8	7.1	4.34	8.50	8.52	8.52	-3.29	2.63	2.95
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.52	103.5	3.22	-	13.3	6.0	2.32	7.89	6.40	6.40	-0.40	2.25	3.03
Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index	4.31	94.1	4.86	-	14.5	8.1	4.96	7.89	8.84	8.84	-3.47	2.01	3.95
ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index	0.89	93.1	2.03	-	7.4	5.7	2.50	4.50	3.59	3.59	-1.36	3.09	2.47
ICE BofA Preferred Index (Fixed Rate)	5.17	90.0	6.33	148	-	5.1	2.77	6.62	10.21	10.21	-1.28	3.91	4.99
U.S. High Yield													
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	6.08	92.9	7.69	339	4.9	3.3	3.69	7.06	13.46	13.46	2.00	5.21	4.51
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	L+3.69	96.2	10.13	490	4.2	_	1.65	2.87	13.32	13.32	5.76	5.80	4.42
Emerging Markets													
J.P. Morgan EM Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.28	85.6	7.84	384	-	6.8	4.73	9.16	11.09	11.09	-3.56	1.67	3.22
J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	4.83	91.9	6.81	281	-	4.3	3.07	5.52	9.08	9.08	-1.15	3.19	3.77
J.P. Morgan Govt. Bond Index-EM (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.37	-	6.19	-	-	5.0	3.21	8.07	12.70	12.70	-3.16	1.14	0.09
Global Developed Markets													
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-U.S. Index	2.12	96.3	2.64	39	8.7	7.2	4.46	9.21	5.72	5.72	-7.21	-1.56	-0.79
FTSE World Government Bond Index	2.21	-	3.58	-	-	7.2	4.20	8.08	5.19	5.19	-7.18	-1.39	-0.31
ICE BofA U.K. Gilts Index	2.40	87.3	3.77	-	13.2	9.5	6.52	13.46	9.85	9.85	-11.81	-2.98	-1.46
ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index	1.96	94.8	2.68	54	9.0	7.4	4.97	11.85	10.43	10.43	-8.72	-1.57	-0.81
ICE BofA Developed Mkts HY Ex-Sub Fincl Index (USD Hedged)	5.68	92.6	7.37	375	4.0	3.8	3.49	6.79	13.77	13.77	2.24	5.22	4.63

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# Spread Analysis (bps)



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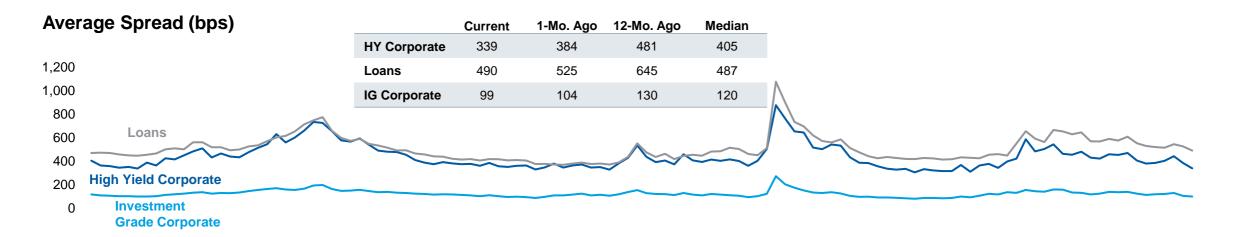
# Corporate Bond Market Update

	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	4.04	93.6	5.06	99	10.8	7.1	4.34	8.50	8.52	8.52	-3.29	2.63	2.95
AAA Index	3.14	86.6	4.45	37	18.0	10.6	5.00	9.76	6.95	6.95	-5.91	1.43	2.61
AA Index	3.41	90.8	4.58	48	13.0	8.2	4.23	8.29	7.02	7.02	-4.45	1.00	1.98
A Index	3.89	93.9	4.91	85	10.6	7.1	4.22	8.21	7.74	7.74	-3.57	2.24	2.68
BBB Index	4.31	93.9	5.28	121	10.5	6.9	4.44	8.78	9.51	9.51	-2.78	3.26	3.36
U.S. High Yield													
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index	6.08	92.9	7.69	339	4.9	3.3	3.69	7.06	13.46	13.46	2.00	5.21	4.51
BB Index	5.42	95.4	6.37	205	5.4	3.7	3.25	7.34	11.44	11.44	1.37	5.54	4.91
B Index	6.43	94.3	7.76	341	4.6	3.0	3.61	6.78	13.96	13.96	2.24	4.85	4.13
CCC Index	7.45	79.7	13.03	902	4.3	2.8	5.83	6.60	20.36	20.36	3.61	4.53	4.10
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	L+3.69	96.2	10.13	490	4.2	-	1.65	2.87	13.32	13.32	5.76	5.80	4.42
BBB Index	L+2.16	100.1	7.51	214	4.6	-	0.77	2.17	8.77	8.77	4.73	4.88	3.72
BB Index	L+2.93	99.6	8.43	309	4.5	-	1.23	2.71	10.18	10.18	5.32	5.17	3.97
B Index	L+3.93	98.0	10.00	471	4.2	-	1.79	3.16	14.82	14.82	6.07	6.18	4.70
CCC Index	L+4.87	80.0	19.76	1443	3.6	-	2.70	2.18	17.54	17.54	5.07	4.59	5.92
D Index	-	36.2	-	-	-	-	1.67	-7.04	-9.74	-9.74	-22.55	-23.64	-16.29

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# Corporate Bond Market Update



### **Annual Default Rate**



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# Municipal Bond Market Update

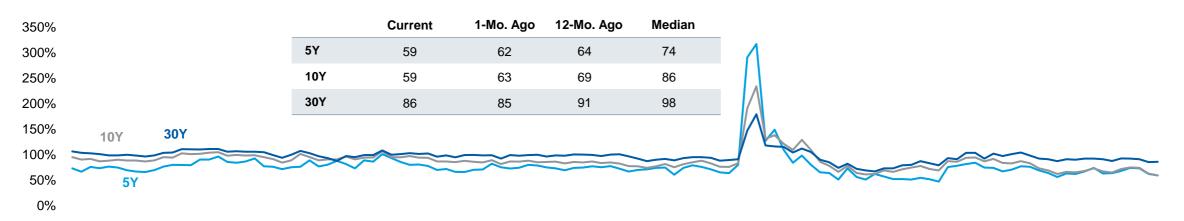
			Averages					Total	Returns	(%)		
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield To Worst (%)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.52	103.5	3.22	13.3	6.0	2.32	7.89	6.40	6.40	-0.40	2.25	3.03
AAA Index	4.44	104.8	2.98	12.7	6.2	2.21	8.35	5.80	5.80	-0.71	1.97	2.41
AA Index	4.56	104.8	3.04	12.9	5.9	2.25	7.62	5.92	5.92	-0.54	2.09	2.78
A Index	4.51	101.2	3.57	13.9	6.0	2.52	7.96	7.34	7.34	-0.06	2.58	3.51
BBB Index	4.42	96.6	4.22	17.0	7.3	2.61	9.19	8.93	8.93	0.31	3.01	4.41
5-Year Index	4.67	106.9	2.72	5.0	3.6	1.53	5.22	4.31	4.31	-0.28	1.75	1.87
10-Year Index	4.55	107.8	2.74	10.0	5.3	2.32	7.47	5.78	5.78	-0.07	2.57	3.22
22+ Year Index	4.47	98.6	4.01	26.5	10.0	3.45	11.61	9.35	9.35	-1.61	2.22	3.95
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index	4.64	65.9	5.57	19.8	7.1	3.00	9.21	9.21	9.21	0.75	3.49	5.00
Hospital	5.27	85.1	6.48	20.5	7.0	3.09	8.29	4.91	4.91	-1.06	1.25	4.13
IDR/PCR	4.21	39.0	5.81	19.8	6.8	3.70	9.20	9.25	9.25	0.72	3.78	6.77
Tobacco	2.33	19.3	6.01	28.9	9.3	5.52	16.92	11.87	11.87	0.35	5.10	8.79
Puerto Rico	3.64	56.2	4.74	19.5	7.5	3.15	11.53	15.80	15.80	1.94	7.04	4.79

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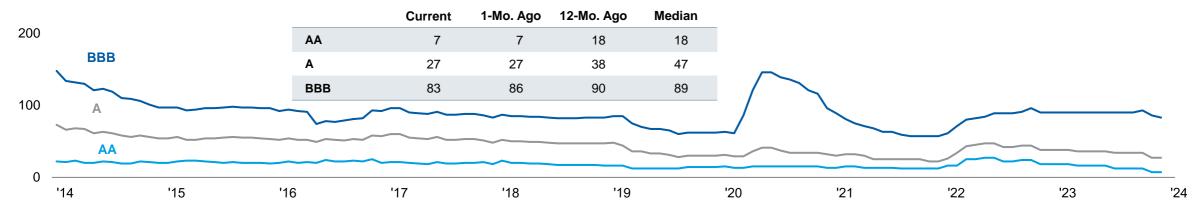
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# Municipal Bond Market Update

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



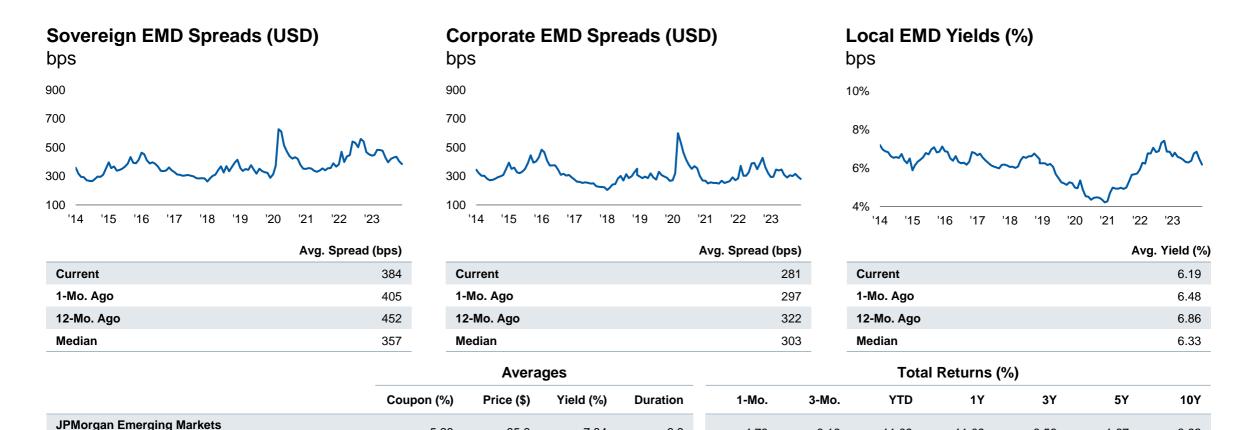
### **Credit Quality Spreads vs. AAA (bps)**



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# **Emerging Markets Bond Market Update**



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JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets

Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified

JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets

**Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified** 

(GBI-EM) Global Diversified

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6.81

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# Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

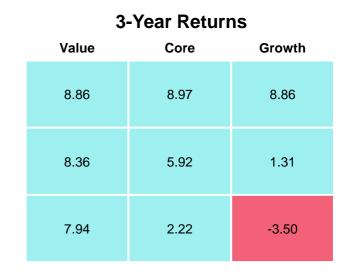
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD 12/23
Higher A	High Yield <b>7.42</b>	Municipal <b>9.05</b>	Municipal <b>3.30</b>	High Yield <b>17.49</b>	EMD (Local Currency) <b>15.21</b>	Municipal 1.28	Investment Grade 14.54	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>10.11</b>	High Yield <b>5.36</b>	Bank Loan -0.60	High Yield 13.46
	Bank Loan <b>5.29</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 13.32
	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -0.60	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 1.52	High Yield -11.22	EMD (Local Currency) <b>12.70</b>
	MBS -1.41	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>5.53</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>1.23</b>	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) 7.13	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>0.91</b>	EMD (Local Currency) -11.69	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>10.45</b>
	Investment Grade -1.53	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) 9.08
	Municipal <b>-2.55</b>	EMD (Corp. Bonds) <b>4.96</b>	Investment Grade -0.68	Investment Grade <b>6.11</b>	Investment Grade 6.42	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 8.52
	Treasury -2.75	High Yield <b>2.50</b>	Bank Loan -0.69	MBS <b>1.67</b>	Municipal <b>5.45</b>	High Yield <b>-2.26</b>	Municipal <b>7.54</b>	Municipal <b>5.21</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) <b>-1.51</b>	Treasury -12.46	Municipal 6.40
	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-3.08</b>	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>
	EMD (Hard Currency) -6.58	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-3.08</b>	Global Agg Ex-U.S. -6.02	Treasury 1.04	MBS <b>2.47</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) -4.61	MBS <b>6.35</b>	Bank Loan 3.12	Global Agg Ex-U.S. <b>-7.05</b>	EMD (Hard Currency) -16.45	MBS <b>5.05</b>
Lower	EMD (Local Currency) -8.98	EMD (Local Currency) -5.72	EMD (Local Currency) -14.92	Municipal <b>0.25</b>	Treasury 2.31	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>

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# Performance: Market Barometer (%)











<b>Global</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
22.20	26.29
International 18.24	Emerging Markets 9.83

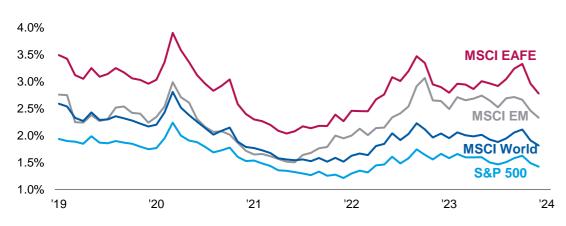
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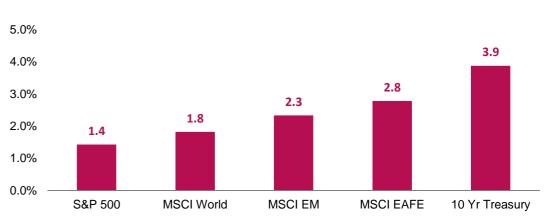
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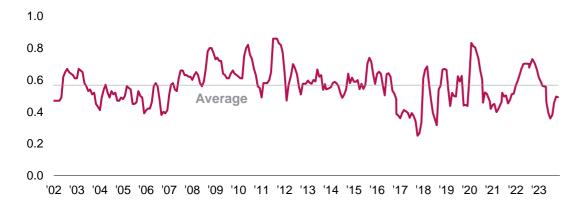
### **Historical Yields**



### **Current Yields**



### Correlation of S&P 500 Stocks



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

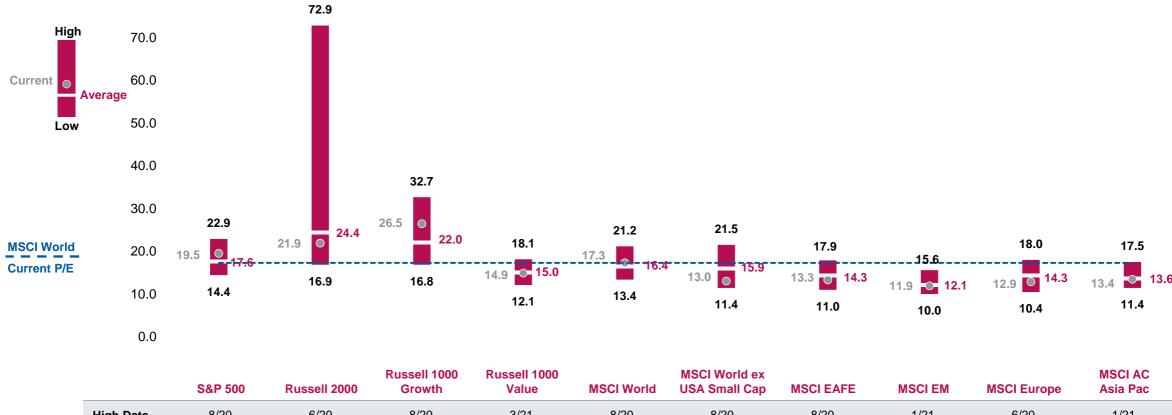


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# Valuation Analysis

### Regions/Styles: Current NTM P/E vs. 10-Year High, Low, Average

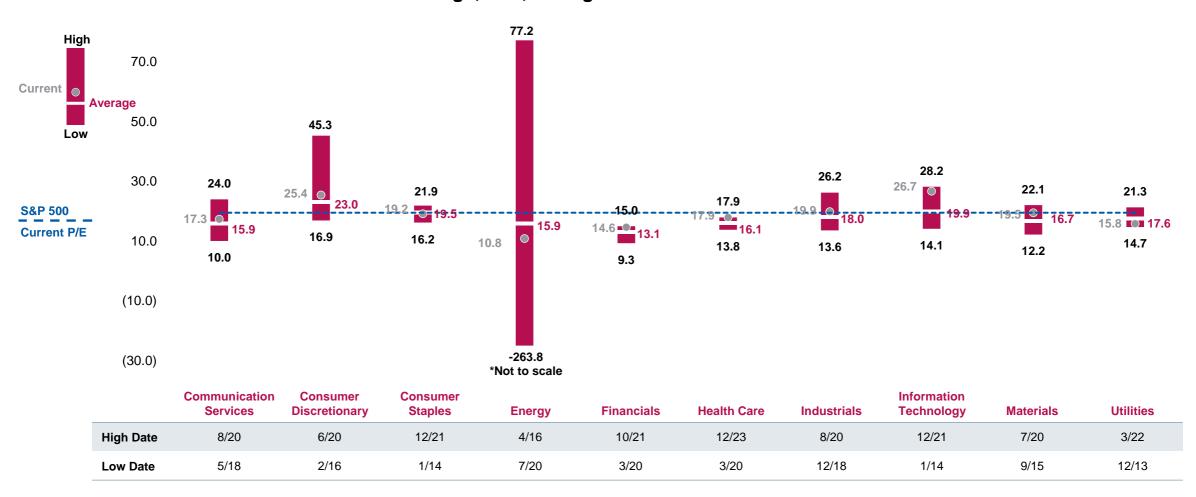


	S&P 500	Russell 2000	Russell 1000 Growth	Russell 1000 Value	MSCI World	MSCI World ex USA Small Cap	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM	MSCI Europe	MSCI AC Asia Pac
High Date	8/20	6/20	8/20	3/21	8/20	8/20	8/20	1/21	6/20	1/21
Low Date	12/18	9/22	2/16	9/22	12/18	9/22	9/22	1/14	9/22	12/18

Source: FactSet as of 12/31/23. NTM P/E is market price per share divided by expected earnings per share over the next twelve months. Data provided is for informational use only. See end of report for important additional information. Forecasts/estimates are based on current market conditions, subject to change, and may not necessarily come to pass.

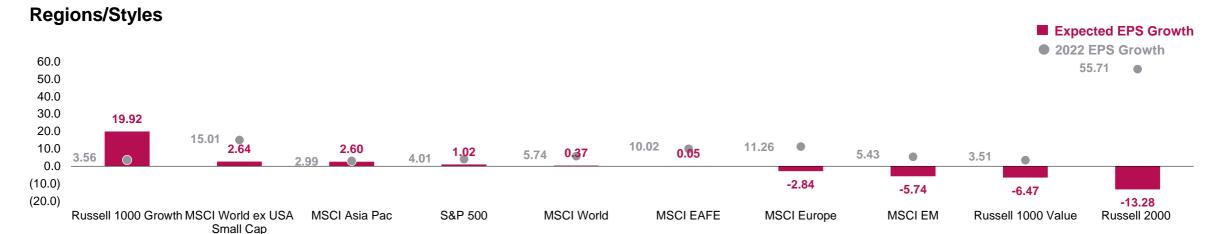
# Valuation Analysis

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

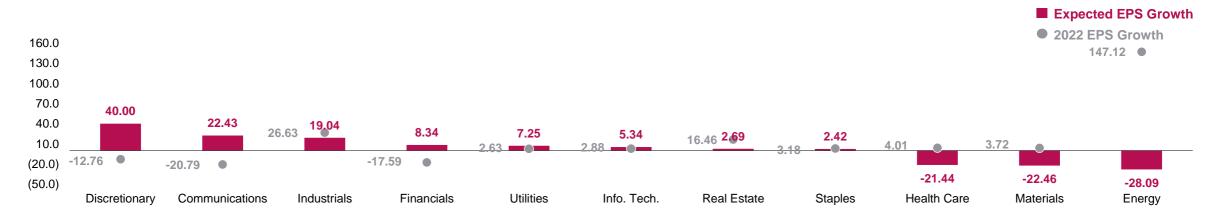


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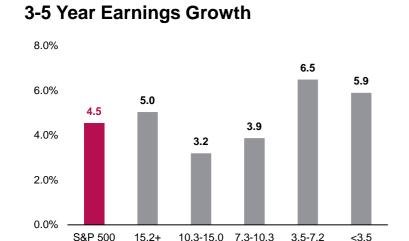


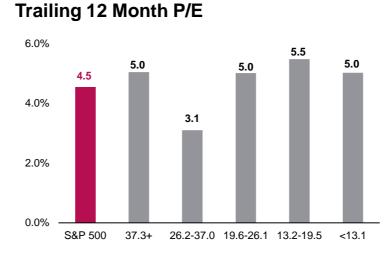
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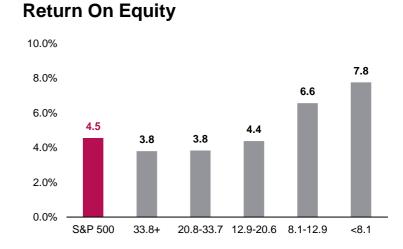


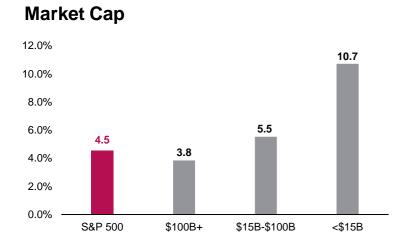
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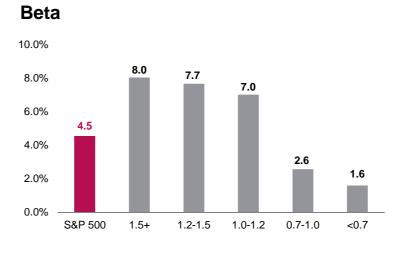
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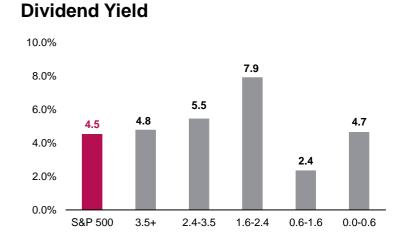












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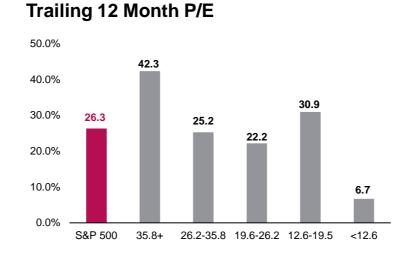
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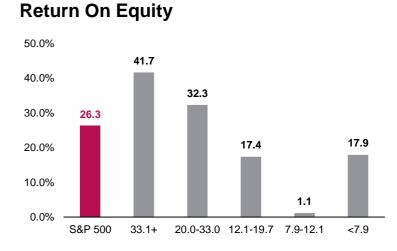
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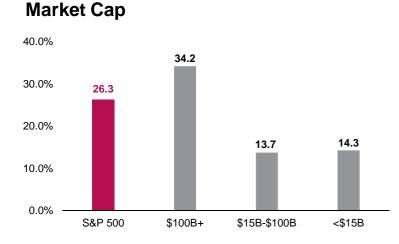
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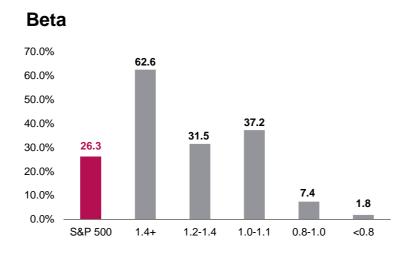
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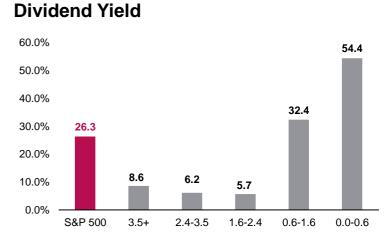
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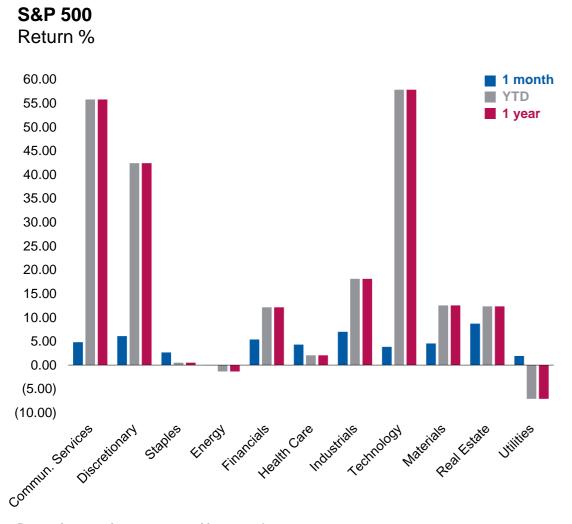


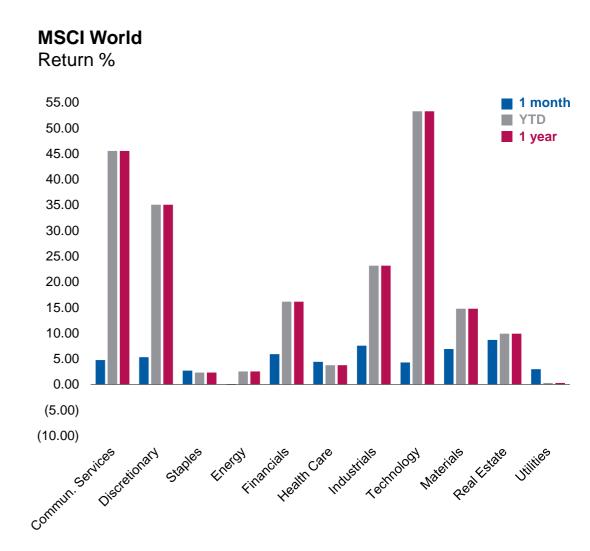


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# Index Sectors: Return Analysis



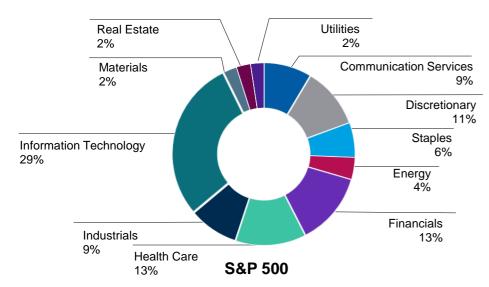


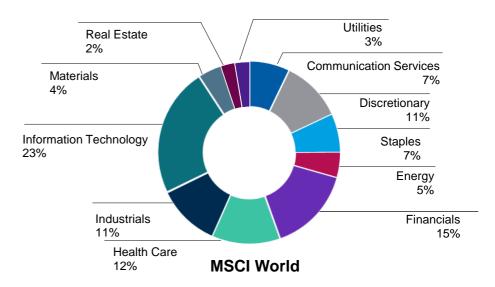
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# **Current Characteristics and Sector Weights**

	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	1966	443	849	1480	2386	783	1441	425	1538
Maximum Market Cap	\$2,994.37B	\$15.79B	\$2,994.37B	\$776.89B	\$3,010.06B	\$7.59B	\$337.59B	\$476.01B	\$337.59B	\$476.01B
Minimum Market Cap	\$5.82B	\$0.02B	\$0.67B	\$0.27B	\$1.34B	\$0.09B	\$1.34B	\$0.04B	\$1.93B	\$0.04B
Dividend Yield	1.43	1.35	0.68	2.24	1.82	2.70	2.78	2.33	2.86	2.30
NTM PE	19.51	21.91	26.46	14.92	17.29	13.02	13.29	11.92	12.86	13.45
Price to Book	4.39	2.07	12.07	2.39	3.16	1.42	1.88	1.75	2.08	1.67
Price to Cash Flow	15.17	11.65	23.28	10.68	13.86	10.41	11.60	7.56	10.79	10.16
Price to Sales	2.58	1.23	4.35	1.64	2.07	0.89	1.36	1.34	1.38	1.34
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	12.37	13.16	16.94	7.64	11.74	12.25	9.79	13.39	10.87	11.11
5Yr. Div Growth Rate	4.44	6.25	5.35	1.12	2.64	4.88	0.54	2.71	-0.26	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	4.54	11.69	26.29	26.29	10.00	15.69	12.03	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49
	Russell 1000 Defensive	2.87	10.12	20.23	20.23	8.44	13.65	11.37	20.23	-16.43	26.93	13.93	30.47
	Russell 1000 Dynamic	7.10	13.88	33.34	33.34	9.34	17.18	12.06	33.34	-21.94	25.57	27.69	32.35
U.S.	Russell 2500	10.72	13.35	17.42	17.42	4.24	11.67	8.36	17.42	-18.37	18.18	19.99	27.77
Equities	Russell 1000 Growth	4.43	14.16	42.68	42.68	8.86	19.50	14.86	42.68	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39
	Russell 1000 Value	5.54	9.50	11.46	11.46	8.86	10.91	8.40	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.80	26.54
	Russell Mid Cap	7.73	12.82	17.23	17.23	5.92	12.68	9.42	17.23	-17.32	22.58	17.10	30.54
	Russell 2000	12.22	14.03	16.93	16.93	2.22	9.97	7.16	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52
	CBOE S&P 500 Buywrite BXM	1.95	4.19	11.82	11.82	6.09	6.08	5.58	11.82	-11.37	20.47	-2.75	15.68
	MSCI World	4.91	11.42	23.79	23.79	7.27	12.80	8.60	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67
	MSCI EAFE	5.31	10.42	18.24	18.24	4.02	8.16	4.28	18.24	-14.45	11.26	7.82	22.01
	MSCI EM	3.91	7.86	9.83	9.83	-5.08	3.69	2.66	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44
Global	MSCI AC Asia Pac	4.55	7.96	11.45	11.45	-3.13	5.37	4.28	11.45	-17.22	-1.46	19.71	19.36
Equities	MSCI ACWI	4.80	11.03	22.20	22.20	5.75	11.72	7.93	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	26.60
_9000	MSCI Europe	5.00	11.05	19.89	19.89	5.80	9.09	4.13	19.89	-15.06	16.30	5.38	23.77
	MSCI World Small Cap	9.62	12.47	15.76	15.76	2.87	9.76	6.78	15.76	-18.76	15.75	15.96	26.19
	MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap	7.15	10.60	12.62	12.62	-0.20	7.05	4.63	12.62	-20.59	11.14	12.78	25.41
	FTSE 100	4.58	6.85	14.38	14.38	7.67	6.81	2.60	14.38	-7.01	17.36	-8.73	22.03
	FTSE All Small	7.78	11.02	12.57	12.57	1.90	7.52	4.19	12.57	-23.06	22.15	10.77	22.63
	STOXX Europe 600	5.13	11.34	19.87	19.87	5.28	9.20	4.27	19.87	-16.14	16.09	6.83	24.53
	Nikkei 225 Average	4.92	11.34	22.05	22.05	-2.16	7.10	5.97	22.05	-19.49	-4.69	23.99	21.35
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	S&P 500 Comm. Services	4.80	10.95	55.80	55.80	4.42	13.31	7.81	55.80	-39.89	21.57	23.61	32.69
Sectors	S&P 500 Cons Disc	6.10	12.42	42.41	42.41	3.72	13.73	11.69	42.41	-37.03	24.43	33.30	27.94
	S&P 500 Cons Staples	2.67	5.54	0.52	0.52	5.82	10.86	8.54	0.52	-0.62	18.63	10.75	27.61
	S&P 500 Energy	-0.02	-6.94	-1.33	-1.33	36.24	13.40	3.48	-1.33	65.72	54.64	-33.68	11.81
	S&P 500 Financials	5.40	14.03	12.15	12.15	10.65	11.97	10.05	12.15	-10.53	35.04	-1.69	32.13
	S&P 500 Health Care	4.30	6.41	2.06	2.06	8.07	11.59	11.35	2.06	-1.95	26.13	13.45	20.82
	S&P 500 Industrials	7.01	13.05	18.13	18.13	10.59	14.21	10.00	18.13	-5.48	21.12	11.06	29.37
	S&P 500 Info Tech	3.83	17.17	57.84	57.84	15.10	26.95	20.79	57.84	-28.19	34.53	43.89	50.29
	S&P 500 Materials	4.56	9.69	12.55	12.55	7.92	13.58	8.60	12.55	-12.27	27.28	20.73	24.58
	S&P 500 Real Estate	8.70	18.83	12.36	12.36	6.66	8.90	8.87	12.36	-26.13	46.19	-2.17	29.01
	S&P 500 Utilities	1.92	8.56	-7.08	-7.08	3.56	7.11	8.91	-7.08	1.57	17.67	0.48	26.35

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# Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

Higher	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD 12/23
A	Small-Cap 38.82	S&P 500 <b>13.69</b>	Growth 5.67	Small-Cap <b>21.31</b>	Emerging Markets <b>37.28</b>	Growth -1.51	Growth <b>36.39</b>	Growth <b>38.49</b>	S&P 500 <b>28.71</b>	Value <b>-7.54</b>	Growth 42.68
	Mid-Cap <b>34.76</b>	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>
	Growth 33.48	Mid-Cap <b>13.22</b>	S&P 500 <b>1.38</b>	Mid-Cap <b>13.80</b>	Growth <b>30.21</b>	Value <b>-8.27</b>	Mid-Cap <b>30.54</b>	S&P 500 <b>18.40</b>	Value <b>25.16</b>	Mid-Cap <b>-17.32</b>	Global <b>22.20</b>
	Value <b>32.53</b>	Growth <b>13.05</b>	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 <b>18.31</b>	Mid-Cap <b>22.58</b>	S&P 500 -18.11	International 18.24
	S&P 500 <b>32.39</b>	Small-Cap <b>4.89</b>	Global <b>-2.36</b>	Emerging Markets <b>11.19</b>	Global <b>23.97</b>	Global <b>-9.42</b>	Value <b>26.54</b>	Mid-Cap <b>17.10</b>	Global <b>18.54</b>	Global <b>-18.36</b>	Mid-Cap <b>17.23</b>
	International Small-Cap 25.55	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 -11.01	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>
	Global <b>22.80</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 <b>25.41</b>	International Small-Cap 12.78	International 11.26	Small-Cap -20.44	International Small-Cap 12.62
	International 22.78	International -4.90	Small-Cap -4.41	International Small-Cap <b>4.32</b>	Small-Cap 14.65	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>
Lower	Emerging Markets <b>-2.60</b>	International Small-Cap -5.34	Emerging Markets -14.92	International 1.00	Value <b>13.66</b>	International Small-Cap -18.07	Emerging Markets 18.42	Value <b>2.80</b>	Emerging Markets -2.54	Growth -29.14	Emerging Markets <b>9.83</b>

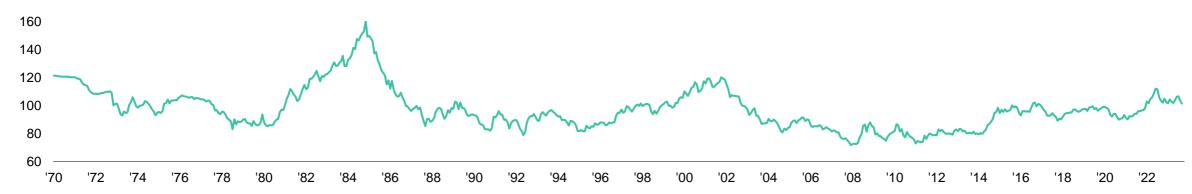
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# Developed Market Currency Performance and Yields

		Spot Ret	urns vs. USI	D (%)			Spot Ret		Local Interest Rates (%)		
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
U.S. Dollar (USD)	-	-	-	-	-	-1.23	-3.39	-3.39	3.47	0.69	4.77
Euro (EUR) *	1.24	3.50	3.50	-3.35	-0.68	-	-	-	-	-	3.15
British Pound (GBP)	0.70	5.98	5.98	-2.30	0.02	-0.54	2.39	2.39	1.09	0.71	4.69
Japanese Yen (JPY)	4.86	-6.41	-6.41	-9.86	-4.89	3.58	-9.58	-9.58	-6.74	-4.24	-0.04
Australian Dollar (AUD)	2.91	0.62	0.62	-4.02	-0.62	1.65	-2.79	-2.79	-0.69	0.06	3.97
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	2.82	2.76	2.76	-1.14	0.71	1.56	-0.72	-0.72	2.29	1.40	4.66
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	2.51	0.11	0.11	-4.19	-1.14	1.25	-3.28	-3.28	-0.87	-0.46	4.96
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	6.14	-3.00	-3.00	-5.53	-3.14	4.83	-6.28	-6.28	-2.26	-2.47	4.24
Swedish Krona (SEK)	3.98	3.39	3.39	-6.60	-2.53	2.70	-0.11	-0.11	-3.36	-1.86	3.44
Danish Krone (DKK)	1.26	3.25	3.25	-3.40	-0.66	0.01	-0.24	-0.24	-0.05	0.02	3.24
Swiss Franc (CHF)	3.31	9.93	9.93	1.65	3.21	2.05	6.21	6.21	5.17	3.92	1.44

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



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# **Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields**

		Spot Ret	urns 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)	0.55	-1.98	-1.98	-2.67	-0.65	-0.69	-5.30	-5.30	0.71	0.04	2.10
Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	1.40	-4.13	-4.13	-4.34	-2.10	0.16	-7.38	-7.38	-1.02	-1.43	2.74
Indian Rupee (INR)	0.22	-0.58	-0.58	-4.24	-3.45	-1.01	-3.95	-3.95	-0.92	-2.79	7.07
Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	0.73	1.11	1.11	-3.01	-1.36	-0.50	-2.32	-2.32	0.36	-0.68	6.07
Philippine Peso (PHP)	0.21	0.64	0.64	-4.64	-1.03	-1.02	-2.77	-2.77	-1.33	-0.35	5.91
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.18	1.68	1.68	0.06	0.66	-0.07	-1.77	-1.77	3.53	1.35	3.75
South Korean Won (KRW)	0.17	-1.82	-1.82	-5.52	-2.83	-1.05	-5.14	-5.14	-2.24	-2.16	3.42
Taiwanese Dollar (TWD)	1.79	0.15	0.15	-2.90	0.03	0.54	-3.24	-3.24	0.47	0.72	1.09
Thai Baht (THB)	3.06	1.47	1.47	-4.25	-0.94	1.80	-1.96	-1.96	-0.93	-0.26	2.30
Latin America											
Brazilian Real (BRL)	1.54	8.69	8.69	2.26	-4.42	0.29	5.01	5.01	5.80	-3.76	11.10
Chilean Peso (CLP)	-0.59	-2.44	-2.44	-6.65	-4.49	-1.81	-5.75	-5.75	-3.41	-3.84	6.23
Colombian Peso (COP)	4.67	25.16	25.16	-4.07	-3.47	3.39	20.93	20.93	-0.74	-2.80	9.99
Mexican Peso (MXN)	2.58	15.07	15.07	5.57	3.07	1.32	11.18	11.18	9.23	3.77	11.11
Peruvian New Sol (PEN)	0.83	3.00	3.00	-0.77	-1.82	-0.40	-0.49	-0.49	2.67	-1.14	5.69

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# **Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields**

		Spot Ref	turns vs. US	SD (%)			Spot Ret	urns vs. E	UR (%)		Local Interest Rates (%
Currency	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
Europe											
Czech Koruna (CZK)	-0.25	1.26	1.26	-1.34	0.15	-1.47	-2.16	-2.16	2.08	0.84	4.38
Hungarian Forint (HUF)	0.94	8.44	8.44	-5.03	-4.10	-0.30	4.77	4.77	-1.73	-3.44	6.45
Polish Zloty (PLN)	1.47	11.55	11.55	-1.78	-0.91	0.23	7.77	7.77	1.62	-0.23	5.11
Romanian Leu (RON)	1.10	2.94	2.94	-4.05	-1.99	-0.14	-0.54	-0.54	-0.73	-1.32	6.19
Russian Ruble (RUB)	0.28	-18.34	-18.34	-6.12	-4.95	-0.95	-21.11	-21.11	-2.87	-4.29	
Turkish New Lira (TRY)	-2.31	-36.62	-36.62	-36.86	-29.02	-3.51	-38.76	-38.76	-34.68	-28.54	35.34
Middle East and Africa											
Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)	0.71	-14.39	-14.39	-21.04	-16.42	-0.52	-17.29	-17.29	-18.31	-15.84	17.90
Israeli Shekel (ILS)	3.42	-2.01	-2.01	-3.75	0.74	2.15	-5.33	-5.33	-0.41	1.44	3.96
Kenyan Shilling (KES)	-2.39	-21.40	-21.40	-11.40	-8.29	-3.59	-24.06	-24.06	-8.33	-7.66	16.28
Moroccan Dirham (MAD)	2.14	5.96	5.96	-3.37	-0.60	0.89	2.38	2.38	-0.02	0.08	3.08
Nigerian Naira (NGN)	-12.03	-48.66	-48.66	-23.95	-16.54	-13.11	-50.40	-50.40	-21.31	-15.96	12.24
South African Rand (ZAR)	3.62	-6.96	-6.96	-7.04	-4.69	2.35	-10.11	-10.11	-3.82	-4.03	9.18
Ugandan Shilling (UGX)	1.06	-1.59	-1.59	-1.13	-0.35	-0.18	-4.92	-4.92	2.29	0.34	13.00
Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)	-7.72	-29.70	-29.70	-6.28	-14.24	-8.85	-32.08	-32.08	-3.03	-13.65	15.45

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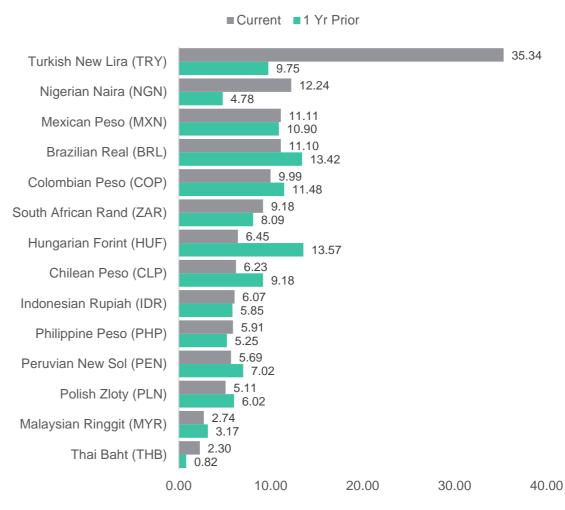
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# Local Sovereign Currency Yields

### **Developed Market Local Interest Rates % (1 Year)**

### ■ Current ■1 Yr Prior 4.96 New Zealand Dollar (NZD) 4.51 4.77 U.S. Dollar (USD) 4.65 4.69 British Pound (GBP) 3.38 4.66 Canadian Dollar (CAD) 4.52 4.24 Norwegian Krone (NOK) 3.09 3.97 Australian Dollar (AUD) 3.22 3.44 Swedish Krona (SEK) 2.83 3.24 Danish Krone (DKK) 2.76 3.15 Euro (EUR) \* 2.75 1.44 Swiss Franc (CHF) 1.14 -0.04 Japanese Yen (JPY) -0.08 -5.00 0.00 5.00 10.00

### **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	-2.69	-4.63	-7.91	-7.91	10.76	7.23
Bloomberg Sub Agriculture	-4.44	-0.30	-4.44	-4.44	11.83	10.63
Coffee	2.38	33.24	25.11	25.11	16.97	10.20
Corn	-1.96	-2.88	-17.60	-17.60	10.85	7.84
Cotton	1.61	-8.80	1.47	1.47	10.44	6.74
Soybean	-4.27	0.28	2.02	2.02	12.48	13.34
Soybean Oil	-7.33	-11.37	-16.91	-16.91	17.45	17.64
Sugar	-20.63	-21.22	19.40	19.40	18.01	13.13
Wheat	-1.37	0.93	-13.01	-13.01	7.48	7.94
Bloomberg Sub Energy	-6.03	-18.15	-21.64	-21.64	17.54	0.78
Brent Crude	-3.99	-13.04	-0.92	-0.92	32.49	16.63
Heating Oil	-6.67	-17.31	-2.90	-2.90	44.15	18.17
Natural Gas	-10.05	-24.61	-65.31	-65.31	-19.08	-28.03
Unleaded Gas	-3.27	-10.11	7.62	7.62	39.48	22.06
WTI Crude Oil	-5.63	-17.48	-1.97	-1.97	25.56	5.58

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Bloomberg Sub Industrial Metals	4.03	0.15	-9.15	-9.15	4.94	7.54
Aluminum	8.36	0.66	-1.15	-1.15	5.27	3.12
Copper	1.47	4.34	4.73	4.73	4.77	8.76
Nickel	-0.29	-11.23	-44.40	-44.40	0.68	9.55
Zinc	7.81	0.92	-6.12	-6.12	2.45	4.74
Bloomberg Sub Precious Metals	-0.45	10.43	9.64	9.64	1.01	8.66
Gold	1.14	11.38	12.82	12.82	2.35	8.88
Platinum	7.43	10.80	-4.33	-4.33	-1.14	4.96
Silver	-5.73	7.15	-0.26	-0.26	-3.53	7.81
Bloomberg Sub Livestock	-2.40	-9.03	-1.92	-1.92	4.60	-3.80
Lean Hogs	-4.49	-8.45	-21.94	-21.94	3.36	-9.38
Live Cattle	-1.52	-9.19	10.50	10.50	4.94	-0.82

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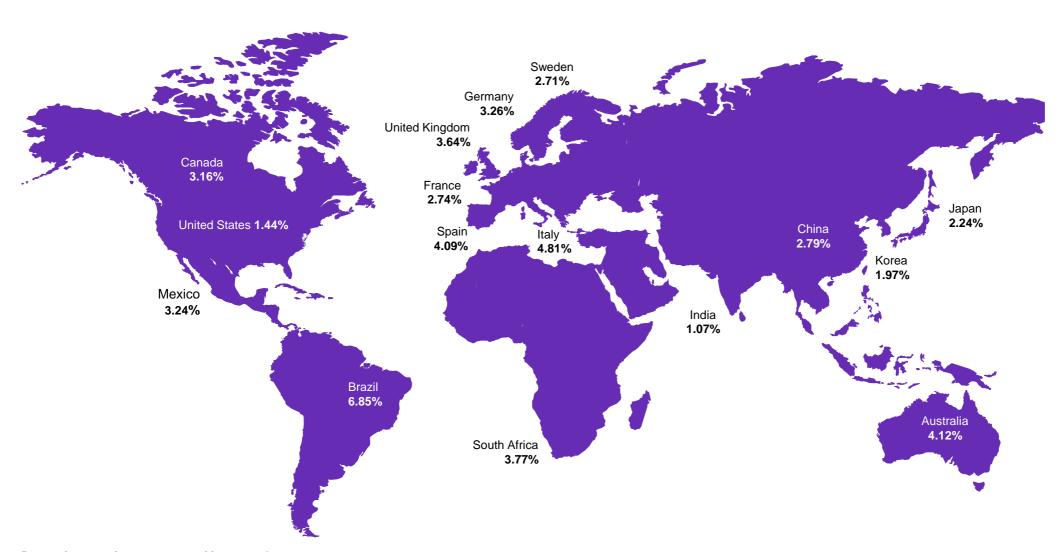
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# Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD 11/23
Higher <b>↑</b>	MLP <b>27.58</b>	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>29.37</b>
	Long/Short Equity 17.74	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 10.01
	Event Driven 15.47	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 -1.05	Managed Futures 9.01	Event Driven 6.95	Event Driven 12.92	Commodity 16.09	Multi-Strategy <b>8.92</b>
	Multi-Strategy 11.23	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	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>6.71</b>
	Equity Market Neutral <b>9.27</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>4.37</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>0.59</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>4.29</b>	Fixed Income Arbitrage <b>6.52</b>	Currency -3.33	Convertible Arbitrage 8.15	Multi-Strategy <b>5.60</b>	Long/Short Equity 8.35	Equity Market Neutral <b>1.71</b>	Currency 6.63
	Convertible Arbitrage 6.03	Global Macro 3.11	Global Macro 0.18	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>	Event Driven 6.60
	Global Macro <b>4.32</b>	Event Driven 1.57	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 6.18
	Fixed Income Arbitrage 3.80	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 6.33	Convertible Arbitrage -3.32	Convertible Arbitrage <b>2.44</b>
	Currency -2.04	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 1.69	Equity Market Neutral <b>6.16</b>	Long/Short Equity -5.77	Managed Futures -2.30
	Managed Futures -2.56	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	Commodity -5.37
Lower	Commodity -9.52	Commodity <b>-17.01</b>	MLP <b>-32.59</b>	Managed Futures -6.84	MLP -6.52	MLP -12.42	Equity Market Neutral 1.58	MLP <b>-28.69</b>	Currency -3.09	Currency -7.14	Global Macro -6.48

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# Equity Yields Around the Globe

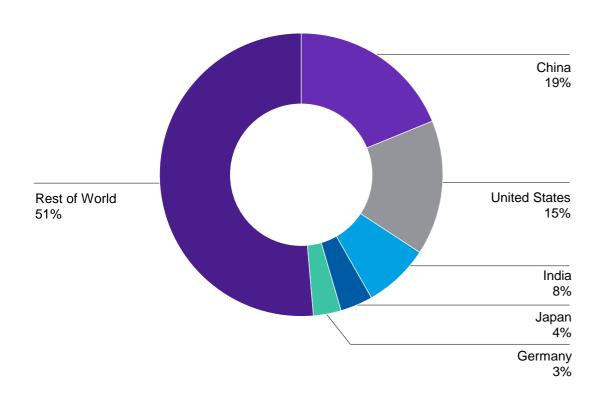


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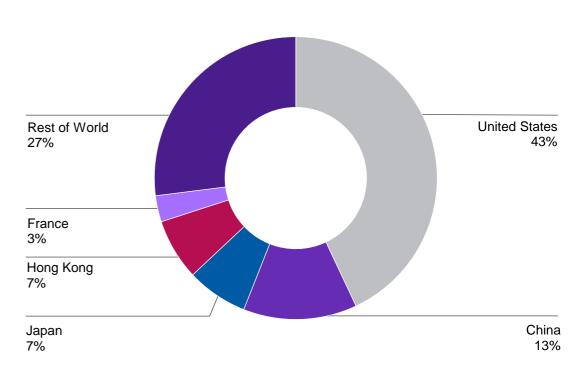
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# U.S. Dominates Global Equity Allocations

### **GDP % of World Total**

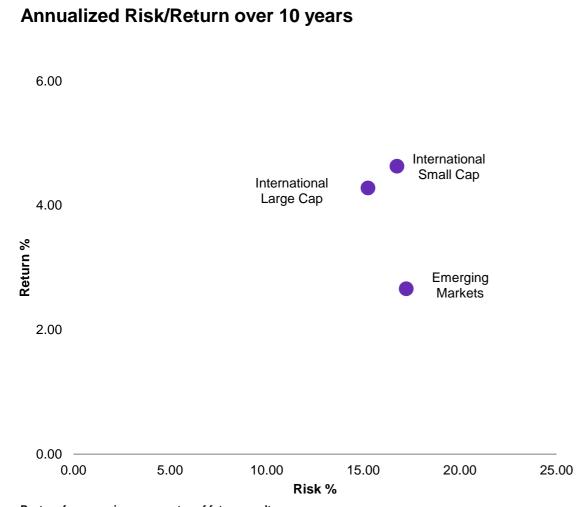


### **Market Capitalization % of World Total**



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# International Small Cap Stocks May Offer Attractive Diversification Benefits

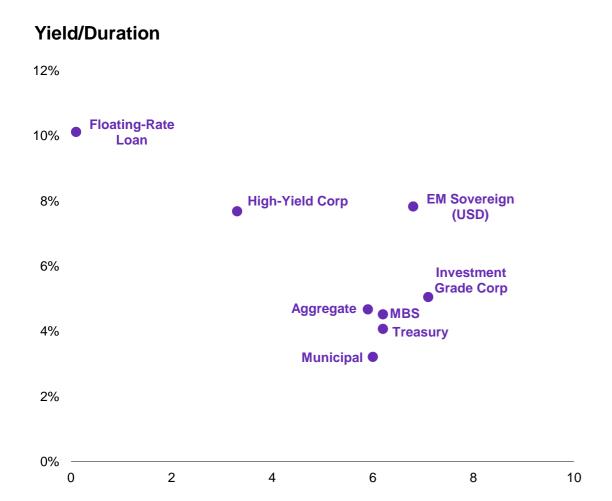


	Annualized Returns (%)	Cumulative Returns (%)	Standard Deviation (%)	Sharpe Ratio
International Small Cap	4.63	57.17	16.74	0.28
International Large Cap	4.28	52.04	15.24	0.26
Emerging Markets	2.66	30.04	17.22	0.16

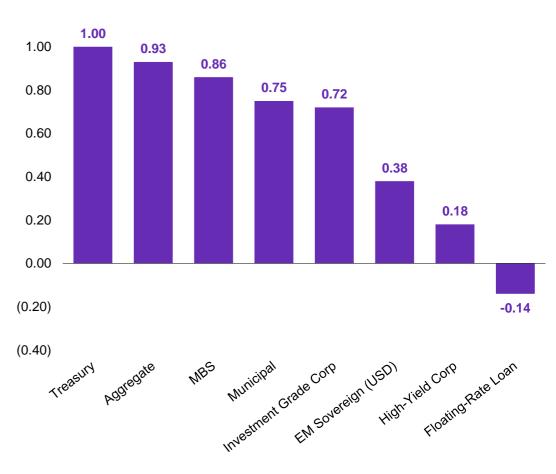
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# Loans and High-yield: Swapping Rate Risk for Credit Exposure



### 10-Year Correlation with U.S. Treasuries

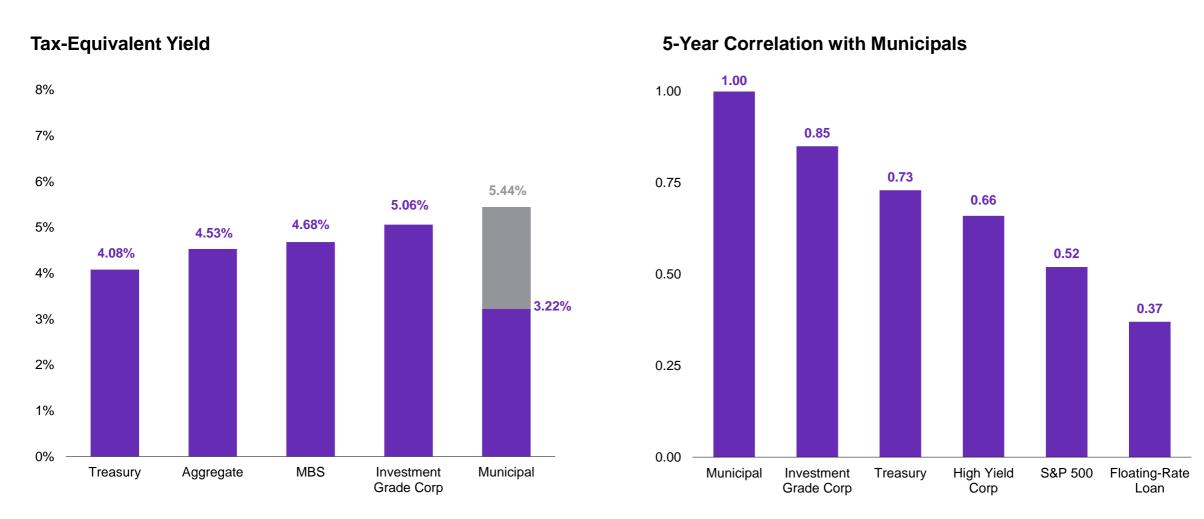


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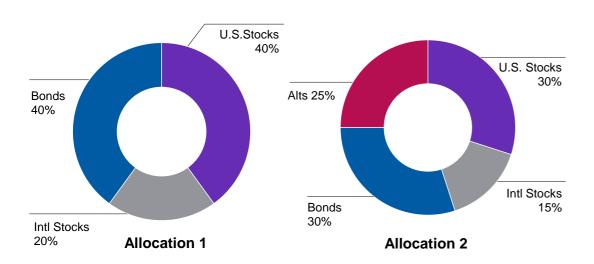


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# Meaningful Allocation to Alts Has Competitive Performance and Reduced Risk

### **Asset Allocation**



20 Years ending 11/30	0/23 Return (%)	Standard Deviation (%)	Maximum Drawdown (%)
Allocation 1	6.53	9.56	-34.06
Allocation 2	6.42	7.79	-27.88

### 20-Year Correlation with U.S. Stocks



### 20-Year Correlation with Bonds



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# Major Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD 12/23
Higher	Small-Cap	S&P 500	Municipal	Small-Cap	Emerging Markets	Municipal	S&P 500	Small-Cap	S&P 500	Commodities	S&P 500
	<b>38.82</b>	<b>13.69</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>21.31</b>	37.28	<b>1.28</b>	<b>31.49</b>	<b>19.96</b>	<b>28.71</b>	16.09	<b>26.29</b>
	S&P 500	Municipal	S&P 500	High Yield	International	Bank Loan	Small-Cap	S&P 500	Commodities	Bank Loan	International
	<b>32.39</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>17.49</b>	25.03	<b>0.44</b>	<b>25.52</b>	<b>18.40</b>	27.11	-0.60	18.24
	International	US Agg	US Agg	S&P 500	S&P 500	US Agg	International	Emerging Markets	Small-Cap	Municipal	Small-Cap
	22.78	<b>5.97</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>11.96</b>	<b>21.83</b>	<b>0.01</b>	22.01	18.31	<b>14.82</b>	-8.53	16.93
	Asset Allocation 13.83	Small-Cap 4.89	Bank Loan <b>-0.69</b>	Commodities 11.77	Small-Cap <b>14.65</b>	High Yield - <b>2.26</b>	Asset Allocation 18.70	Asset Allocation 11.95	Asset Allocation 11.43	High Yield -11.22	Asset Allocation 14.09
	High Yield	Asset Allocation	International	Emerging Markets	Asset Allocation	S&P 500	Emerging Markets	International	International	US Agg	High Yield
	<b>7.42</b>	4.28	-0.81	11.19	14.02	<b>-4.38</b>	18.42	7.82	11.26	-13.01	13.46
	Bank Loan <b>5.29</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 13.32
	US Agg <b>-2.02</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
	Municipal	Emerging Markets	High Yield	US Agg	Bank Loan	Commodities	Bank Loan	Municipal	Municipal	S&P 500	Municipal
	<b>-2.55</b>	-2.19	-4.64	<b>2.65</b>	<b>4.12</b>	-11.25	<b>8.64</b>	5.21	1.52	- <b>18.11</b>	<b>6.40</b>
	Emerging Markets	International	Emerging Markets	International	US Agg	International	Commodities	Bank Loan	US Agg	Emerging Markets	US Agg
	-2.60	-4.90	-14.92	1.00	<b>3.54</b>	-13.79	7.69	<b>3.12</b>	-1.54	-20.09	<b>5.53</b>
↓	Commodities	Commodities	Commodities	Municipal	Commodities	Emerging Markets	Municipal	Commodities	Emerging Markets	Small-Cap	Commodities
Lower	-9.52	-17.01	-24.66	<b>0.25</b>	1.70	-14.57	7.54	-3.12	-2.54	<b>-20.44</b>	-7.91

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# 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	0.87	0.36	0.37	0.80	0.60	0.42
International	0.90	1.00	0.81	0.78	0.38	0.44	0.80	0.61	0.47
Emerging Markets	0.75	0.83	1.00	0.64	0.39	0.41	0.71	0.57	0.50
Small Cap	0.89	0.86	0.76	1.00	0.25	0.29	0.77	0.64	0.41
U.S. Aggregate	0.49	0.52	0.50	0.38	1.00	0.87	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	0.84	0.83	0.74	0.85	0.56	0.66	1.00	0.80	0.52
Bank Loan	0.62	0.63	0.62	0.70	0.21	0.37	0.81	1.00	0.50
Commodities	0.47	0.51	0.52	0.48	-0.04	0.09	0.51	0.51	1.00
	5 Years ended [	December 31, 2023	10 Years ended De	ecember 31, 2023					

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# 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	2,170	2,428	72,431
High Yield Bond	1,984	-3,336	-10,932
Foreign Large Blend	826	2,223	257
Long Government	716	3,343	9,277
Intermediate Government	481	-2,125	7,001
Multisector Bond	479	489	11,869
Long-Term Bond	416	-49	323
TradingLeveraged Equity	302	265	-4
Corporate Bond	224	-734	-1,387
Equity Market Neutral	211	228	-1,019

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Health	-1,965	-4,262	-12,734
Global Allocation	-1,966	-4,216	-13,697
Muni National Short	-2,104	-5,985	-24,928
Mid-Cap Growth	-2,159	-5,348	-21,589
Foreign Large Growth	-2,611	-4,924	-26,791
Moderate Allocation	-2,938	-8,955	-36,321
Short-Term Bond	-4,219	-11,853	-47,727
Large Value	-6,416	-19,298	-61,938
Large Growth	-7,386	-19,030	-89,810
Large Blend	-10,924	-12,917	-54,043

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Large Blend	36,416	76,256	159,003
Large Growth	11,142	21,384	34,590
High Yield Bond	10,975	4,299	-1,837
Large Value	5,644	4,299	517
Intermediate Core Bond	5,575	10,863	47,087
Corporate Bond	4,531	-1,370	7,315
Technology	3,728	3,800	2,806
Foreign Large Blend	3,701	9,489	37,344
Small Blend	3,393	4,389	11,750
Long Government	3,372	10,945	44,888

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Miscellaneous Sector	-330	-688	-1,588
Natural Resources	-363	-681	-2,363
Foreign Large Value	-382	-393	6,810
Utilities	-433	-1,469	-2,437
Commodities Broad Basket	-436	430	-3,845
Consumer Defensive	-975	-3,140	-2,607
Short Government	-1,673	-645	7,720
TradingLeveraged Equity	-1,937	-897	-2,728
Inflation-Protected Bond	-1,946	-4,006	-17,697
Ultrashort Bond	-5,792	15,413	47,251

Source: Morningstar as of 11/30/2023. Flow data is on a one month lag. Data provided is for informational use only. See end of report for important additional information.

# 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 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

**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

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

Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Japan Index is an unmanaged index designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japan market

Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) World Index is an unmanaged index of equity securities in the developed markets

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.

Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World (MSCI AC World) Index is an unmanaged free float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets

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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

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

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