



Board of Retirement Regular Meeting

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Agenda Item 15

MEETING DATE: May 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Education – Global Markets Outlook

SUBMITTED FOR: ___ Consent ___ Deliberation and Action X Receive and File

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the education presentation by J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

PURPOSE

This item supports the 2023 Annual Investment Plan to provide investment education to Board members.

SUMMARY

The objective of this meeting is to provide the Board with a market update and outlook across the economy and a range of market segments. The timing of the presentation is important given the challenging economic environment and recent market volatility, fueled by rising inflation, interest rate hikes, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the recent banking crisis. The presentation by J.P. Morgan will provide context and perspective on what to expect going forward during the remainder of 2023 and beyond, broadly and within specific market segments.

J.P. MORGAN ASSET MANAGEMENT

J.P. Morgan Asset Management is a leading global investment management and research firm that manages \$2.5 trillion in assets across a range of asset classes, including equities, fixed income, real assets, private equity, and hedge funds.

J.P. Morgan Asset Management manages \$162 million in an active U.S. large cap core 130/30 strategy for SCERS, and has been managing this strategy for SCERS since 2008. A 130/30 strategy allocates 130% of the portfolio to long equity positions, and 30% to short equity positions, and is managed with a market beta of 1.0. In the case of J.P. Morgan's strategy, a 100% long only portfolio is combined with a separate 30/30 market neutral strategy to arrive at the 130/30 exposure, with the objective to earn enhanced returns over a long-only equity benchmark.

SCERS' 130/30 strategy is compared against the Russell 1000 Index, and J.P Morgan has successfully managed the strategy. The annualized since inception return for SCERS is 11.6% net of management fees, compared to the benchmark return of 10.5%, as of March 31, 2023.

Presenting for J.P. Morgan is David Lebovitz, Managing Director, who is a Global Market Strategist on the J.P. Morgan Asset Management Global Market Insights Strategy Team. In this role, Mr. Lebovitz is responsible for delivering timely market and economic insights to clients across the country. Since joining the team, Mr. Lebovitz has helped build the Market Insights program in the United Kingdom and Europe, has appeared on both Bloomberg TV and CNBC, and is often quoted in the financial press.

Mr. Lebovitz joined J.P. Morgan in 2010. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Lebovitz was a Research Analyst at Kobren Insight Management. At Kobren, Mr. Lebovitz was responsible for small and mid cap equity research, and worked alongside the CIO and other analysts to construct model portfolios for investors of various risk tolerances.

ATTACHMENTS

- Board Order
- J.P. Morgan Guide to the Markets presentation

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Retirement Board Order

Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

Before the Board of Retirement
May 17, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Education: Global Markets Outlook

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves Staff's recommendation to receive and file the educational presentation related to Global Markets Outlook.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on May 17, 2023 by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES:
(Present but not voting)

Keith DeVore
Board President

Eric Stern
Chief Executive Officer and
Board Secretary



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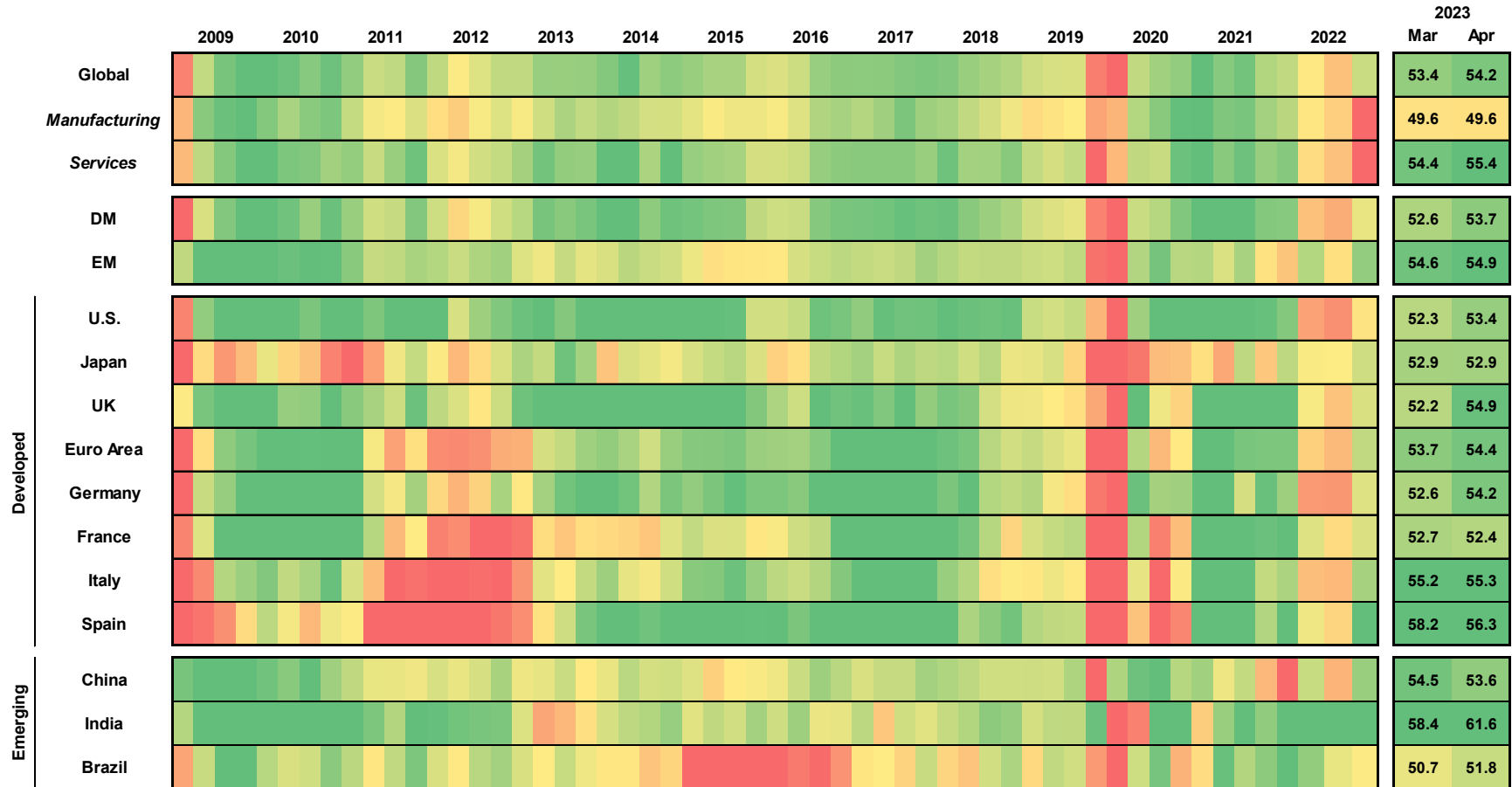
As of May 5, 2023





Global economic activity momentum

Global Composite (manufacturing & services combined) Purchasing Managers' Index, quarterly



International

Developed

Emerging

Source: Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
 The Composite PMI includes both manufacturing and services sub-indices. Heatmap colors are based on PMI relative to the 50 level, which indicates acceleration or deceleration of the sector, for the time period shown. Heatmap is based on quarterly averages, except for the two most recent figures, which are single month readings. Data for the U.S. are back-tested and filled in for 2009. DM and EM represent developed markets and emerging markets, respectively.
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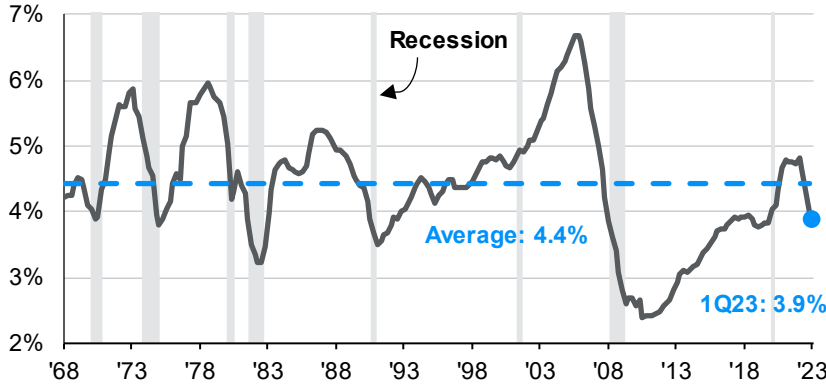


Cyclical sectors

Economy

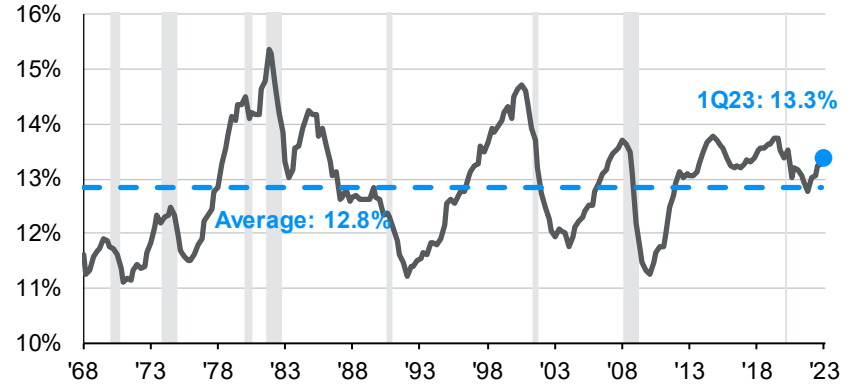
Residential investment as a % of GDP

Quarterly, seasonally adjusted



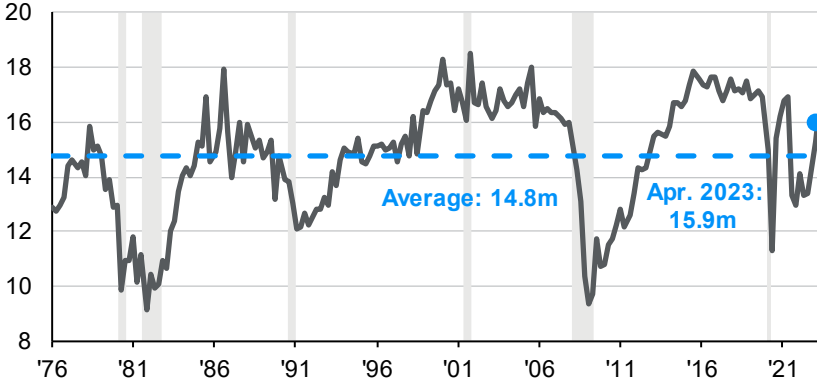
Business fixed investment as a % of GDP

Quarterly, seasonally adjusted



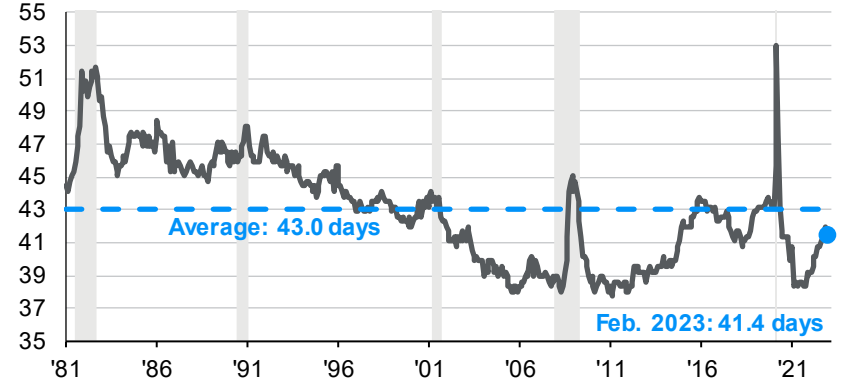
Light vehicle sales

Mil vehicles, seasonally adjusted ann. rate



Total business inventory/sales ratio

Days of sales, monthly, seasonally adjusted



Source: BEA, Census Bureau, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Data for light vehicle sales is quarterly apart from the latest monthly data point. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of May 5, 2023.

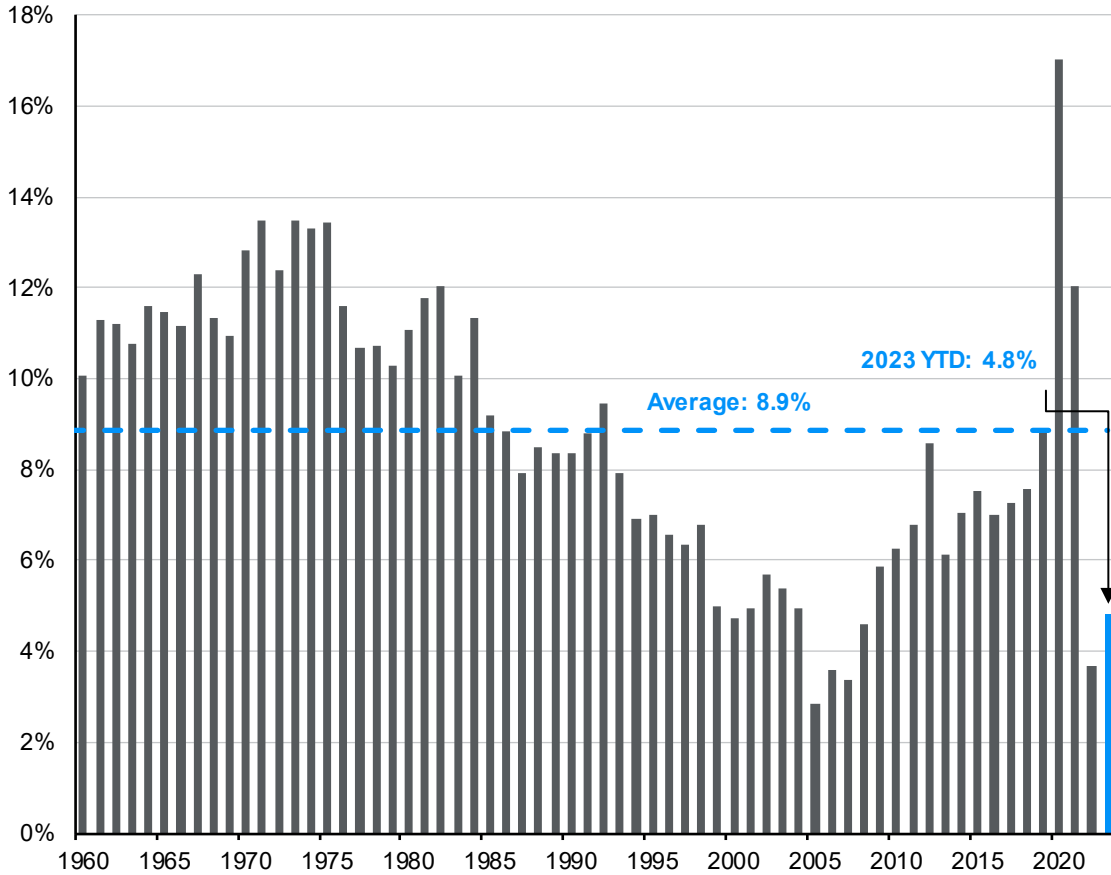


Consumer saving and borrowing

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Personal saving rate

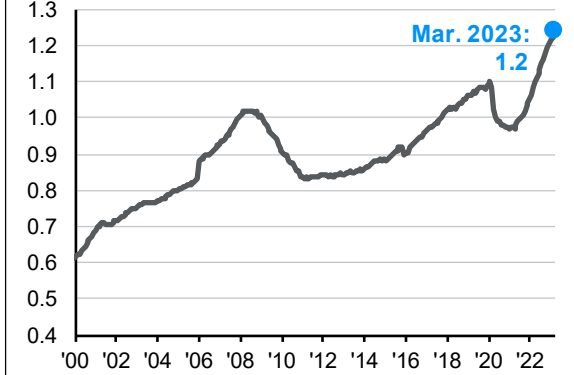
Personal savings as a % of disposable personal income, annual



Source: BEA, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of May 5, 2023.

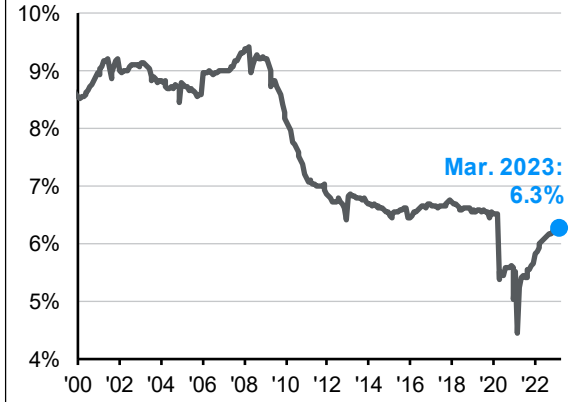
Revolving consumer credit outstanding

USD trillions, SA



Revolving consumer credit outstanding

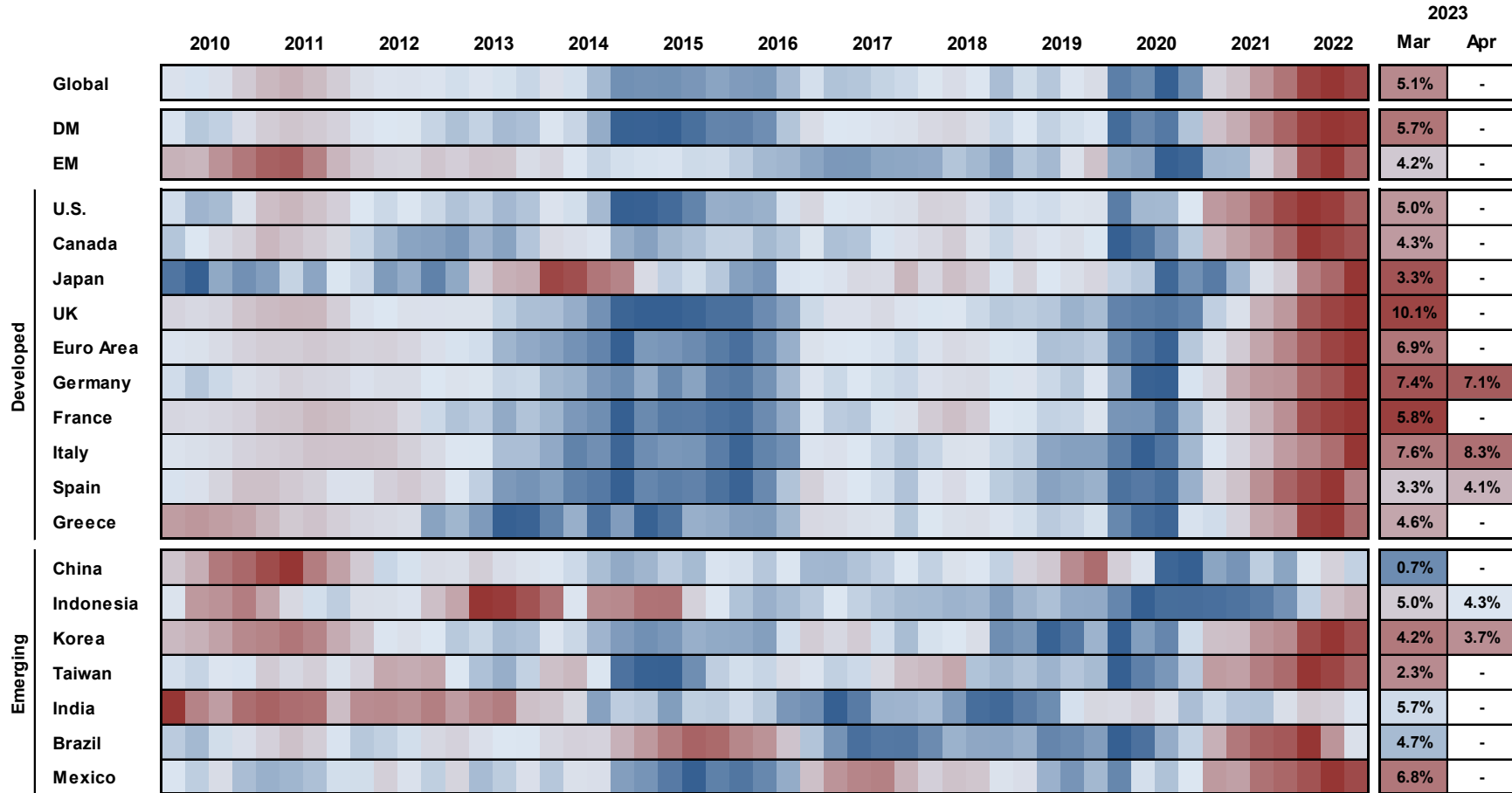
% of disposable income, SAAR





Global inflation

Year-over-year headline inflation by country and region, quarterly



International

Source: Bank of Mexico, DGBAS, Eurostat, FactSet, Federal Reserve, IBGE, India Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Japan Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications, Korean National Statistical Office, Melbourne Institute, National Bureau of Statistics China, Statistics Canada, Statistics Indonesia, UK Office for National Statistics (ONS), J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Heatmap is based on quarterly averages, with the exception of the two most recent figures, which are single month readings. Colors determined by percentiles of inflation values over the time period shown. Deep blue = lowest value, light blue = median, deep red = highest value. DM and EM represent developed markets and emerging markets, respectively. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of May 5, 2023.



Unemployment and wages

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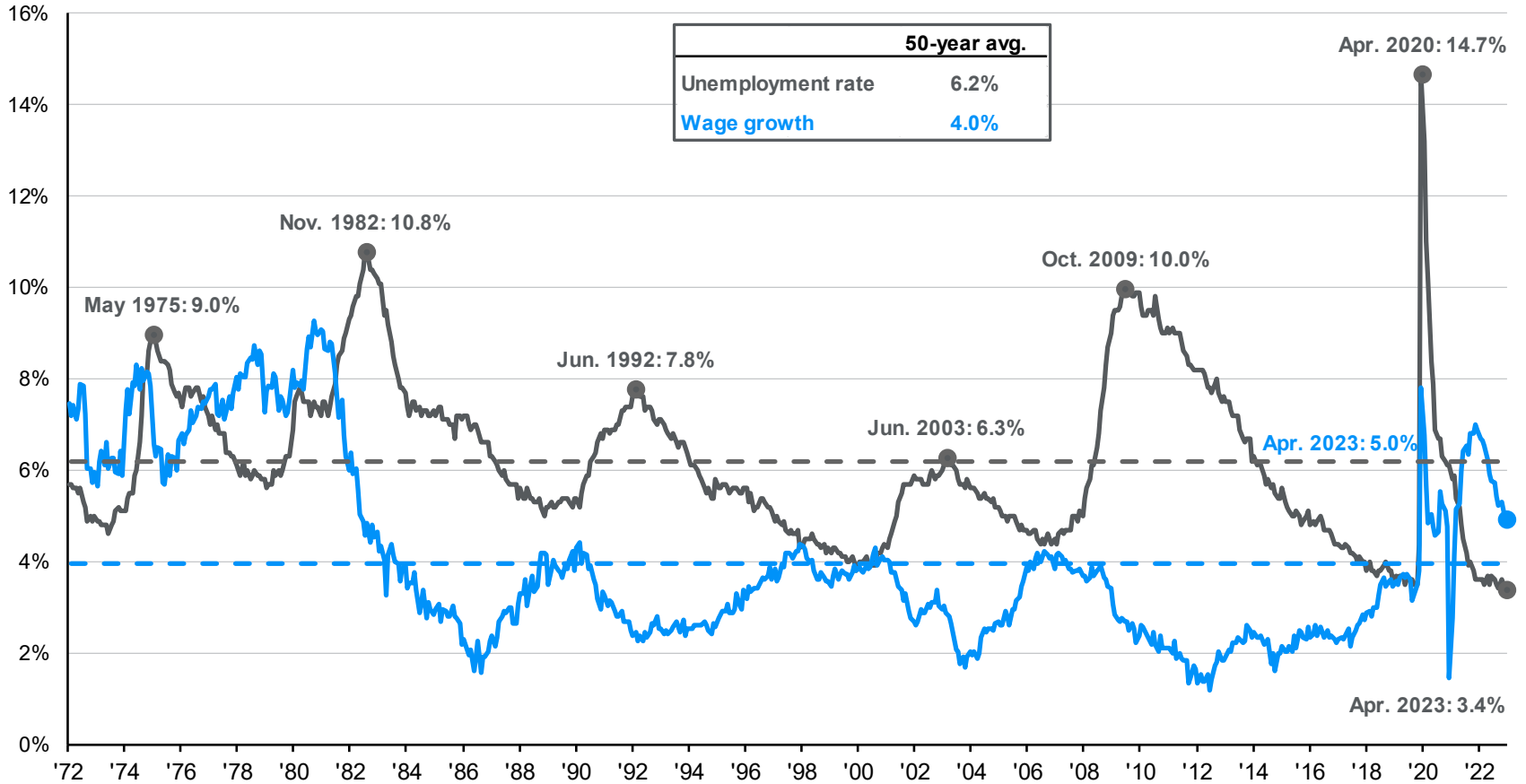
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Civilian unemployment rate and year-over-year wage growth

Private production and non-supervisory workers, seasonally adjusted, percent



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Private production and non-supervisory workers represent 70% of the nonfarm workforce. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of May 5, 2023.

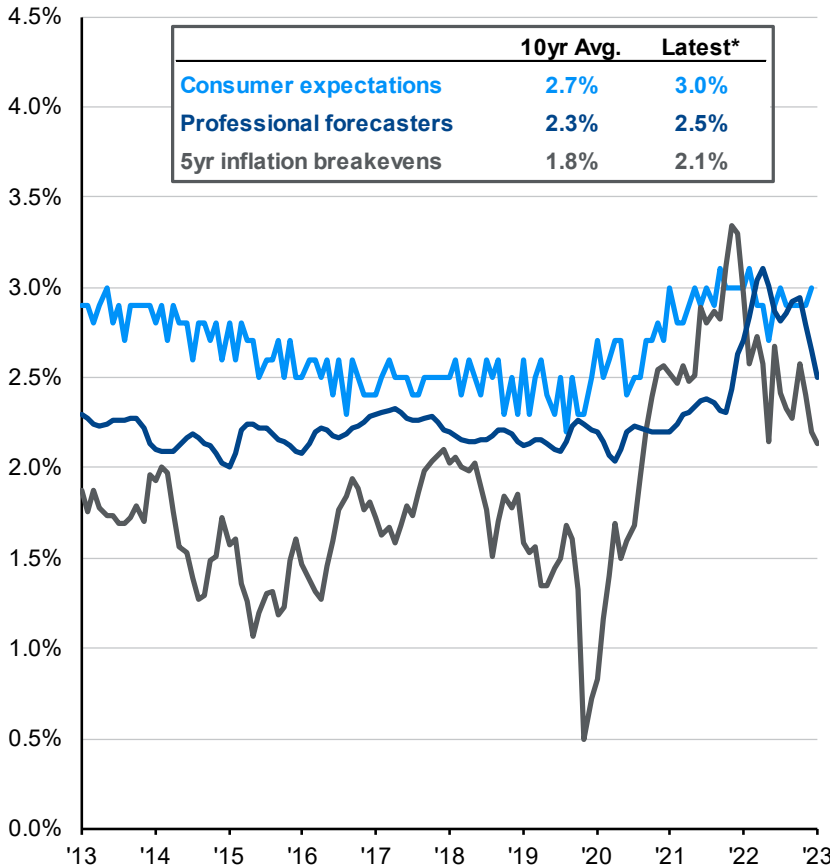


Inflation expectations

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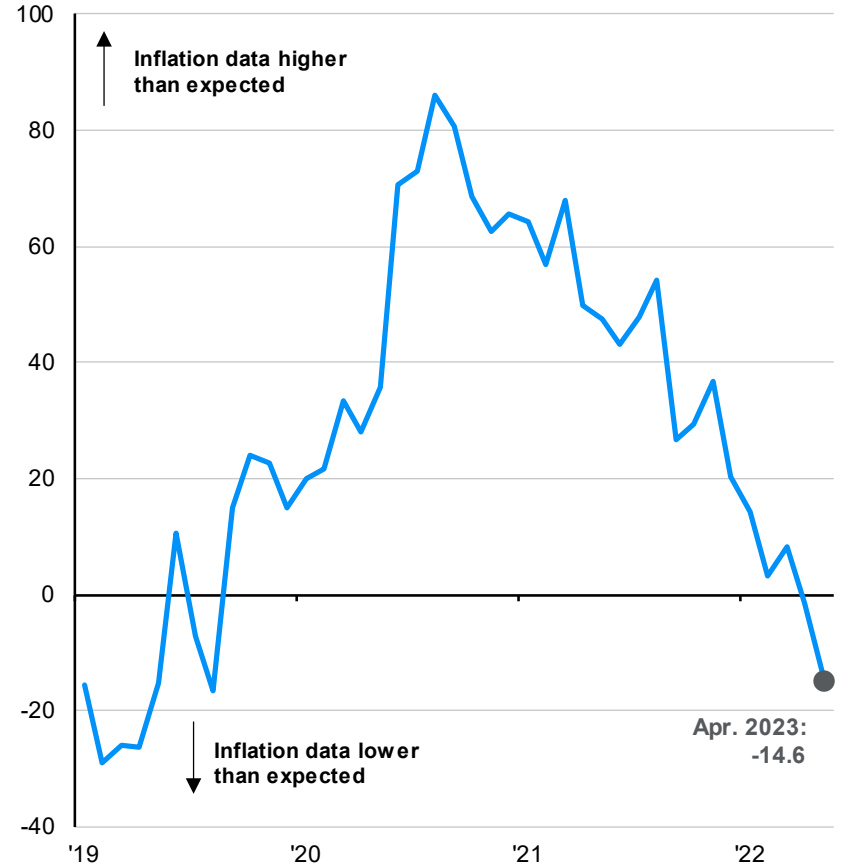
Inflation expectations, next 5 years

% change vs. prior year, non-seasonally adjusted



Citi Inflation Surprise Index

Monthly



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Citi, FactSet, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, University of Michigan, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Reflects the latest daily 5yr/5yr breakevens, preliminary or final Consumer Sentiment survey, and the quarterly Survey of Professional Forecasters interpolated to a monthly series. The Survey of Professional Forecasters reflects the median estimate by professional forecasters of average CPI inflation over the next 5 years. The series has been adjusted by J.P. Morgan Asset Management to exclude realized inflation readings within the forecast window. Citi Inflation Surprise Index: A reading above 0 means that data are on average coming in above consensus expectations.

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The Fed and interest rates

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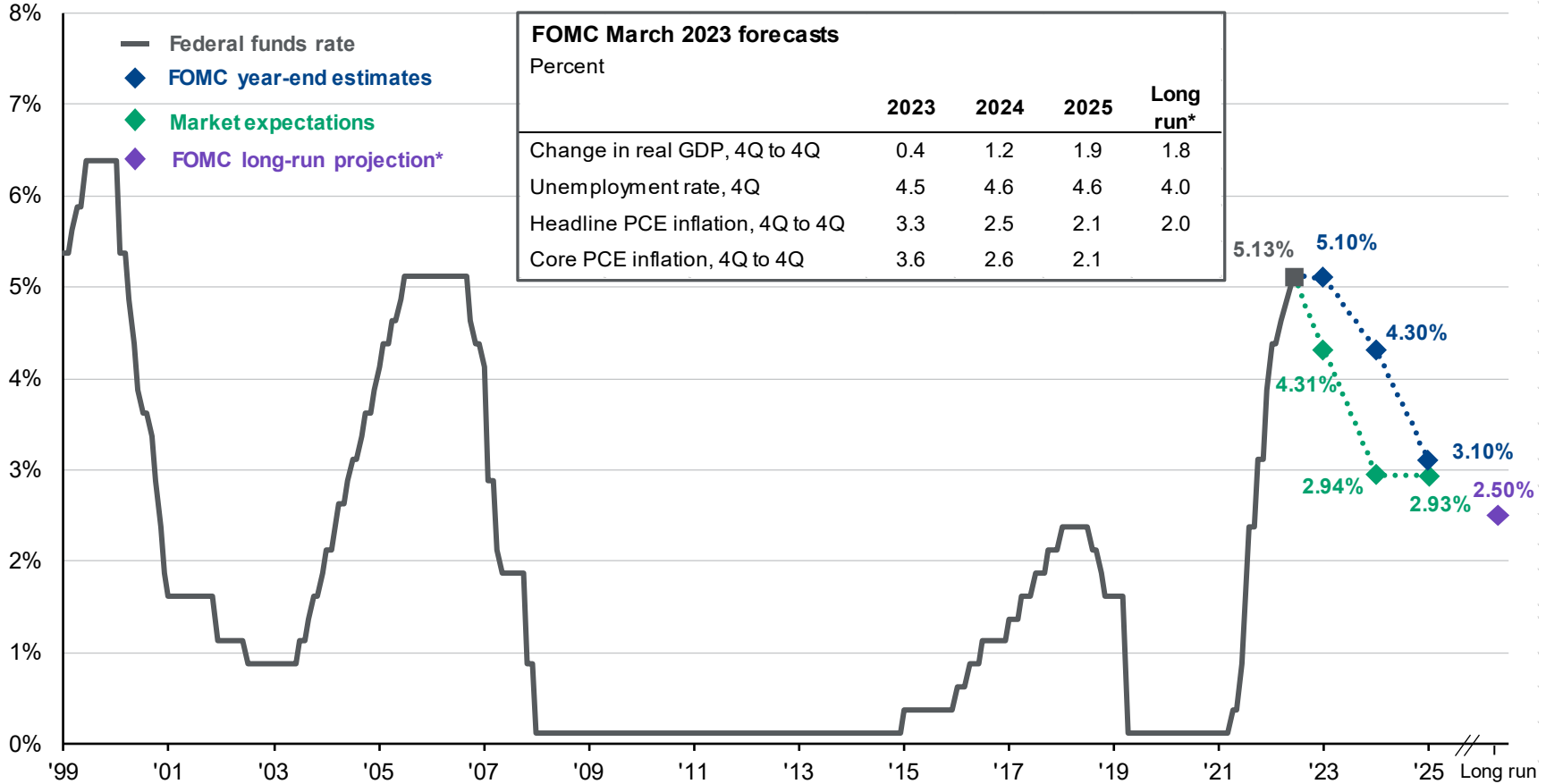
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Fixed Income

Federal funds rate expectations

FOMC and market expectations for the federal funds rate



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Market expectations are based off of the respective Federal Funds Futures contracts for December expiry. *Long-run projections are the rates of growth, unemployment and inflation to which a policymaker expects the economy to converge over the next five to six years in absence of further shocks and under appropriate monetary policy. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

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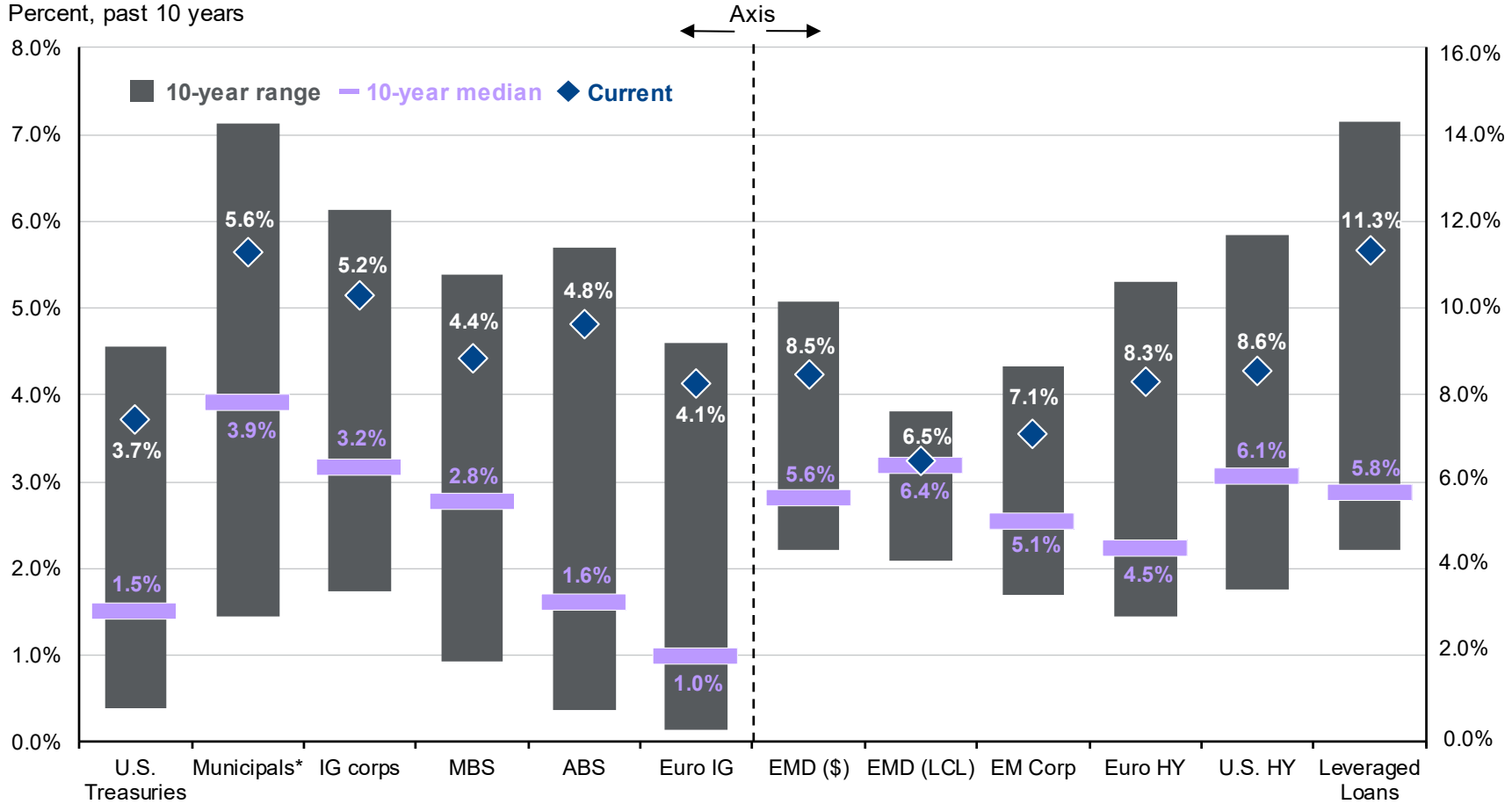
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Fixed income valuations

Yield-to-worst across fixed income sectors

Percent, past 10 years



Fixed Income

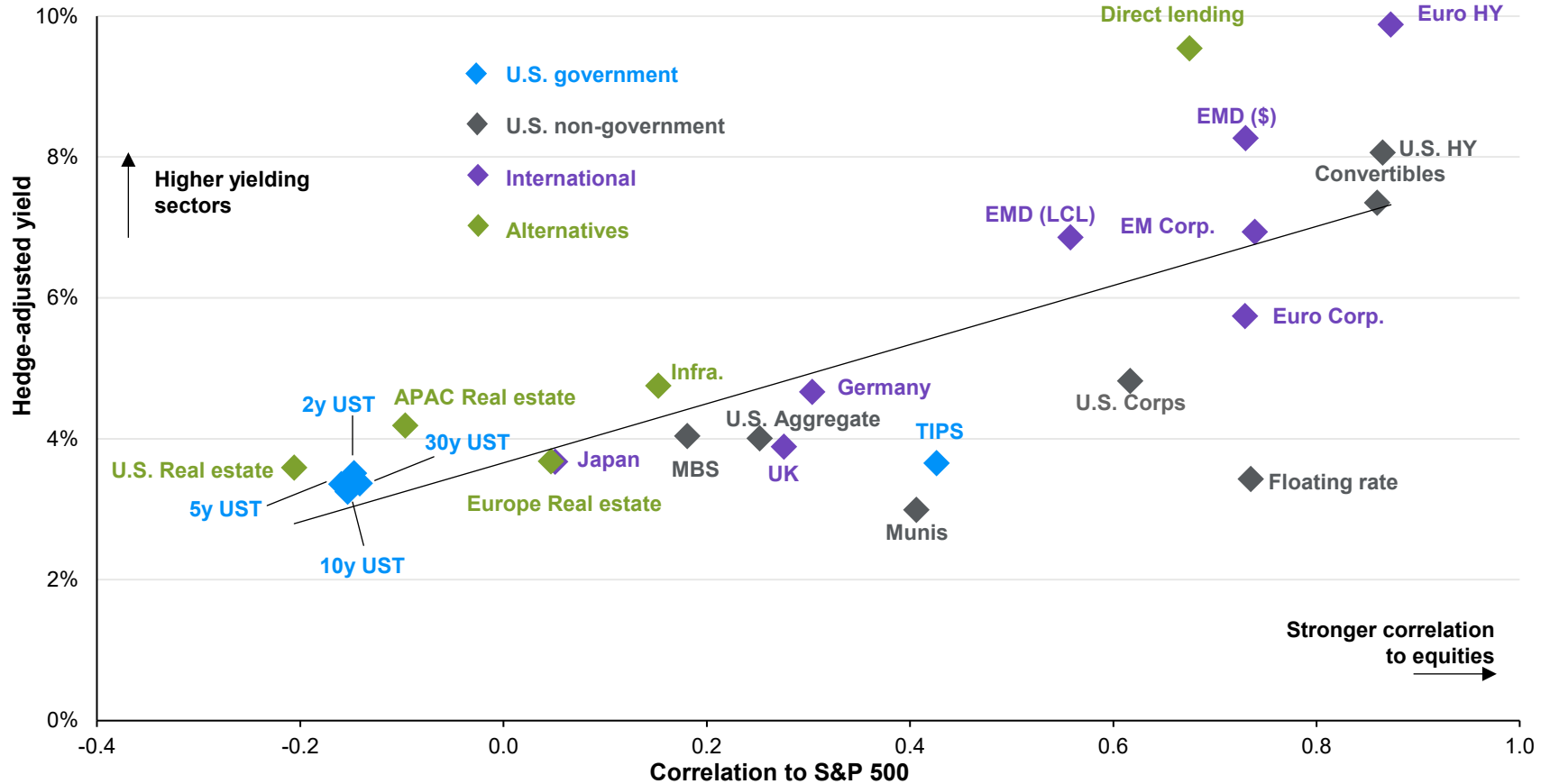
Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Credit Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Indices used are Bloomberg except for emerging market debt and leveraged loans: EMD (USD): J.P. Morgan EMIGLOBAL Diversified Index; EMD (LCL): J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index; EM Corp.: J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified; Leveraged Loans: JPM Leveraged Loan Index; Euro IG: Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index; Euro HY: Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Index. Yield-to-worst is the lowest possible yield that can be received on a bond apart from the company defaulting. All sectors shown are yield-to-worst except for Municipals, which is based on the tax-equivalent yield-to-worst assuming a top-income tax bracket rate of 37% plus a Medicare tax rate of 3.8%.
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Equity market correlations and yields

Equity market correlations and yields

Hedge-adjusted yield, last 12 months, 10-year correlations, quarterly



Alternatives

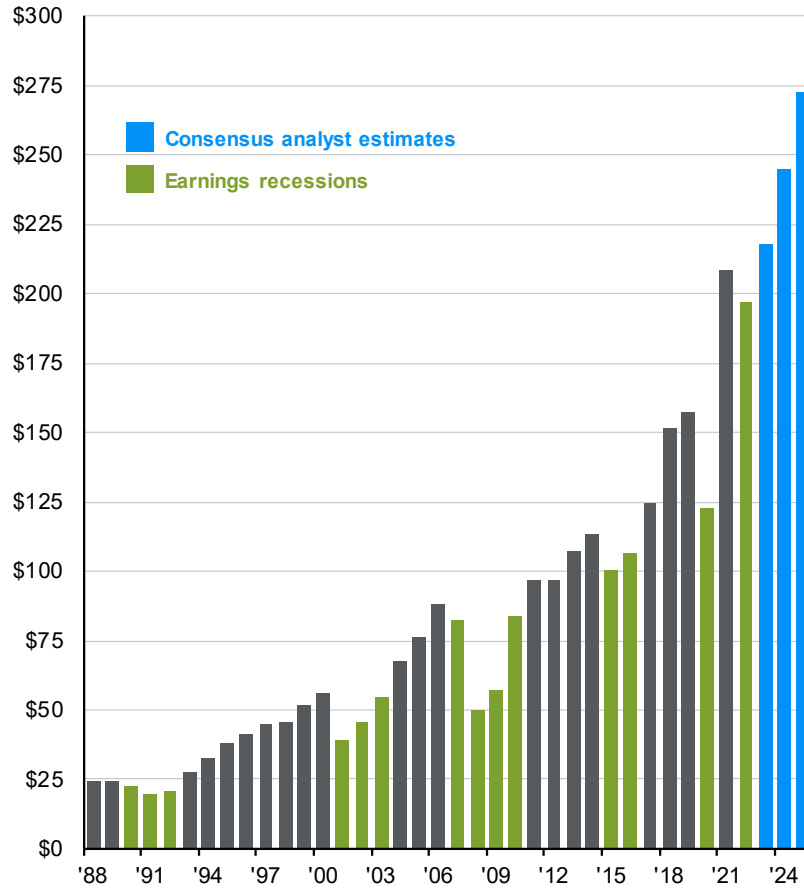
Source: Bloomberg, NCREIF, MSCI, FactSet, ICE, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Fixed income shown above are represented by Bloomberg indices except for EMD. MBS: U.S. Aggregate Securitized - MBS; U.S. corps: U.S. Corporates; Munis: Municipal Bond; U.S. HY: Corporate High Yield; TIPS: Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS); Floating Rate: U.S. Floating Rate; Convertibles: U.S. Convertibles Composite; ABS: J.P. Morgan ABS Index; EMD (\$): J.P. Morgan EMBIG Diversified Index; EMD (LCL): J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified Index; EM Corp.: J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index; Euro Corp.: Euro Aggregate Corporate Index; Euro HY: Pan-European High Yield Index; U.S. Real Estate: NCREIF Property Index - ODCE; Europe Real Estate: Market weighted-avg. of MSCI Global Property Fund Indices - U.K. & Cont. Europe; APAC Real Estate: MSCI Global Property Index - Asia-Pacific; Global infra.: MSCI Global Quarterly Infrastructure Asset Index (equal weighted blend); U.S. Direct Lending: Cliffwater Direct Lending Index. Convertibles yield is based on the U.S. portion of the Bloomberg Global Convertibles. Country yields are represented by the global aggregate for each country. Yield and return information based on bellwethers for Treasury securities. U.S. Real Estate yield is calculated using the MSCI Global Property Fund Index - North America. Alternative correlations are based on quarterly returns over the past 10 years through 9/30/2022, except U.S. Real estate, which is through 12/31/2022. Stock and bond correlations are based on quarterly returns over the past 10 years through 12/31/2022. All non-alternative yields are as of 2/28/2023. Alternative yields are as of 9/30/2022. This slide comes from our [Guide to Alternatives](#).
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Corporate earnings and sources of earnings growth

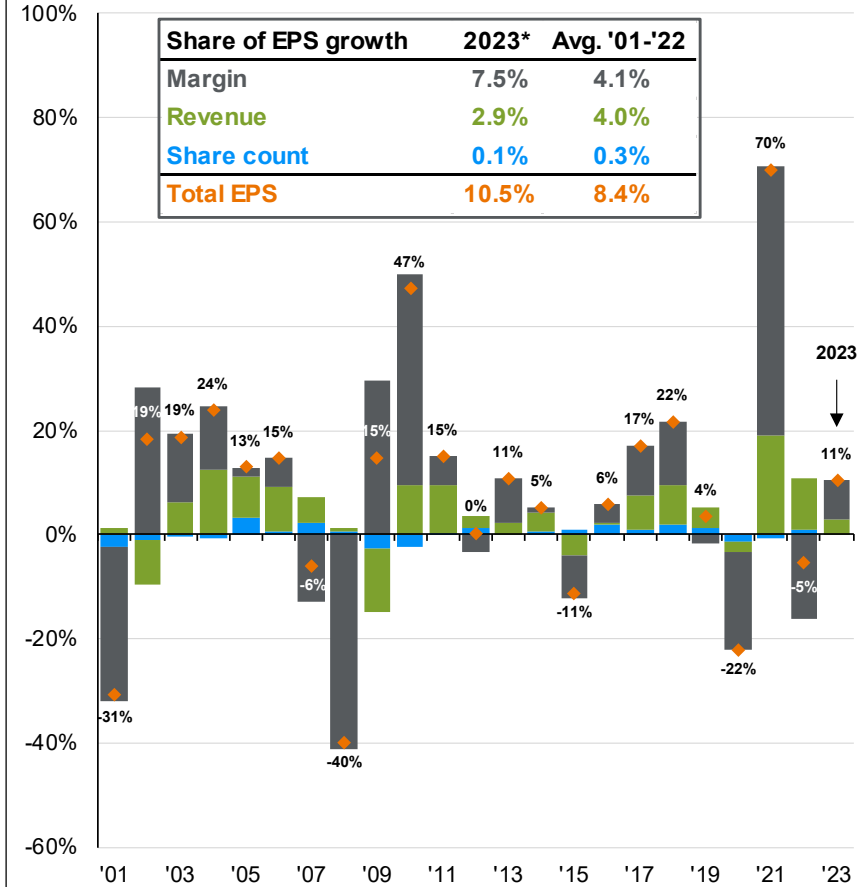
S&P 500 earnings per share

Index annual operating earnings, USD



S&P 500 year-over-year operating EPS growth

Annual growth broken into revenue, changes in profit margin & changes in share count



Source: Compustat, FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
 Historical EPS levels are based on annual operating earnings per share. *2023 earnings estimates are based on estimates from Standard & Poor's and FactSet Market Aggregates. Percentages may not sum due to rounding. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.
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Dollar drivers

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The U.S. dollar

U.S. Dollar Index



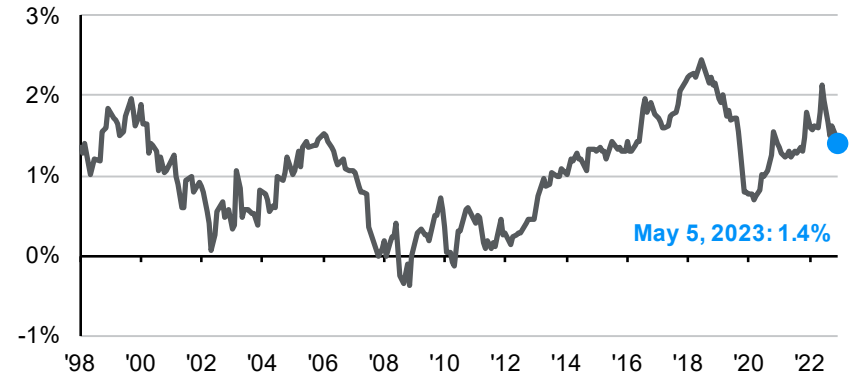
The U.S. trade balance

Current account balance, % of GDP



Developed markets interest rate differentials

Difference between U.S. and international 10-year yields*



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) FactSet, ICE; (Top right) Bureau of Economic Analysis, FactSet; (Bottom right) Tullett Prebon. Currencies in the DXY Index are: British pound, Canadian dollar, euro, Japanese yen, Swedish krona and Swiss franc. *Interest rate differential is the difference between the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield and a basket of the 10-year yields of each major trading partner (Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and UK). Weights in the basket are calculated using the 10-year average of total government bonds outstanding in each region. Europe is defined as the 19 countries in the euro area. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of May 5, 2023.



International valuations and dividend yields

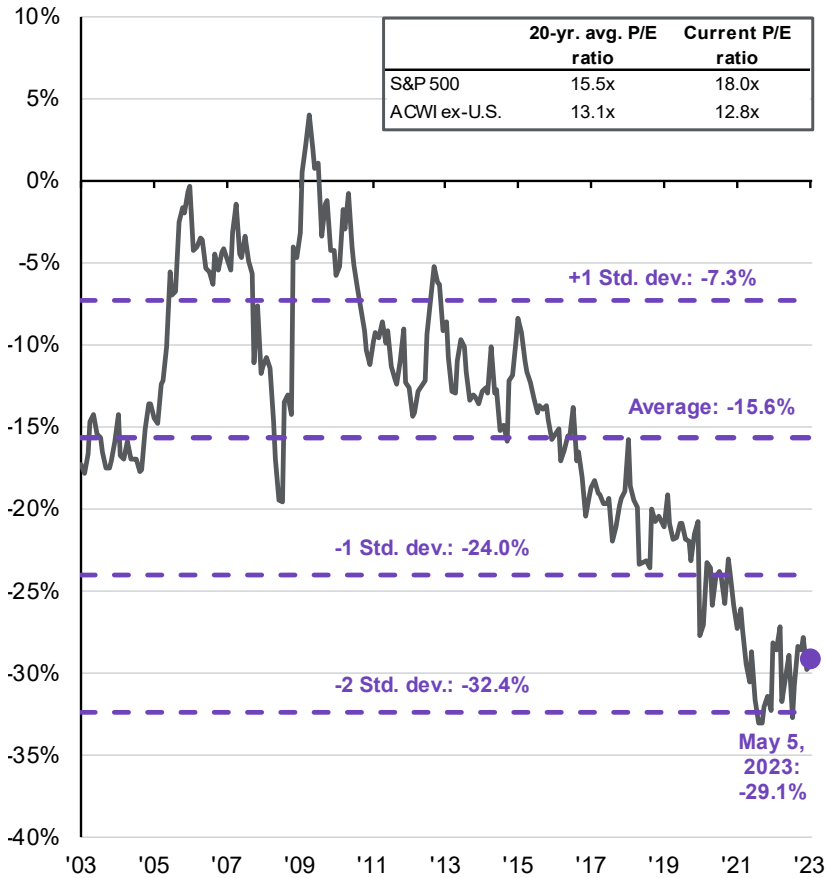
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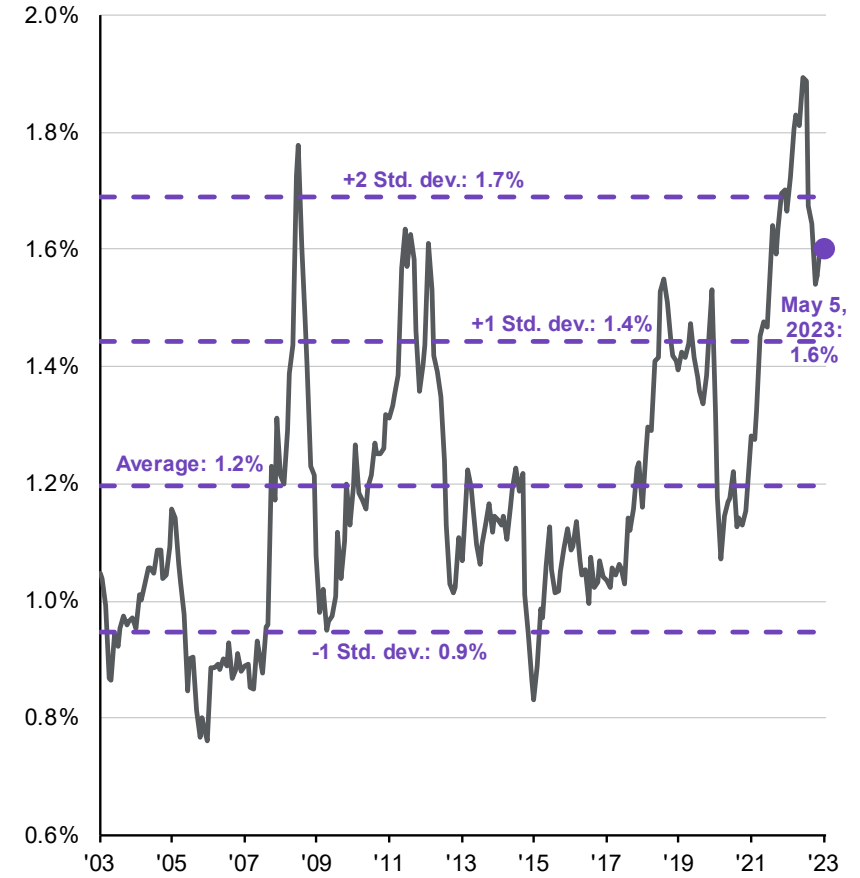
International: Price-to-earnings discount vs. U.S.

MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. vs. S&P 500, next 12 months



International: Difference in dividend yields vs. U.S.

MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. minus S&P 500, next 12 months



Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
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International



Annual returns and intra-year declines

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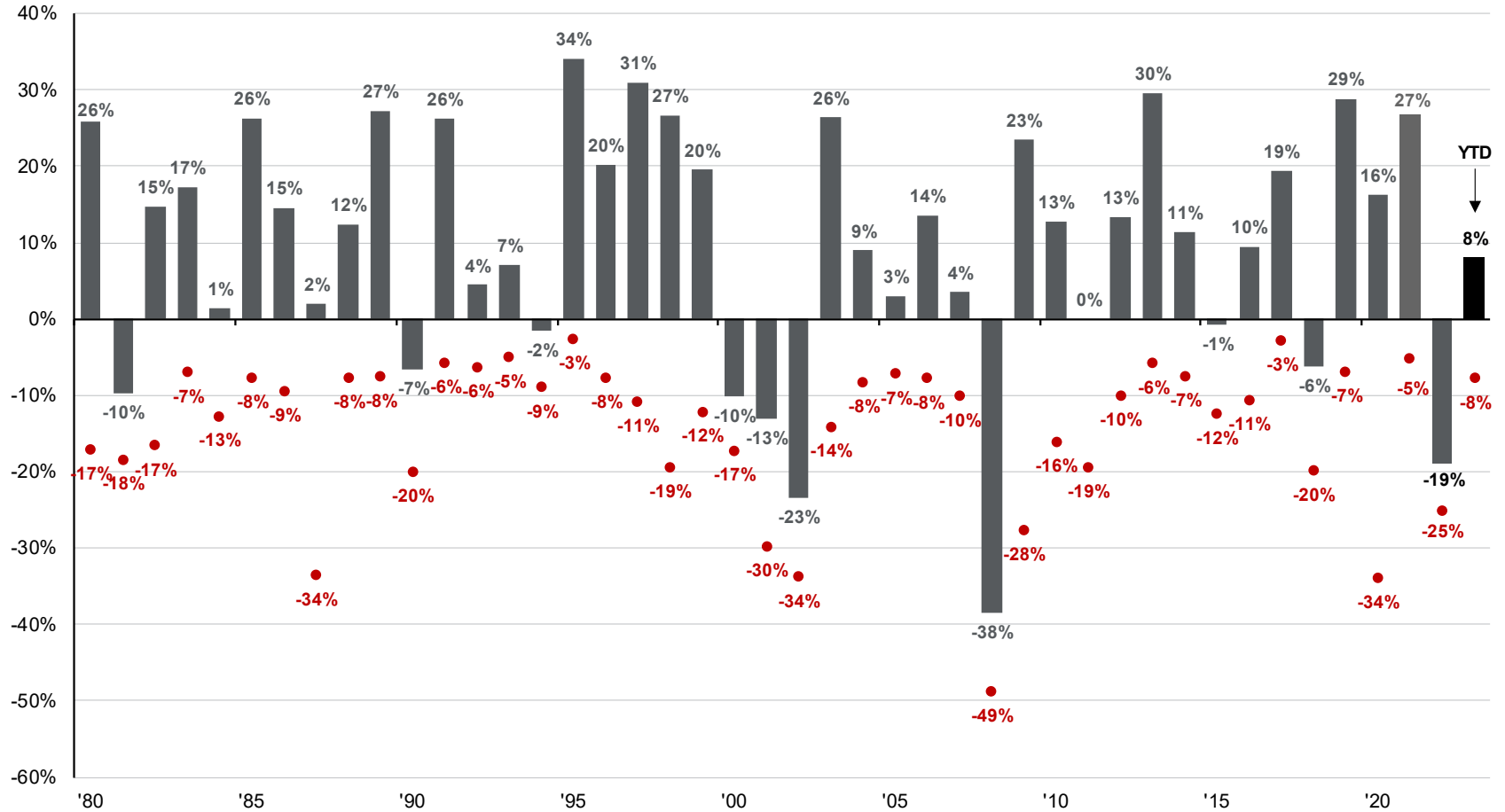
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Equities

S&P intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.3%, annual returns were positive in 32 of 43 years



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

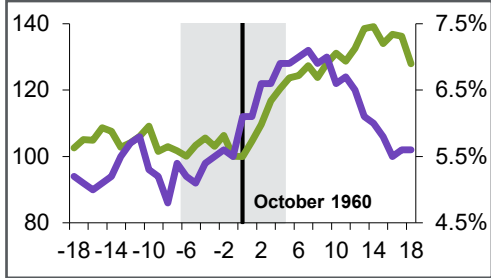
Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refers to the largest market drops from a peak to a trough during the year. For illustrative purposes only. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2022, over which time period the average annual return was 8.7%.

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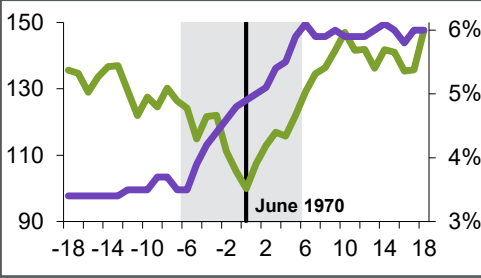


Market inflection points, recessions and the unemployment rate

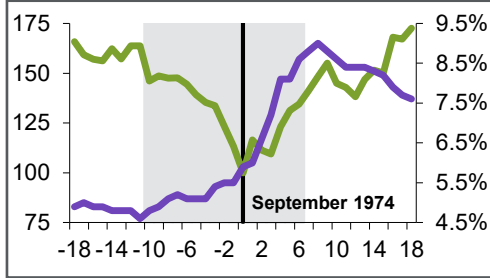
April 1960 – February 1961



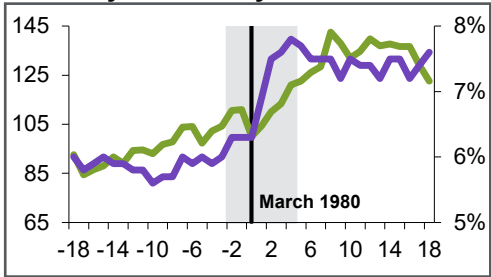
December 1969 – November 1970



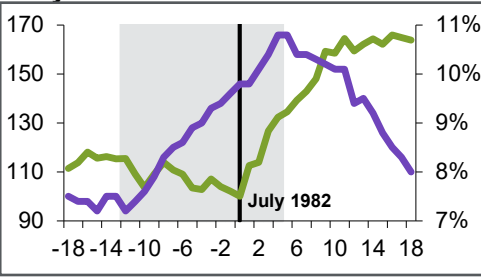
November 1973 – March 1975



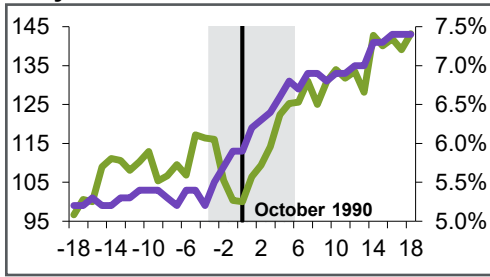
January 1980 – July 1980



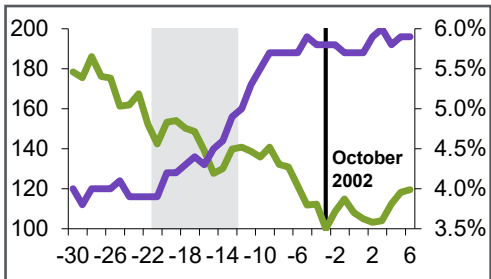
July 1981 – November 1982



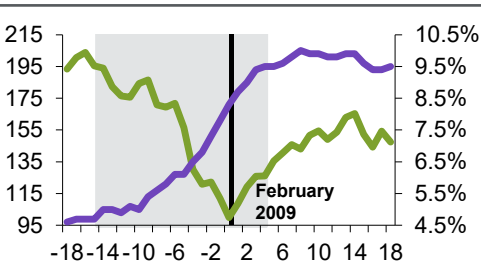
July 1990 – March 1991



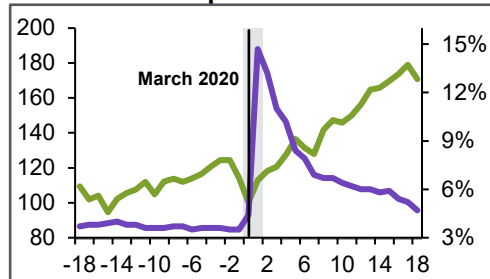
March 2001 – November 2001



December 2007 – June 2009



March 2020 – April 2020



— Unemployment Rate Recession
— S&P 500 Total Return Market Low

Source: BLS, Ibbotson, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Time zero represents the numeric low of the S&P 500 Total Return Index associated with the recessionary period defined by the shaded grey area; data shown in months. S&P 500 Index is rebased to 100 at time zero.
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Asset class returns

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2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD	Ann.	Vol.
Fixed Income 5.2%	EM Equity 79.0%	REITs 27.9%	REITs 8.3%	REITs 19.7%	Small Cap 38.8%	REITs 28.0%	REITs 2.8%	Small Cap 21.3%	EM Equity 37.8%	Cash 1.8%	Large Cap 31.5%	Small Cap 20.0%	REITs 41.3%	Comdty. 16.1%	DM Equity 12.0%	Large Cap 8.8%	REITs 23.4%
Cash 1.8%	High Yield 59.4%	Small Cap 26.9%	Fixed Income 7.8%	High Yield 19.6%	Large Cap 32.4%	Large Cap 13.7%	Large Cap 1.4%	High Yield 14.3%	DM Equity 25.6%	Fixed Income 0.0%	REITs 28.7%	EM Equity 18.7%	Large Cap 28.7%	Cash 1.5%	Large Cap 8.3%	Small Cap 7.2%	Small Cap 23.2%
Asset Alloc. -25.4%	DM Equity 32.5%	EM Equity 19.2%	High Yield 3.1%	EM Equity 18.6%	DM Equity 23.3%	Fixed Income 6.0%	Fixed Income 0.5%	Large Cap 12.0%	Large Cap 21.8%	REITs -4.0%	Small Cap 25.5%	Large Cap 18.4%	Comdty. 27.1%	High Yield -12.7%	Asset Alloc. 5.0%	REITs 6.6%	EM Equity 23.0%
High Yield -26.9%	REITs 28.0%	Comdty. 16.8%	Large Cap 2.1%	DM Equity 17.9%	Asset Alloc. 14.9%	Asset Alloc. 5.2%	Cash 0.0%	Comdty. 11.8%	Small Cap 14.6%	High Yield -4.1%	DM Equity 22.7%	Asset Alloc. 10.6%	Small Cap 14.8%	Fixed Income -13.0%	High Yield 3.6%	Asset Alloc. 6.1%	Comdty. 20.2%
Small Cap -33.8%	Small Cap 27.2%	Large Cap 15.1%	Cash 0.1%	Small Cap 16.3%	High Yield 7.3%	Small Cap 4.9%	DM Equity -0.4%	EM Equity 11.6%	Asset Alloc. 14.6%	Large Cap -4.4%	Asset Alloc. 19.5%	DM Equity 8.3%	Asset Alloc. 13.5%	Asset Alloc. -13.9%	Fixed Income 3.5%	High Yield 5.4%	DM Equity 20.0%
Comdty. -35.6%	Large Cap 26.5%	High Yield 14.8%	Asset Alloc. -0.7%	Large Cap 16.0%	REITs 2.9%	Cash 0.0%	Asset Alloc. -2.0%	REITs 8.6%	High Yield 10.4%	Asset Alloc. -5.8%	EM Equity 18.9%	Fixed Income 7.5%	DM Equity 11.8%	DM Equity -14.0%	EM Equity 3.4%	Fixed Income 2.7%	Large Cap 17.7%
Large Cap -37.0%	Asset Alloc. 25.0%	Asset Alloc. 13.3%	Small Cap -4.2%	Asset Alloc. 12.2%	Cash 0.0%	High Yield 0.0%	High Yield -2.7%	Asset Alloc. 8.3%	REITs 8.7%	Small Cap -11.0%	High Yield 12.6%	High Yield 7.0%	High Yield 1.0%	Large Cap -18.1%	REITs 1.6%	DM Equity 2.3%	High Yield 13.0%
REITs -37.7%	Comdty. 18.9%	DM Equity 8.2%	DM Equity -11.7%	Fixed Income 4.2%	Fixed Income -2.0%	EM Equity -1.8%	Small Cap -4.4%	Fixed Income 2.6%	Fixed Income 3.5%	Comdty. -11.2%	Fixed Income 8.7%	Cash 0.5%	Cash 0.0%	EM Equity -19.7%	Cash 1.5%	EM Equity 1.0%	Asset Alloc. 12.4%
DM Equity -43.1%	Fixed Income 5.9%	Fixed Income 6.5%	Comdty. -13.3%	Cash 0.1%	EM Equity -2.3%	DM Equity -4.5%	EM Equity -14.6%	DM Equity 1.5%	Comdty. 1.7%	DM Equity -13.4%	Comdty. 7.7%	Comdty. -3.1%	Fixed Income -1.5%	Small Cap -20.4%	Small Cap 0.4%	Cash 0.6%	Fixed Income 4.2%
EM Equity -53.2%	Cash 0.1%	Cash 0.1%	EM Equity -18.2%	Comdty. -1.1%	Comdty. -9.5%	Comdty. -17.0%	Comdty. -24.7%	Cash 0.3%	Cash 0.8%	EM Equity -14.2%	Cash 2.2%	REITs -5.1%	EM Equity -2.2%	REITs -24.9%	Comdty. -7.2%	Comdty. -2.6%	Cash 0.4%

Investing Principles

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Large cap: S&P 500, Small cap: Russell 2000, EM Equity: MSCI EME, DM Equity: MSCI EAFE, Comdty: Bloomberg Commodity Index, High Yield: Bloomberg Global HY Index, Fixed Income: Bloomberg US Aggregate, REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index, Cash: Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio assumes the following weights: 25% in the S&P 500, 10% in the Russell 2000, 15% in the MSCI EAFE, 5% in the MSCI EME, 25% in the Bloomberg US Aggregate, 5% in the Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury, 5% in the Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, 5% in the Bloomberg Commodity Index and 5% in the NAREIT Equity REIT Index. Balanced portfolio assumes annual rebalancing. Annualized (Ann.) return and volatility (Vol.) represents period from 12/31/2007 to 12/31/2022. Please see disclosure page at end for index definitions. All data represents total return for stated period. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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All indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

Equities:

The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip U.S. stocks.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

The **MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

The **MSCI Europe Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe.

The **MSCI Pacific Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region.

The **Russell 1000 Index**® measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 1000 Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 2000 Index**® measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

The **Russell 2000 Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 2000 Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 3000 Index**® measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization.

The **Russell Midcap Index**® measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.

The **Russell Midcap Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The **Russell Midcap Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. The index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. The **S&P 500 Index** focuses on the large-cap segment of the market; however, since it includes a significant portion of the total value of the market, it also represents the market.

Fixed income:

The **Bloomberg 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** includes all publicly issued zero-coupon US Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non convertible.

The **Bloomberg Global High Yield Index** is a multi-currency flagship measure of the global high yield debt market. The index represents the union of the US High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indices. The high yield and emerging markets sub-components are mutually exclusive. Until January 1, 2011, the index also included CMBS high yield securities.

The **Bloomberg Municipal Index** consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to 30 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market.

The **Bloomberg US Dollar Floating Rate Note (FRN) Index** provides a measure of the U.S. dollar denominated floating rate note market.

The **Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index consisting of publicly issued US Corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that are rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB or higher) by at least two ratings agencies, have at least one year to final maturity and have at least \$250 million par amount outstanding. To qualify, bonds must be SEC-registered.

The **Bloomberg US High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included.

The **Bloomberg US Mortgage Backed Securities Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment grade fixed-rate mortgage backed pass-through securities of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC.

The **Bloomberg US TIPS Index** consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Global Index (EMBI)** includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

The **J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index** is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.

The **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index Broad Diversified (CEMBI Broad Diversified)** is an expansion of the **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI)**. The CEMBI is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of U.S. dollar denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (EMBI Global Diversified)** tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds. The index limits the exposure of some of the larger countries.

The **J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified** tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments, whose debt is accessible by most of the international investor base.

The **U.S. Treasury Index** is a component of the U.S. Government index.



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Other asset classes:

The **Alerian MLP Index** is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for the asset class.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** and related sub-indices are composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc

The **Cambridge Associates U.S. Global Buyout and Growth Index®** is based on data compiled from 1,768 global (U.S. & ex-U.S.) buyout and growth equity funds, including fully liquidated partnerships, formed between 1986 and 2013.

The **CS/Tremont Hedge Fund Index** is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The Index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.

The **HFRI Monthly Indices (HFRI)** are equally weighted performance indexes, utilized by numerous hedge fund managers as a benchmark for their own hedge funds. The HFRI are broken down into 4 main strategies, each with multiple sub strategies. All single-manager HFRI Index constituents are included in the HFRI Fund Weighted Composite, which accounts for over 2200 funds listed on the internal HFR Database.

The **NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index** is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.

The **NFI-ODCE**, short for NCREIF Fund Index -Open End Diversified Core Equity, is an index of investment returns reporting on both a historical and current basis the results of 33 open-end commingled funds pursuing a core investment strategy, some of which have performance histories dating back to the 1970s. The NFI-ODCE Index is capitalization-weighted and is reported gross of fees. Measurement is time-weighted.

Definitions:

Investing in **alternative assets** involves higher risks than traditional investments and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. Alternative investments involve greater risks than traditional investments and should not be deemed a complete investment program. They are not tax efficient and an investor should consult with his/her tax advisor prior to investing. Alternative investments have higher fees than traditional investments and they may also be highly leveraged and engage in speculative investment techniques, which can magnify the potential for investment loss or gain. The value of the investment may fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested.

Bonds are subject to interest rate risks. Bond prices generally fall when interest rates rise.

Investments in **commodities** may have greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss.

Derivatives may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic or market conditions than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. The use of derivatives may not be successful, resulting in investment losses, and the cost of such strategies may reduce investment returns.

Distressed Restructuring Strategies employ an investment process focused on corporate fixed income instruments, primarily on corporate credit instruments of companies trading at significant discounts to their value at issuance or obliged (par value) at maturity as a result of either formal bankruptcy proceeding or financial market perception of near term proceedings.

Investments in **emerging markets** can be more volatile. The normal risks of investing in foreign countries are heightened when investing in emerging markets. In addition, the small size of securities markets and the low trading volume may lead to a lack of liquidity, which leads to increased volatility. Also, emerging markets may not provide adequate legal protection for private or foreign investment or private property.

The price of **equity securities** may rise, or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries, or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. Equity securities are subject to "stock market risk" meaning that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods of time.

Equity market neutral strategies employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. Equity Market Neutral Strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.

Global macro strategies trade a broad range of strategies in which the investment process is predicated on movements in underlying economic variables and the impact these have on equity, fixed income, hard currency and commodity markets.

International investing involves a greater degree of risk and increased volatility. Changes in currency exchange rates and differences in accounting and taxation policies outside the U.S. can raise or lower returns. Some overseas markets may not be as politically and economically stable as the United States and other nations.

There is no guarantee that the use of **long and short positions** will succeed in limiting an investor's exposure to domestic stock market movements, capitalization, sector swings or other risk factors. Using long and short selling strategies may have higher portfolio turnover rates. Short selling involves certain risks, including additional costs associated with covering short positions and a possibility of unlimited loss on certain short sale positions.

Merger arbitrage strategies which employ an investment process primarily focused on opportunities in equity and equity related instruments of companies which are currently engaged in a corporate transaction.

Mid-capitalization investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies. Historically, mid-cap companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

Price to forward earnings is a measure of the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) using forecasted earnings. **Price to book value** compares a stock's market value to its book value. **Price to cash flow** is a measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. **Price to dividends** is the ratio of the price of a share on a stock exchange to the dividends per share paid in the previous year, used as a measure of a company's potential as an investment.

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Relative Value Strategies maintain positions in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a valuation discrepancy in the relationship between multiple securities.

Small-capitalization investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure. Historically, smaller companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.



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