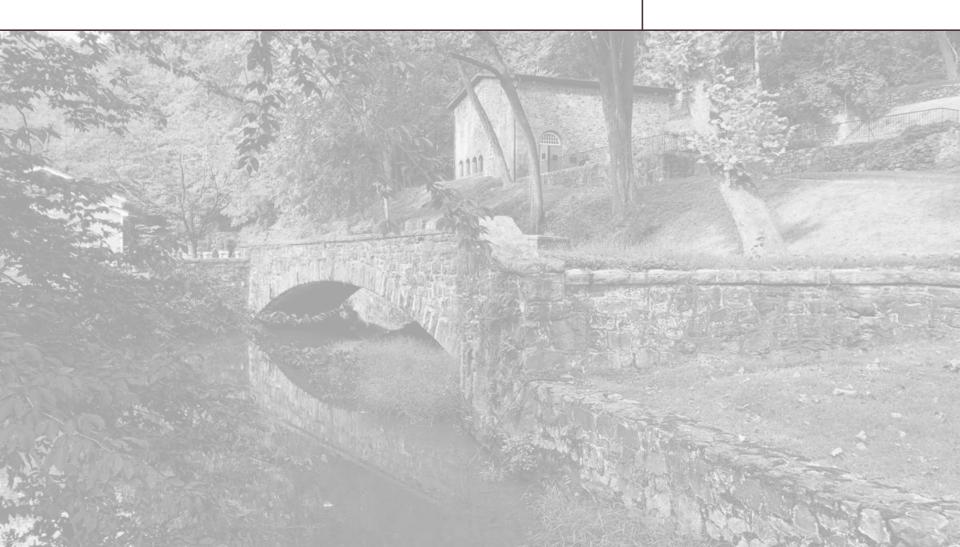
# DANIELS+TANSEY

FINANCIAL ADVISORY • TAX • INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

## **QUARTERLY RECAP**

**Q2 2023** 



## **Market Themes**



- The S&P 500 continued its Q1 rally through June lead by a narrow band of securities. The technology and artificial intelligence-heavy rally has pushed the NASDAQ up an impressive 32% YTD, helping propel large cap U.S. stocks up for the quarter.
- One of the most anticipated recessions of all time has yet to materialize, though risks are rising. Continued contraction in leading economic indictors along with tighter financial conditions point to greater potential for slower economic growth.
- Q2 data continued the moderating inflation trend with the Consumer Price Index hitting 4% for the first time since 2021. This supports our view the Fed is nearer, if not at, the terminal Fed Funds rate.

#### S&P 500 Index Return: The Power of Concentration

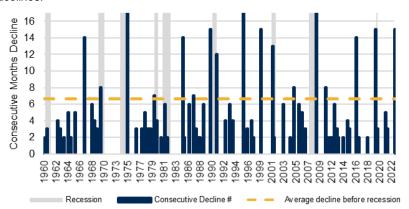
Today, the top five constituents of the S&P 500 make up 22.4% of the index and has driven 56% of returns YTD. This is the highest level of concentration in the past five years and over eight percent higher than the dot com bubble.



Source: Morningstar, Fiducient Advisors analysis June 30, 2023.

### **Leading Indicators Have Contracted**

The LEI index has contracted 15 consecutive months, well in excess of the recessionary "redzone" which begins to draw attention after six months of declines.



### Light at the End of the Tunnel

Past rate hiking cycles in the U.S. ended after the terminal Fed Funds Rate exceeded inflation. The Fed Funds Rate surpassed the annual inflation rate in May marking the first time in this cycle this has occurred.

	Terminal Fed Funds Rate	Rate of Inflation
May-74	13%	10.1%
May-81 Aug-84	20%	10%
Feb-84 Feb-95	9.75%	4.7% 2.8%
May-oo Jun-o6	6.5% 5.25%	3.1% 4.2%
Dec-18 <b>May-23</b>	2.5% 5%*	2.2%
#ERV in the Ford Funds Date of	Fof June 20, 2022, It does not imp	b. FO/ will be the bearing last.

\*5% is the Fed Funds Rate of of June 30, 2023. It does not imply 5% will be the terminal rate

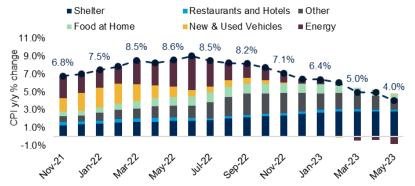
Source: Stategous June 30, 2023.

## **Economic Review**



## **U.S Inflation - Contribution by Component**

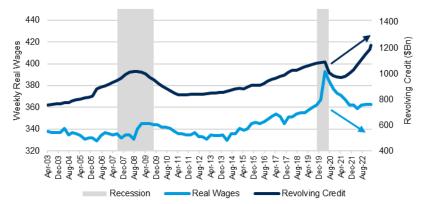
U.S. inflation hit 4%, the first time since 2021. Shelter contributed almost 70% to the May 2023 reading, up from 20% in June 2022. Home prices, a lagged variable in the CPI calculation are beginning to show signs of cooling.



Source: FactSet, BLS, Fiducient Advisors calculations. As of June 28, 2023. Data based on U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted.

### **Consumer Strength Waning?**

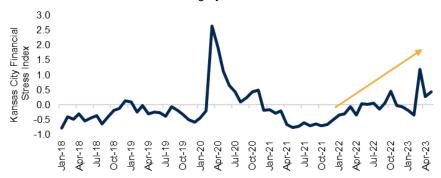
Falling real wages coinciding with rising credit card balances may test the resolve and ability of the consumer to continue to spend.



Source: Federal Reserve Economic Data January 2023; NY Federal Reserve March 2023.

#### **Tightening Financial Conditions**

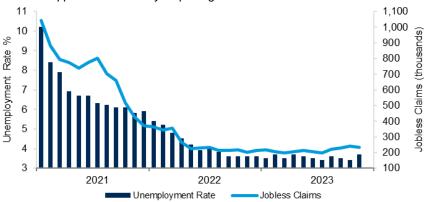
Financial conditions have tightened in the wake of central bank policy actions as well as other stresses in the banking system.



<u>Source</u>: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. As of June 9, 2023. The Kansas City Financial Stress Index (KCFSI) is a monthly measure of stress in the U.S. financial system based on 11 financial market variables. A positive value indicates that financial stress is above the long-run average, while a negative value signifies that financial stress is below the long-run average.

## **Labor Market Strength**

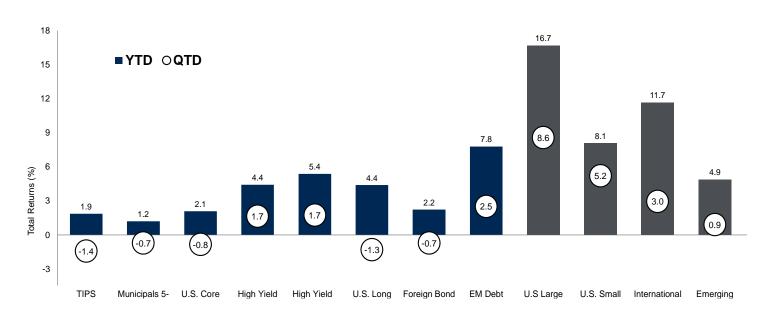
Though there could be warning signs ahead for consumer strength, the job market remains supportive which may help mitigate the risk of an extreme recession.



Source: FactSet June 30, 2023.

## **Asset Class Returns**





## Fixed Income (2Q)

- Volatility in interest rate markets continued in the second quarter, as investors grappled with the future of Fed policy. Ultimately, rates ended higher, providing a headwind for bonds.
- + Credit sectors generally fared well, as spreads compressed through the quarter on improved sentiment.
- Inflation continued to moderate during the quarter and posed a headwind for TIPS. Weakness in the U.S. Dollar was a tailwind for foreign bonds but persistent inflation outside the U.S. muted returns.

## Equity (2Q)

- + Equity markets posted gains broadly. In the U.S., large cap outperformed on strong mega-cap tech returns. Small cap fared well amid improving sentiment and strong value sector performance.
- + Non-U.S. developed posted positive returns during the quarter. Strength in Europe and Japan contributed to returns. A falling dollar provided an added tailwind.
- + Emerging market equity posted a modest positive return. Concerns over China's economic growth offset positive returns in Europe.

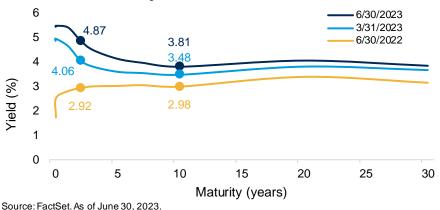
Sources: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2023.

## **Fixed Income Market Update**



#### **U.S. Treasury Yield Curve**

Interest rate volatility continued during the quarter. The Fed raised their target rate by 25 bps in May but paused in June. Despite the pause, hawkish communication from The Fed drove rates higher.



### **Corporate Market Spreads – Trailing 5 Years**

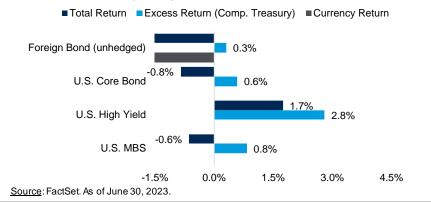
Corporate spreads tightened with both investment grade and high yield below 10-year averages. Strong fundamentals and robust interest coverage ratios were beneficial to sentiment.



\_\_\_\_

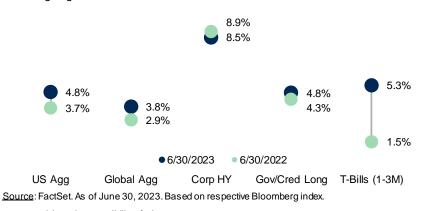
#### **Index Performance Attribution (2Q 2023)**

Non-government sectors, relative to similar duration Treasuries were positive in the quarter. Corporate high yield strength led to spread tightening which benefitted returns. Developed market foreign bonds lagged amid higher inflation and further monetary tightening.



## Current Yield-to-Worst vs. 1 Year Ago

Short fixed income yields have seen a large jump from one year ago on the back of Fed policy. While performance has suffered over the last year, the prospect for fixed income going forward looks more attractive at current levels.

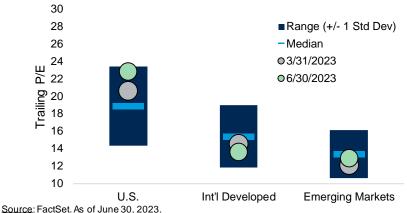


## **Equity Market Update**



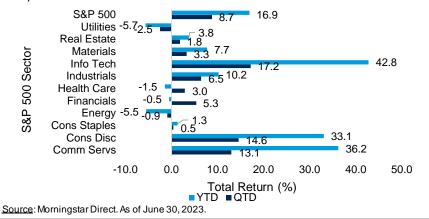
## **Equity Valuations (Trailing PE - Last 15 Years)**

Valuations edged higher as prices rose and earnings fell. The U.S. market ends near peak levels compared to the last 15 years, while international and EM look more attractive on an absolute and relative basis.



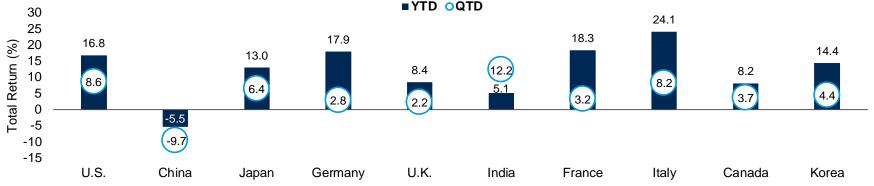
#### U.S. Equities – Return by Sector (2Q 2023)

Equities were narrowly driven by mega-cap growth related stocks in the information technology and consumer sectors. Financials saw a strong rebound as banking sector disruption abated.



## Country Total Returns (%) – Top 10 Largest Economies

Global equity markets continued gains during the quarter. Emerging markets were a standout with India outperforming the U.S. and developed markets. Developed markets broadly continue to struggle with persistently high inflation and muted growth expectations. China saw negative returns as the country continues to struggle with growth due to the pace of their economy re-opening.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2023.

## **Financial Markets Performance**



## Total Return as of June 30, 2023 Periods greater than one year are annualized All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Bloomberg 1-3-Month T-Bill	1.2%	2.3%	3.7%	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%	0.7%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS	-1.4%	1.9%	-1.4%	-0.1%	2.5%	2.0%	2.1%	2.9%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year)	-0.7%	1.2%	1.5%	-0.6%	1.4%	1.1%	1.7%	2.8%
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond	1.7%	4.4%	2.9%	1.8%	2.8%	3.2%	4.2%	4.9%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	-0.8%	2.1%	-0.9%	-4.0%	0.8%	0.4%	1.5%	2.7%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.7%	5.4%	9.1%	3.1%	3.4%	4.5%	4.4%	6.6%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged	0.7%	3.6%	1.5%	-2.2%	1.0%	1.0%	2.5%	3.3%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged	-2.2%	0.8%	-1.8%	-5.9%	-2.7%	-2.1%	-0.9%	0.3%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit	-1.3%	4.4%	-2.6%	-8.6%	0.7%	0.2%	2.9%	4.7%
IPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified	2.5%	7.8%	11.4%	-1.4%	0.3%	0.8%	-0.6%	1.8%
Global Equity Markets	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
S&P 500	8.7%	16.9%	19.6%	14.6%	12.3%	13.4%	12.9%	10.9%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	4.0%	4.9%	14.2%	12.3%	9.6%	12.3%	11.3%	10.4%
NASDAQ Composite	13.1%	32.3%	26.1%	12.0%	13.9%	17.2%	16.2%	13.9%
Russell 3000	8.4%	16.2%	19.0%	13.9%	11.4%	12.9%	12.3%	10.6%
Russell 1000	8.6%	16.7%	19.4%	14.1%	11.9%	13.2%	12.6%	10.8%
Russell 1000 Growth	12.8%	29.0%	27.1%	13.7%	15.1%	16.9%	15.7%	12.9%
Russell 1000 Value	4.1%	5.1%	11.5%	14.3%	8.1%	8.9%	9.2%	8.4%
Russell Mid Cap	4.8%	9.0%	14.9%	12.5%	8.5%	10.1%	10.3%	9.6%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	6.2%	15.9%	23.1%	7.6%	9.7%	12.0%	11.5%	10.2%
Russell Mid Cap Value	3.9%	5.2%	10.5%	15.0%	6.8%	8.2%	9.0%	9.0%
Russell 2000	5.2%	8.1%	12.3%	10.8%	4.2%	8.8%	8.3%	8.4%
Russell 2000 Growth	7.1%	13.6%	18.5%	6.1%	4.2%	9.3%	8.8%	8.9%
Russell 2000 Value	3.2%	2.5%	6.0%	15.4%	3.5%	7.7%	7.3%	7.7%
MSCI ACWI	6.2%	13.9%	16.5%	11.0%	8.1%	9.9%	8.8%	6.6%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.	2.4%	9.5%	12.7%	7.2%	3.5%	6.3%	4.7%	2.9%
MSCI EAFE	3.0%	11.7%	18.8%	8.9%	4.4%	6.9%	5.4%	3.4%
MSCI EAFE Growth	2.8%	14.2%	20.2%	6.3%	5.4%	7.4%	6.4%	4.1%
MSCI EAFE Value	3.2%	9.3%	17.4%	11.3%	2.9%	6.0%	4.1%	2.4%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	0.6%	5.5%	10.2%	5.7%	1.3%	5.7%	6.2%	4.9%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.9%	4.9%	1.7%	2.3%	0.9%	5.0%	3.0%	1.8%

Sources: FactSet & Morningstar as of 6/30/23.

## **Disclosures and Definitions**



This report is intended for the exclusive use of clients or prospective clients of Daniels + Tansey, LLP. The information contained herein is intended for the recipient, is confidential and may not be disseminated or distributed to any other person without the prior approval of Daniels + Tansey. Any dissemination or distribution is strictly prohibited. Information has been obtained from a variety of sources believed to be reliable though not independently verified. Any forecasts represent future expectations and actual returns; volatilities and correlations will differ from forecasts. This report does not represent a specific investment recommendation. Please consult with your advisor, attorney and accountant, as appropriate, regarding specific advice. Past performance does not indicate future performance and there is a possibility of a loss.

When referencing asset class returns or statistics, the following indices are used to represent those asset classes, unless otherwise notes. Each index is unmanaged and investors can not actually invest directly into an index:

TIPS: Bloomberg Barclays Global Inflation-Linked: U.S. TIPS Total Return Index Unhedged

Municipals 5-Year: Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond 5 Year (4-6) Total Return Index Unhedged USD

Core Bond: Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Total Return Value Unhedged USD

High Yield Municipals: Bloomberg Barclays Muni High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD High Yield: Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD

Foreign Bond: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Total Return Index Value USD (50/50 blend of hedged and unhedged)

EM Debt (unhedged): J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Composite Unhedged USD

U.S. Large Cap: S&P 500 Total Return Index U.S. Small Cap: Russell 2000 Total Return Index

International Developed: MSCI EAFE Net Total Return USD Index Emerging Markets: MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return USD Index

World: MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index

U.S. Equity REITs: FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Total Return Index USD

Commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index Midstream Energy: Alerian MLP Total Return Index

Hedge Funds: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index

Event Driven: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Event-Driven Total Index

Relative Value: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Relative Value Fixed Income-Convertible Arbitrage Index

Equity Hedge: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Equity Hedge Total Index

Direct Fund Composite: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index Fund of Funds Composite: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index

Macro: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Macro Total Index

International, 7% Emerging Markets, 5% U.S. Equity REITS, 6% MLPs

U.S.: MSCI USA Net Total Return USD Index China: MSCI CHINA Net Total Return USD Index Japan: MSCI Japan Net Total Return USD Index Germany: MSCI Germany Net Total Return USD Index

India: MSCI India Net Total Return USD Index United Kingdom: MSCI UK Net Total Return USD Index France: MSCI France Net Total Return USD Index Italy: MSCI Italy Net Total Return USD Index

Brazil: MSCI Brazil Net Total Return USD Index
Canada: MSCI Canada Net Total Return USD Index