

Q1'2024 Quarter Client Presentation

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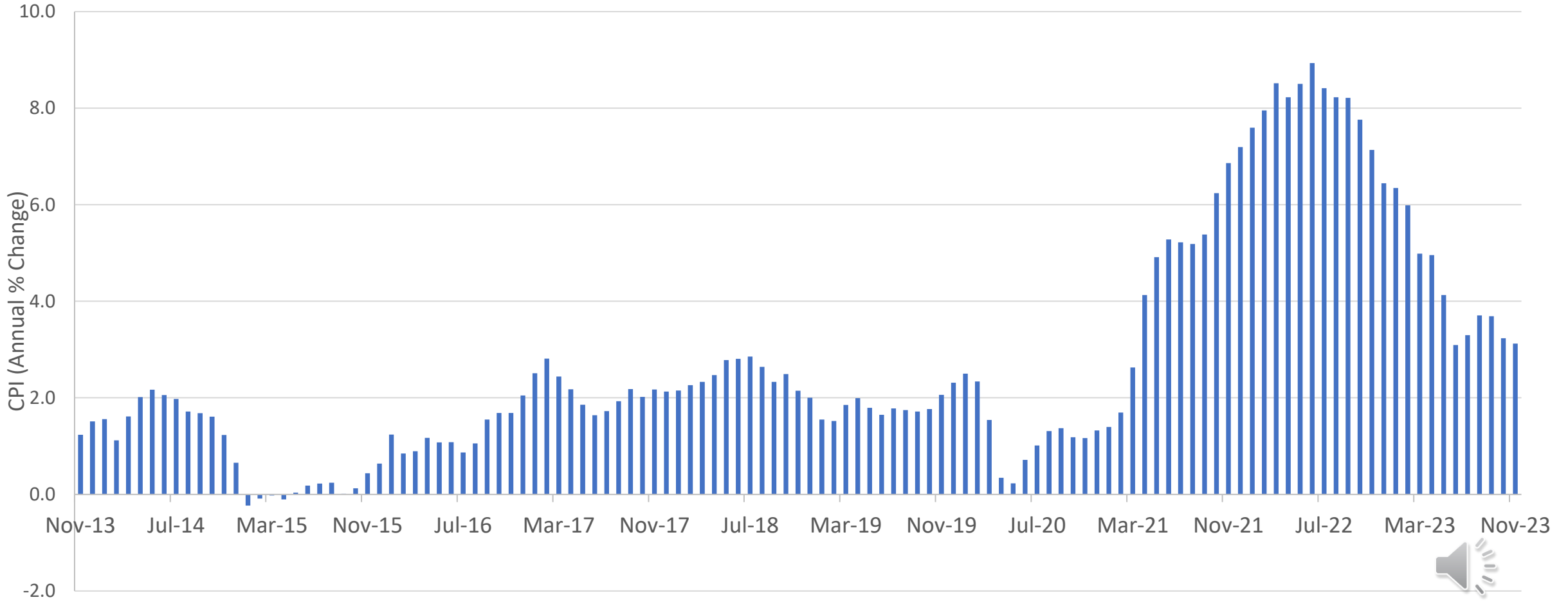


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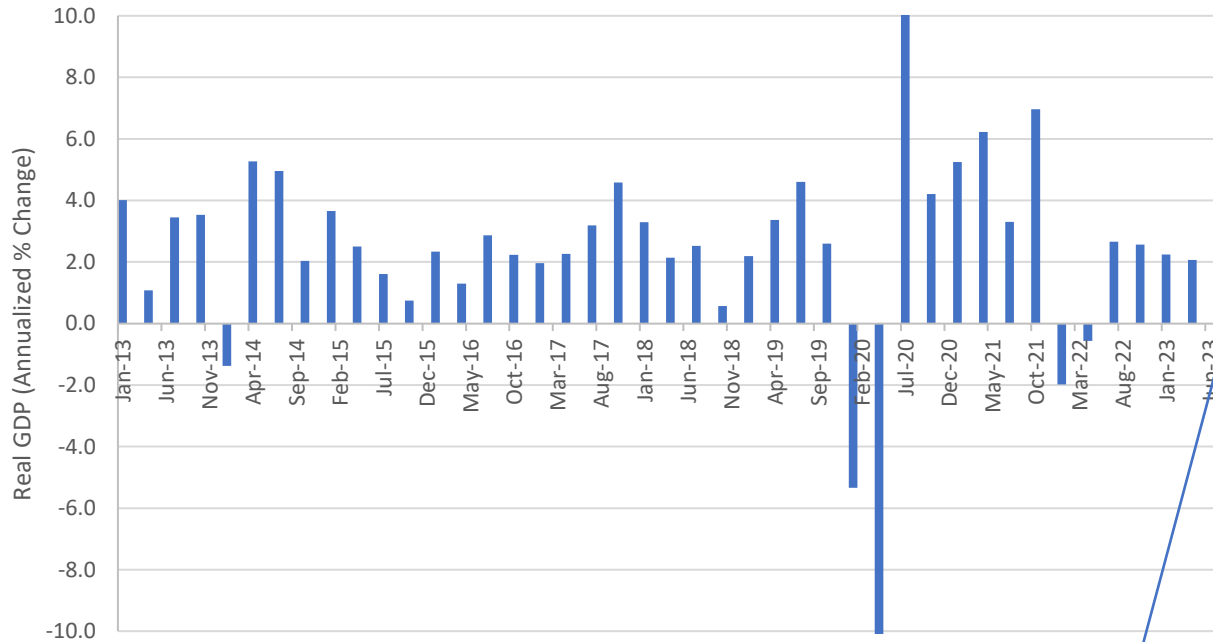
What Happened to the Economy in 2023?

Annual Inflation Rates Over the Past Decade

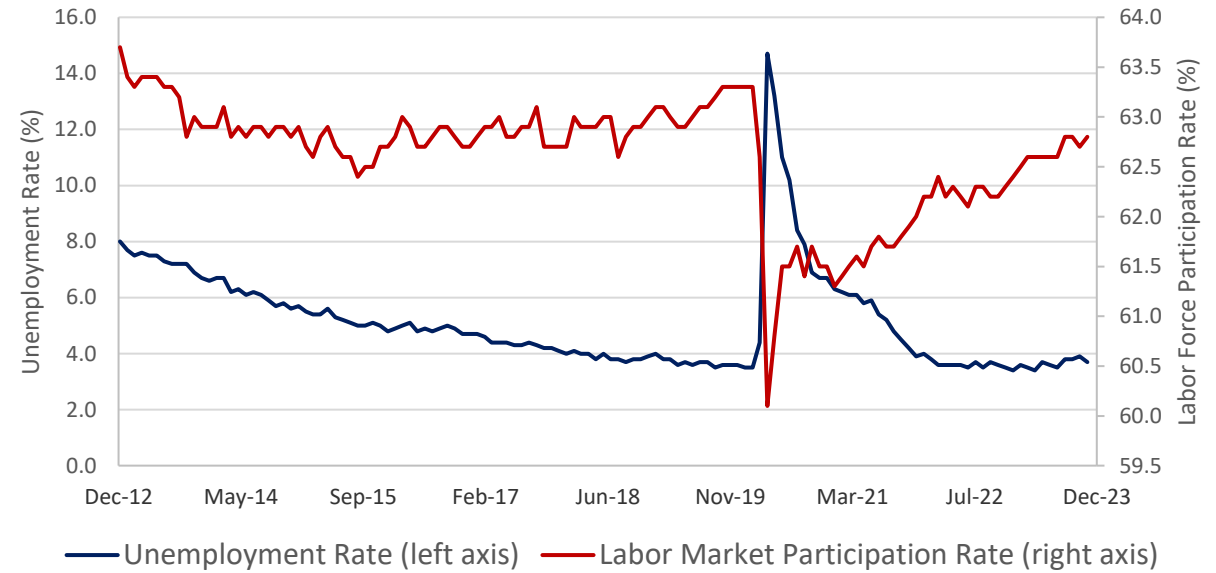


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A Decade of Real GDP Growth:
Annualized % Growth By Quarter



Unemployment and Labor Market Participation Rates

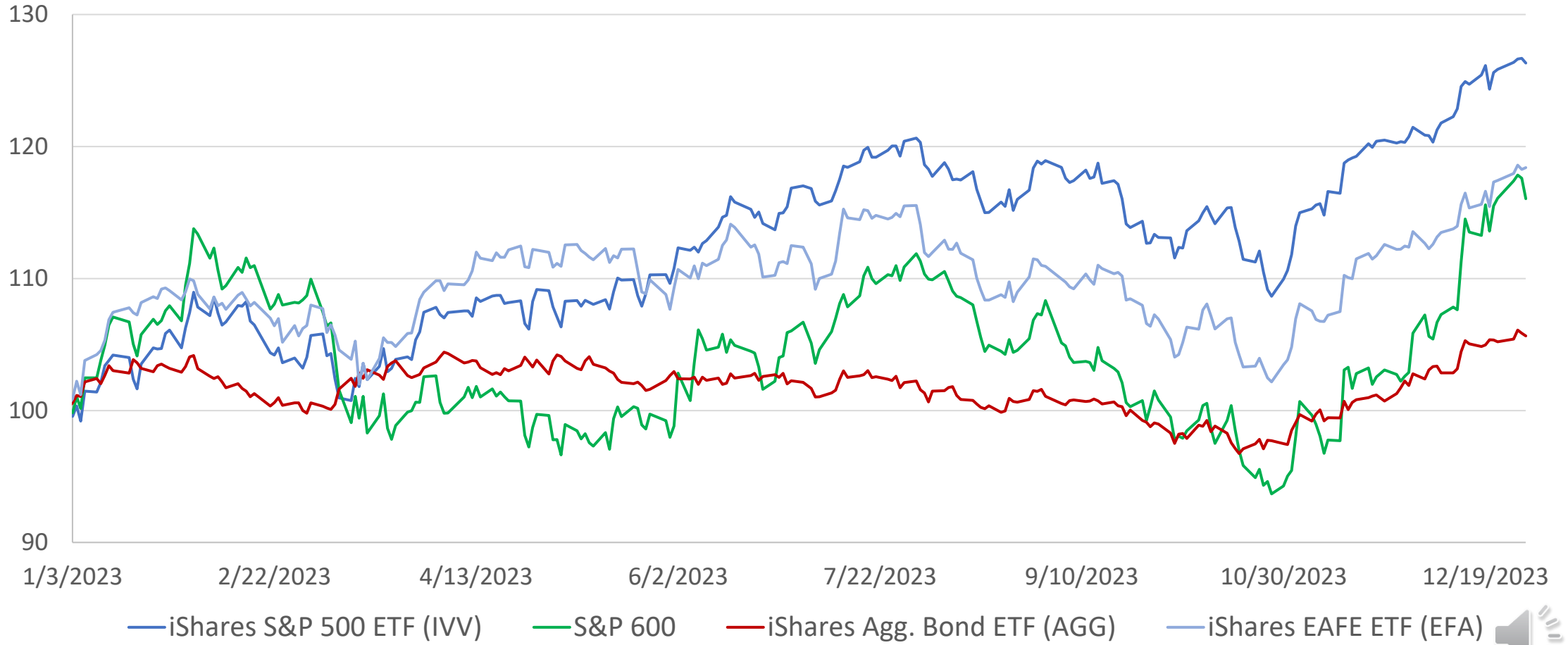


Atlanta Fed GDPNow Estimate for
2023 Q4: 2.2% (As of Jan 10, 2024)



What Happened with Security Markets in 2023?

Selected Market Performance



What Appear to be the Major Risks Going Forward?

The Inversion of the Yield Curve is Infrequent

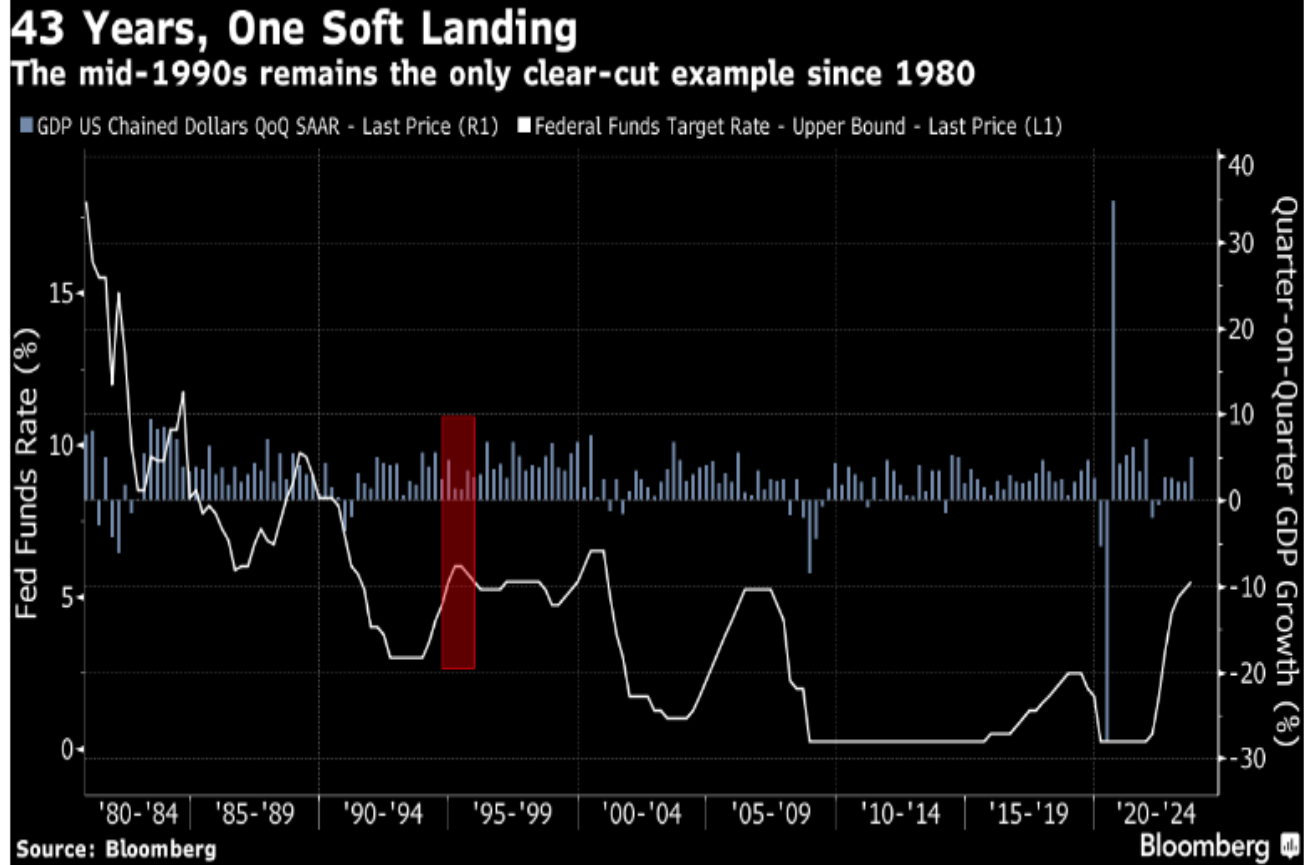
... and usually a negative sign for both the markets and the economy



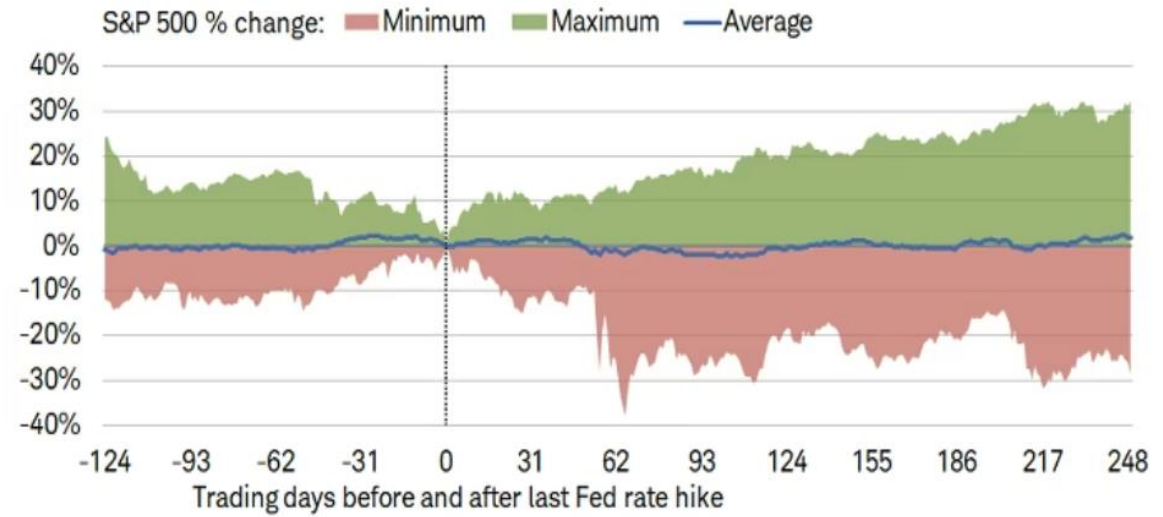
Gray shaded areas indicate an NBER-declared recession.



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Wide range of outcomes around average



Source: Charles Schwab, Bloomberg, Federal Reserve, 1929-2019.

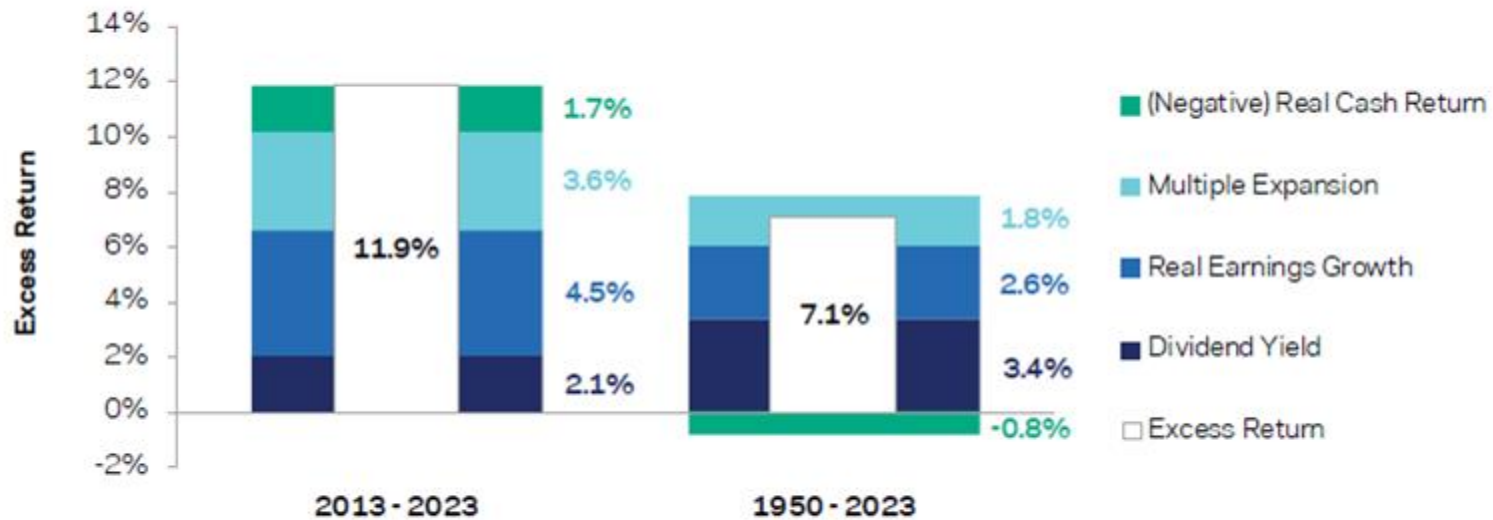


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Exhibit 2: U.S. Equity Return Decomposition, Past 10 Years and Long-Term Historical

January 1, 1950 - June 30, 2023



Source: AQR, Robert Shiller's Data Library. U.S. Equities is the S&P 500 and cash is U.S. 3-Month Treasury Bills. All returns are gross of fees. We use the methodology defined in the body of this note to decompose the trailing 10-year equity excess return into the dividend, earnings growth, multiple expansion, and real cash return components. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance.



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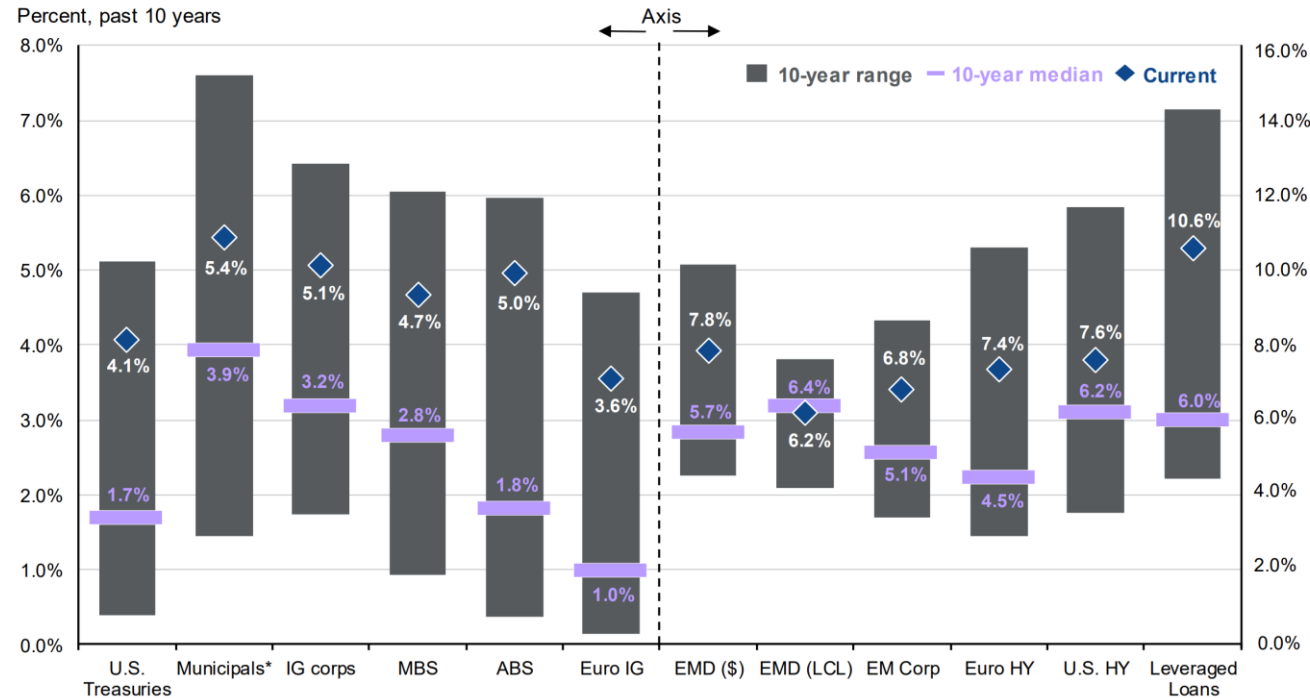
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Fixed income valuations

GTM U.S. 37

Yield-to-worst across fixed income sectors

Percent, past 10 years

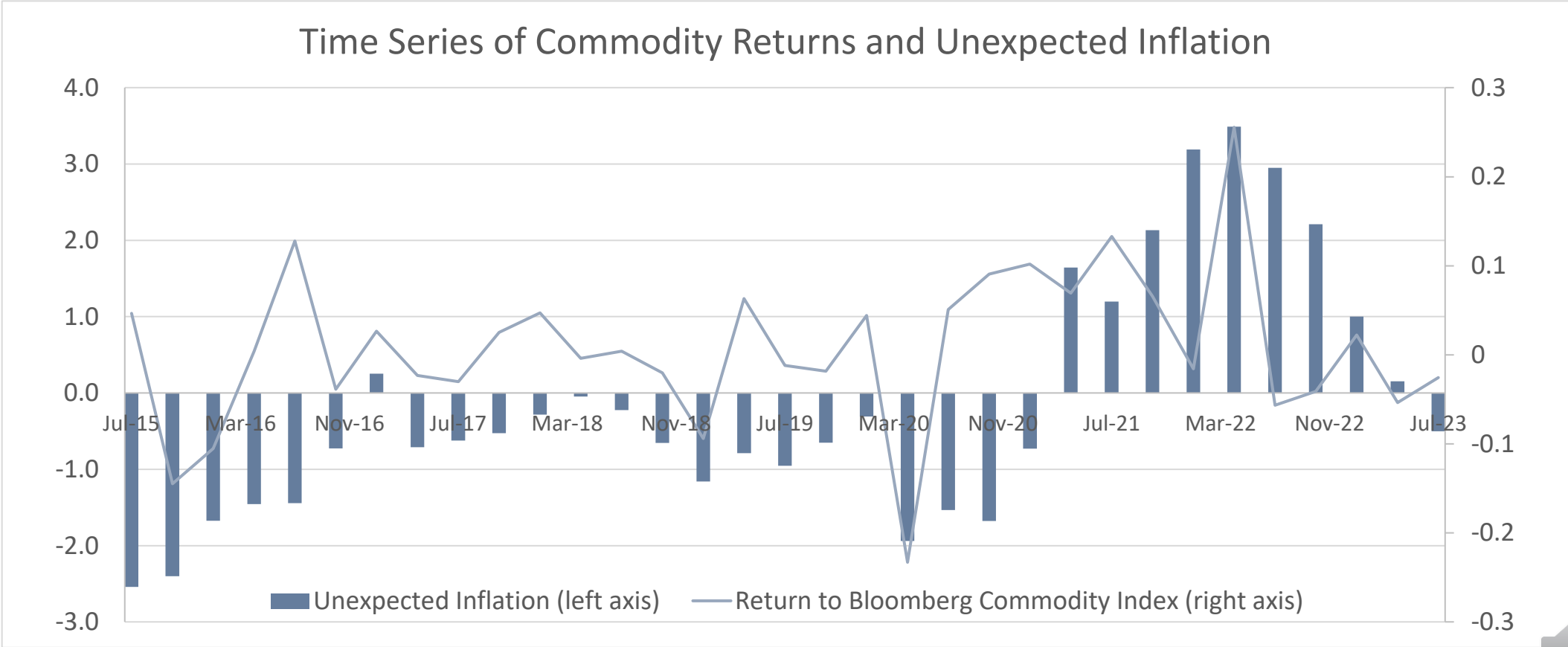


Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Credit Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
 Indices used are Bloomberg except for emerging market debt and leveraged loans: EMD (USD): J.P. Morgan EMIGLOBAL Diversified Index; EMD (LCL): J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index; EM Corp.: J.P. Morgan CEMBI 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 and considers factors like call provisions, prepayments and other features that may affect the bonds cash flows.
 *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%.
 Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of December 31, 2023.

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What Role Can Commodities Play?



Main Takeaways:

- 1) The U.S. economy and markets achieved surprisingly strong performances during 2023, and this will shape the environment going forward. If the “soft landing” does not occur, markets may be vulnerable given current valuation levels.
- 2) The “mathematics” of equity returns points to below average return potential for the S&P 500. By contrast, the environment for value, small-caps and international stocks appears to be more favorable. As a result, our recommended equity exposure deviates from the conventional S&P 500 position.
- 3) We believe there are attractive opportunities within the fixed income market, especially investment grade bonds maturing in around three to six years.
- 4) Given the wide range of uncertainty, we continue to recommend wide diversification across asset classes with a small commodity position in case inflation proves more stubborn than expected.





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