

Update for February, 2024

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Monthly performance:

Signs of recovery broadening

Fewer rate cuts priced in for 2024

S&P Dow Jones Indices

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INDEX	1M	YTD	12M
Headline Equity			
S&P 500® (index level: 5096)	5.34%	7.11%	30.45%
S&P MidCap 400®	5.94%	4.13%	13.05%
S&P SmallCap 600®	3.32%	-0.75%	6.50%
S&P Composite1500®	5.32%	6.73%	28.75%
S&P 500 Top 50	6.38%	9.62%	43.98%
S&P 500 ESG	5.03%	6.63%	31.85%
Dow Jones Industrial Average® (index level: 38996)	2.22%	3.47%	19.41%
Factor-Based Equity			
S&P 500 Momentum	11.16%	17.65%	45.74%
S&P 500 Growth	7.30%	10.40%	38.60%
S&P 500 High Beta	5.07%	2.49%	20.67%
S&P 500 Quality	5.04%	8.20%	31.59%
S&P 500 Equal Weight	4.16%	3.31%	13.28%
S&P 500 Enhanced Value	3.85%	5.04%	12.48%
S&P 500 Value	3.05%	3.35%	21.68%
S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats	2.68%	2.26%	9.93%
S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	1.89%	0.78%	2.94%
S&P 500 Low Volatility	1.66%	2.67%	6.87%
S&P 500 Low Volatility High Dividend	1.54%	0.64%	3.26%
Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend	1.28%	-0.49%	0.63%
S&P 500 Sectors			
Consumer Discretionary	8.71%	4.87%	32.62%
Industrials	7.23%	6.29%	22.15%
Materials	6.46%	2.30%	9.25%
Information Technology	6.31%	10.51%	58.85%
Communication Services	5.70%	11.01%	58.44%
Financials	4.16%	7.33%	15.28%
Health Care	3.22%	6.32%	15.92%
Energy	3.18%	2.79%	6.21%
Real Estate	2.58%	-2.28%	6.19%
Consumer Staples	2.32%	3.89%	7.96%
Utilities	1.12%	-1.93%	-1.19%

INDEX INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Index Dashboard: U.S.

February 29, 2024

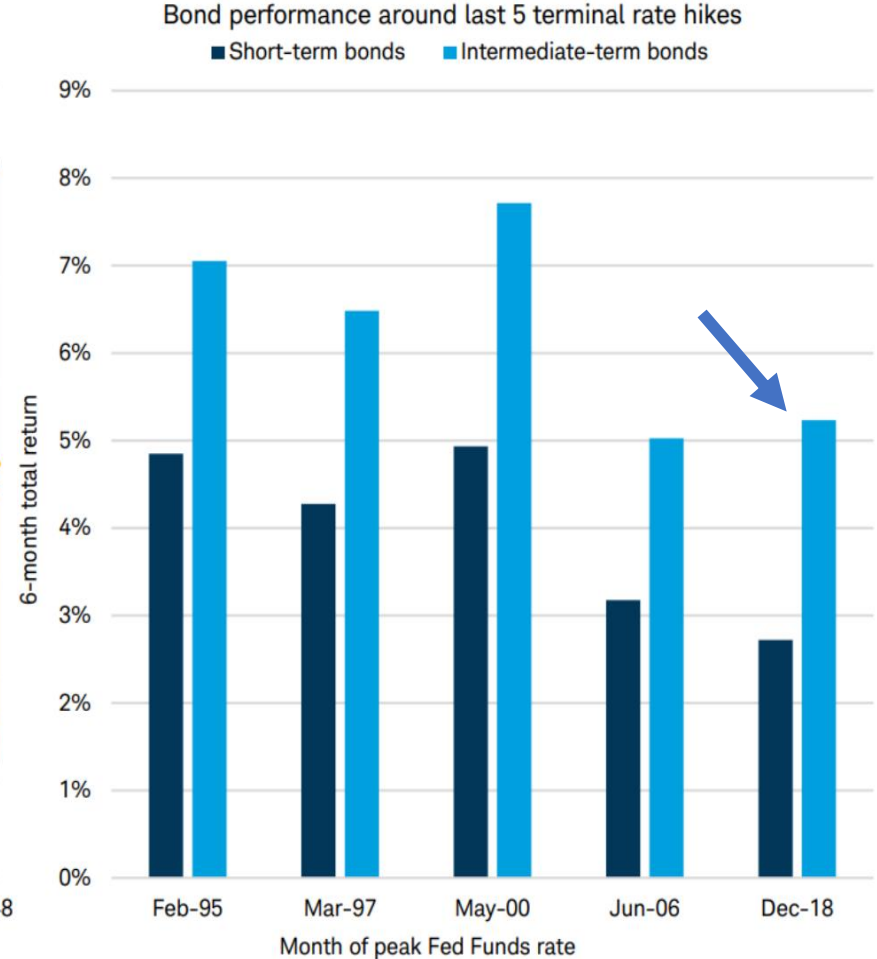
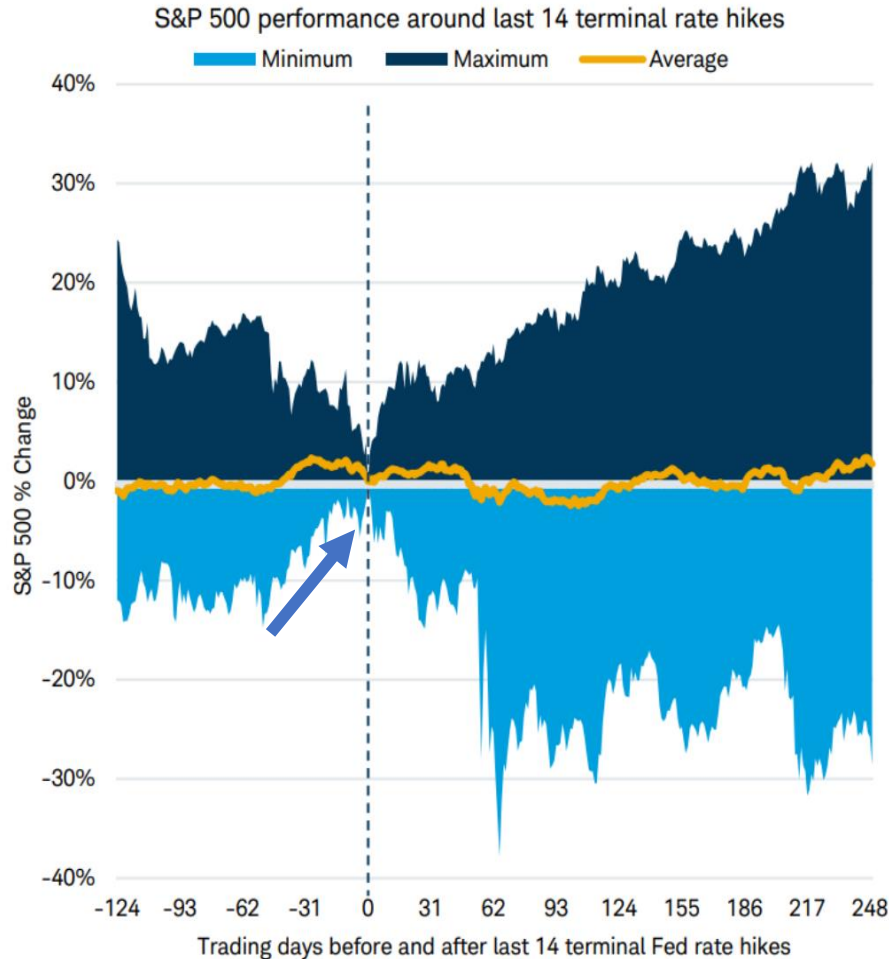
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International Equity			
S&P Developed Ex-U.S. BMI*	1.65%	1.33%	13.50%
S&P Emerging BMI*	3.74%	0.15%	10.25%
S&P Frontier BMI*	-2.00%	0.36%	17.97%
S&P World*	3.87%	5.28%	25.53%
S&P Asia 50	6.42%	-0.63%	2.49%
S&P/TOPIX 150	4.31%	8.74%	29.62%
S&P Europe 350®	1.53%	1.30%	13.66%
S&P Latin America 40	1.14%	-3.17%	25.10%
S&P/TSX 60	0.43%	-0.36%	10.21%
S&P/ASX All Australian 50	0.06%	-2.30%	8.94%
S&P BMI International Developed Low Volatility*	-1.24%	-1.49%	7.20%
S&P BMI Emerging Markets Low Volatility*	1.50%	-1.10%	9.30%
Fixed Income			
Yield			
S&P National AMT-Free Muni Bond*	3.37%	-0.07%	-0.30%
S&P U.S. Treasury Bond*	4.61%	-1.24%	-1.40%
S&P U.S. Aggregate Bond*	5.03%	-1.34%	-1.49%
S&P U.S. Agency*	5.05%	-0.23%	0.16%
iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade*	5.56%	-2.19%	-2.36%
S&P U.S. Preferred Stock	6.55%	0.82%	4.55%
iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loans*	8.55%	1.08%	1.25%
iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield*	7.93%	0.13%	-0.09%
Commodities & Alternatives			
Dow Jones Commodity (DJCI)	-1.00%	0.69%	-0.32%
S&P GSCI	0.87%	5.38%	4.99%
S&P GSCI Livestock	3.14%	11.77%	13.07%
S&P GSCI Energy	2.14%	9.44%	9.62%
S&P GSCI Precious Metals	-0.32%	-1.25%	11.03%
S&P GSCI Industrial Metals	-1.25%	-2.75%	-7.52%
S&P GSCI Agriculture	-2.90%	-3.37%	-8.03%
Volatility			
S&P 500/CBOE Volatility (VIX® index level: 13.40)	-0.95	0.95	-7.30
CBOE S&P 500® Dispersion Index (DSPX SM index level: 24.86)	-1.89	0.77	N/A

Chart of the Month:

Rate Hike Cycle Observations

Rate hike cycle

Intermediate-term bonds have outperformed short-term bonds in the six months following the last rate hike over the last five cycles, while stock returns have varied.



Source: Charles Schwab, Bloomberg. Left: 1929-2019. Dark blue shading represents best historical performance before and after last 14 terminal Fed rate hikes. Light blue shading represents worst historical performance before and after last 14 terminal Fed rate hikes. Right: Six-month total returns for each period are as of month-end. The indexes used for each asset class are the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate 1-3 Year Index for "Short-term" and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate 5-7 Year Index for "Intermediate-term." Indexes are unmanaged, do not incur management fees, costs, and expenses, and cannot be invested in directly. Schwab does not recommend the use of technical analysis as a sole means of investment research. Investing involves risk, including loss of principal. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**



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