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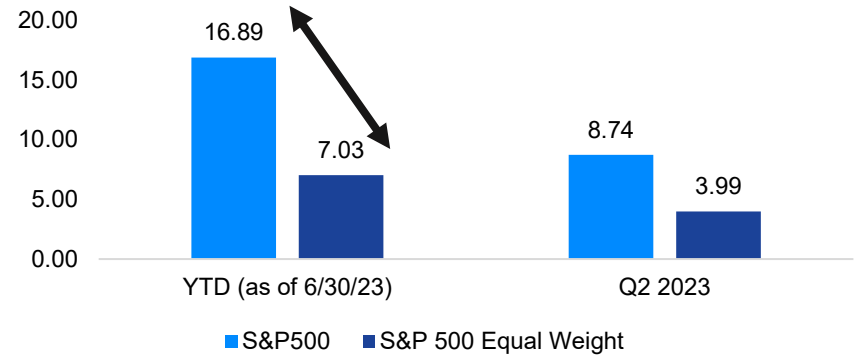


Market Themes

1. 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.
2. One of the most anticipated recessions of all time has yet to materialize, though risks are rising. Continued contraction in leading economic indicators along with tighter financial conditions point to greater potential for slower economic growth.
3. 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

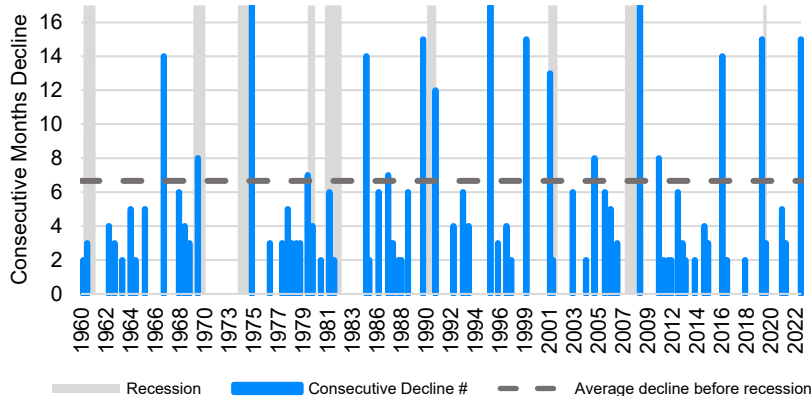
Today, the top five constituents of the S&P 500 make up 22.4% of the index and has driven 56% of returns YTD. This is the highest level of concentration in the past five years and over eight percent higher than the dot com bubble.



Source: Morningstar, Fiducient Advisors analysis June 30, 2023

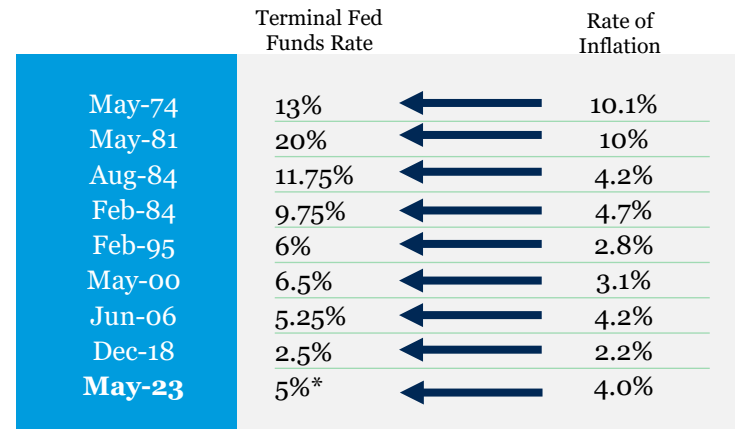
Leading Indicators Have Contracted

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.



Source: Stategous June 30, 2023

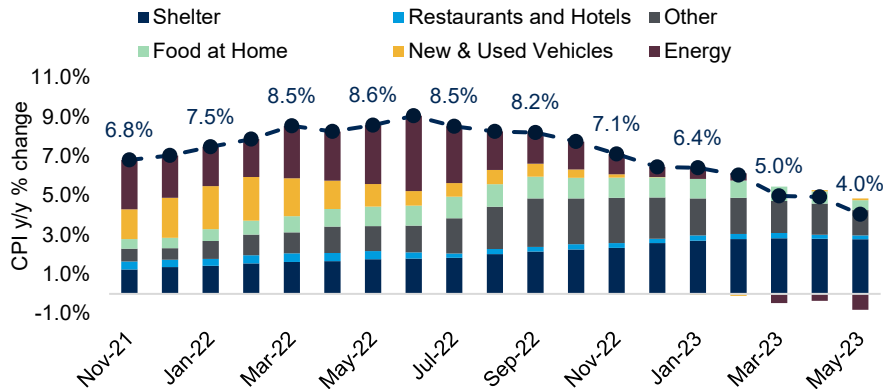
*5% is the Fed Funds Rate of of June 30, 2023. It does not imply 5% will be the terminal rate

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Economic Review

U.S. Inflation – Contribution by Component

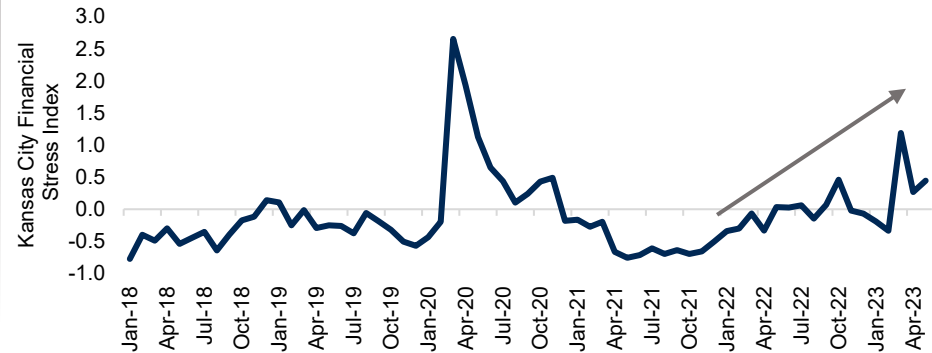
U.S. inflation hit 4%, the first time since 2001. Shelter contributed almost 70% to the May 2023 reading, up from 20% in June 2022. Home prices, a lagged variable in the CPI calculation are beginning to show signs of cooling.



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

Tightening Financial Conditions

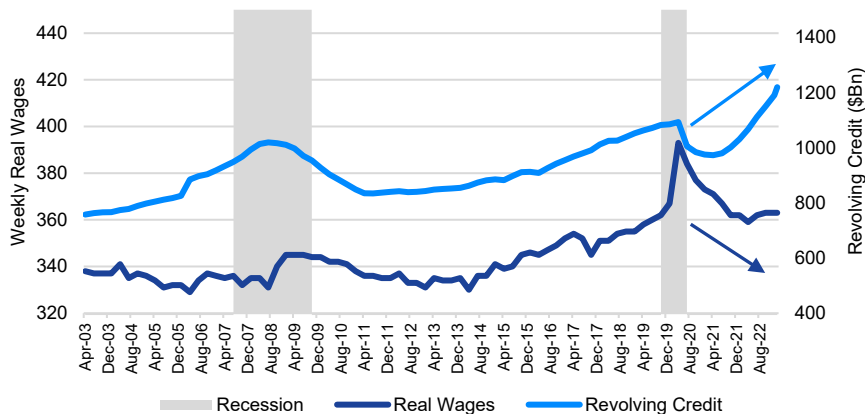
Financial conditions have tightened in the wake of central bank policy actions as well as other stresses in the banking system.



Sources: 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.

Consumer Strength Waning?

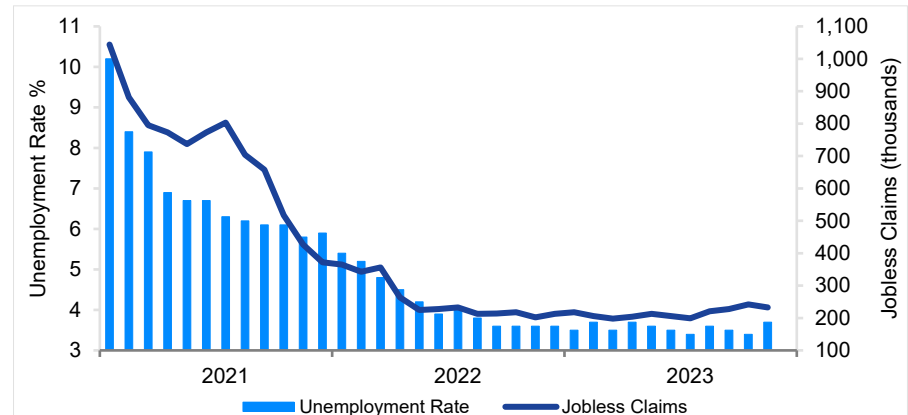
Falling real wages coinciding with rising credit card balances may test the resolve and ability of the consumer to continue to spend.



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

Labor Market Strength

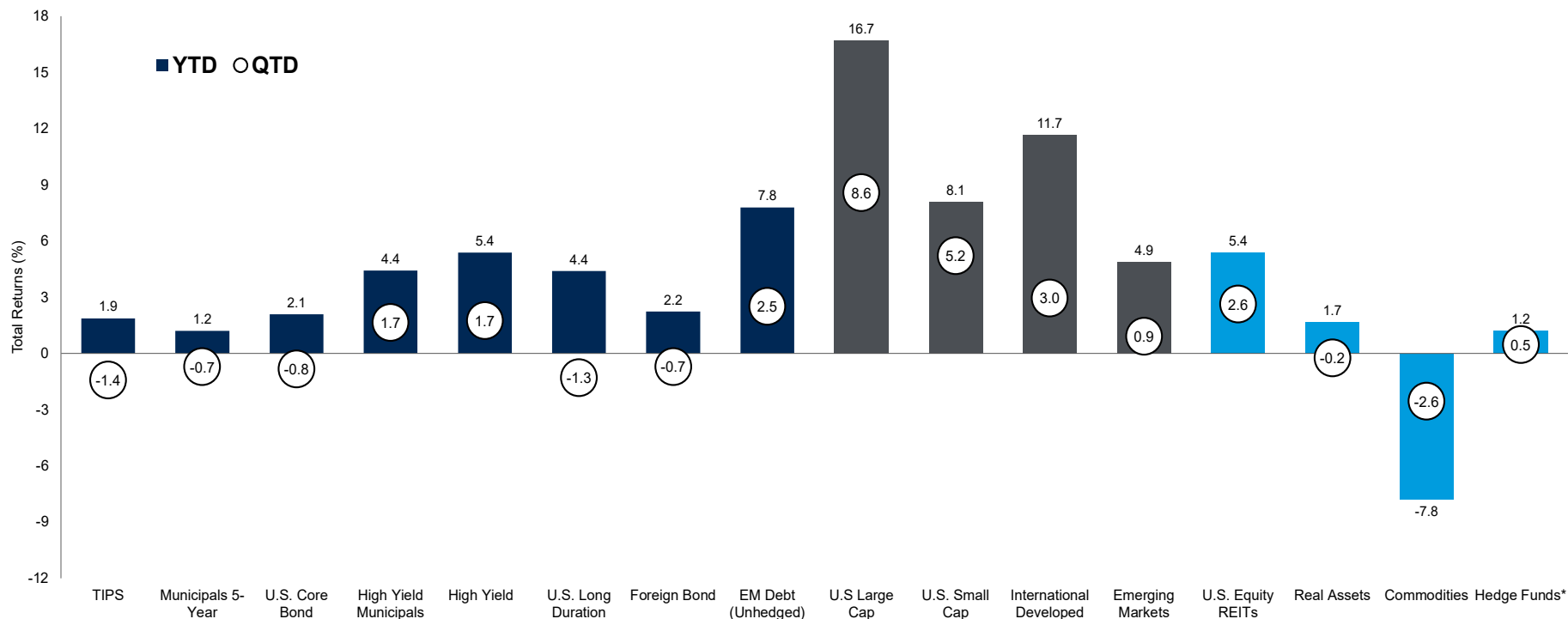
Though there could be warning signs ahead for consumer strength, the job market remains supportive which may help mitigate the risk of an extreme recession.



Source: Factset June 30, 2023.

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Asset Class Returns



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2023. *Hedge fund returns as of May 31, 2023.

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.

Real Asset / Alternatives (2Q)

+ U.S. REITs gained with strength in residential and data centers. However, clouds still linger over the office market.

- Commodity markets took a step back in the quarter, largely driven by a pullback in the energy sector and industrial metals.

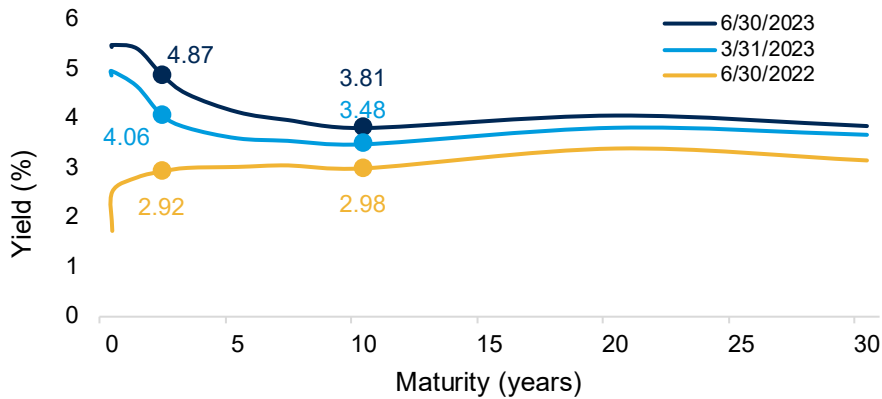
+ Hedge Funds saw modest gains for the first two months of the year.

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Fixed Income Market Update

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

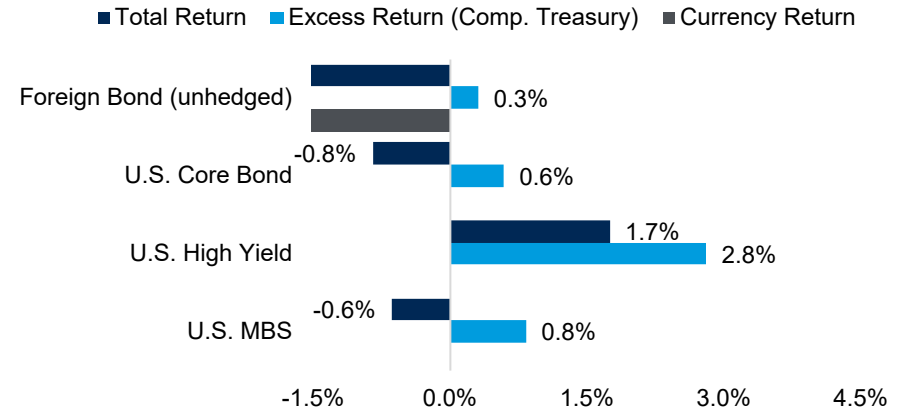
Interest rate volatility continued during the quarter. The Fed raised their target rate by 25 bps in May but paused in June. Despite the pause, hawkish communication from The Fed drove rates higher.



Source: FactSet. As of June 30, 2023.

Index Performance Attribution (2Q 2023)

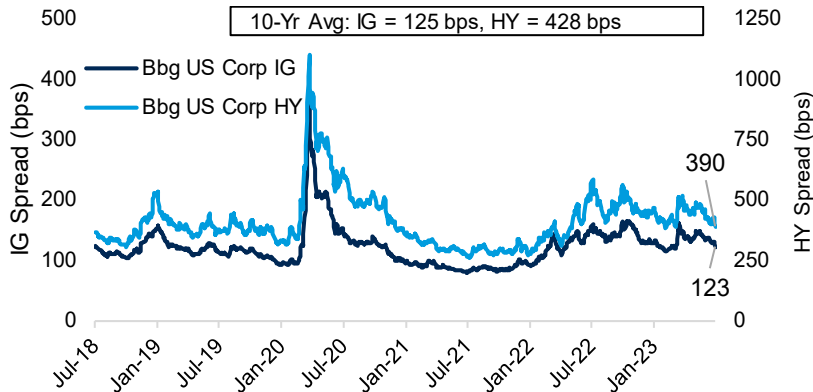
Non-government sectors, relative to similar duration Treasuries were positive in the quarter. Corporate high yield strength led to spread tightening which benefitted returns. Developed market foreign bonds lagged amid higher inflation and further monetary tightening.



Source: FactSet. As of June 30, 2023.

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.

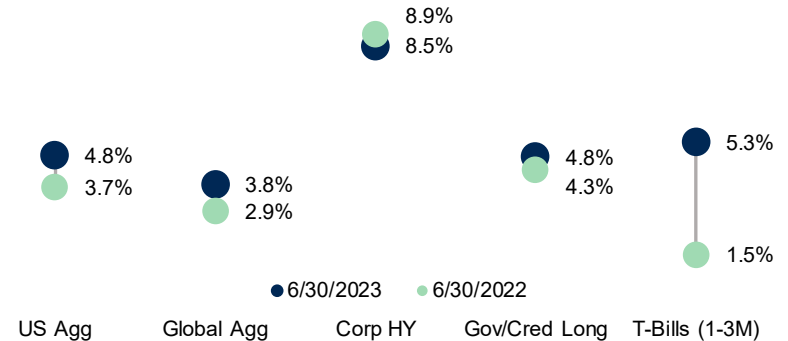


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Current Yield-to-Worst vs. 1 Year Ago

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.

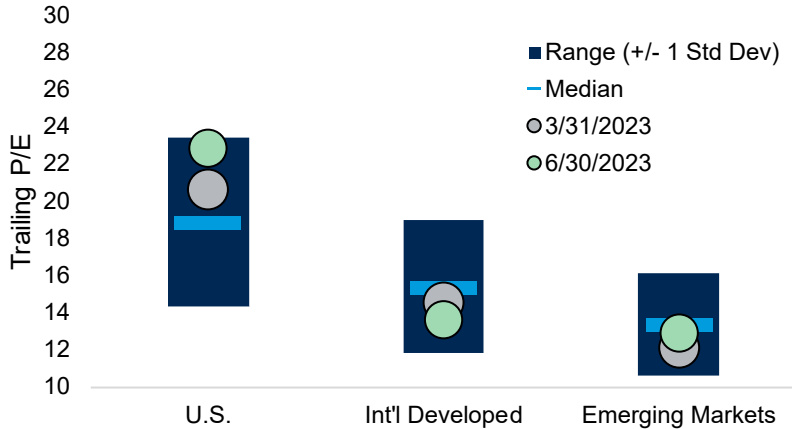


Source: FactSet. As of June 30, 2023. Based on respective Bloomberg Index.

Equity Market Update

Equity Valuations (Trailing PE – Last 15 Years)

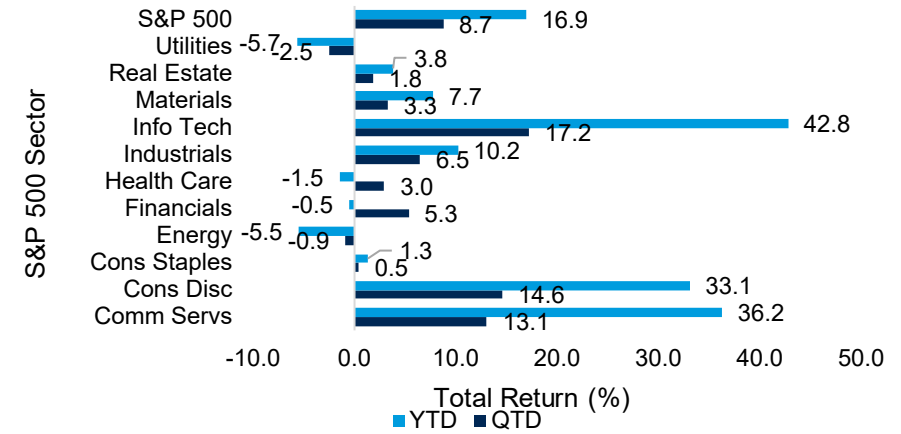
Valuations edged higher as prices rose and earnings fell. The U.S. market ends near peak levels compared to the last 15 years, while international and EM look more attractive on an absolute and relative basis.



Source: FactSet. As of June 30, 2023.

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

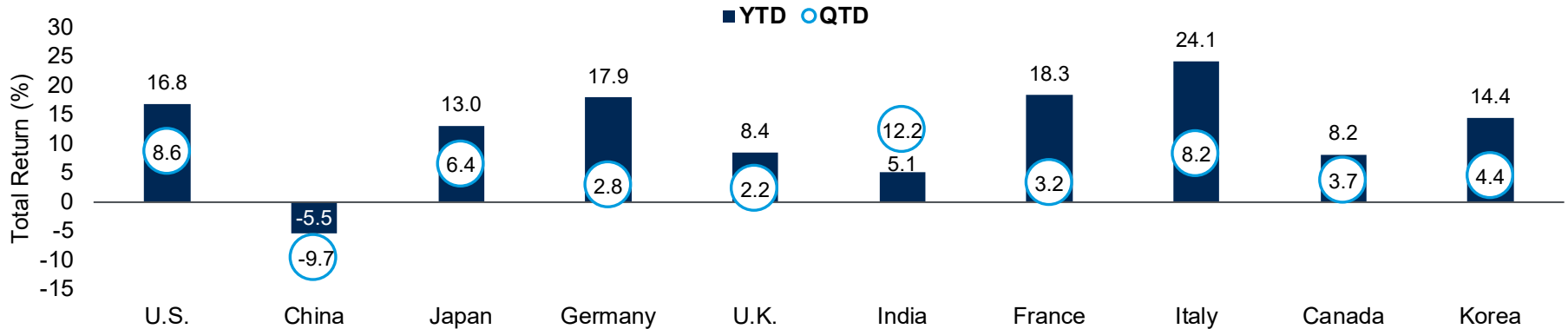
Equities were narrowly driven by mega-cap growth related stocks in the information technology and consumer sectors. Financials saw a strong rebound as banking sector disruption abated.



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

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.



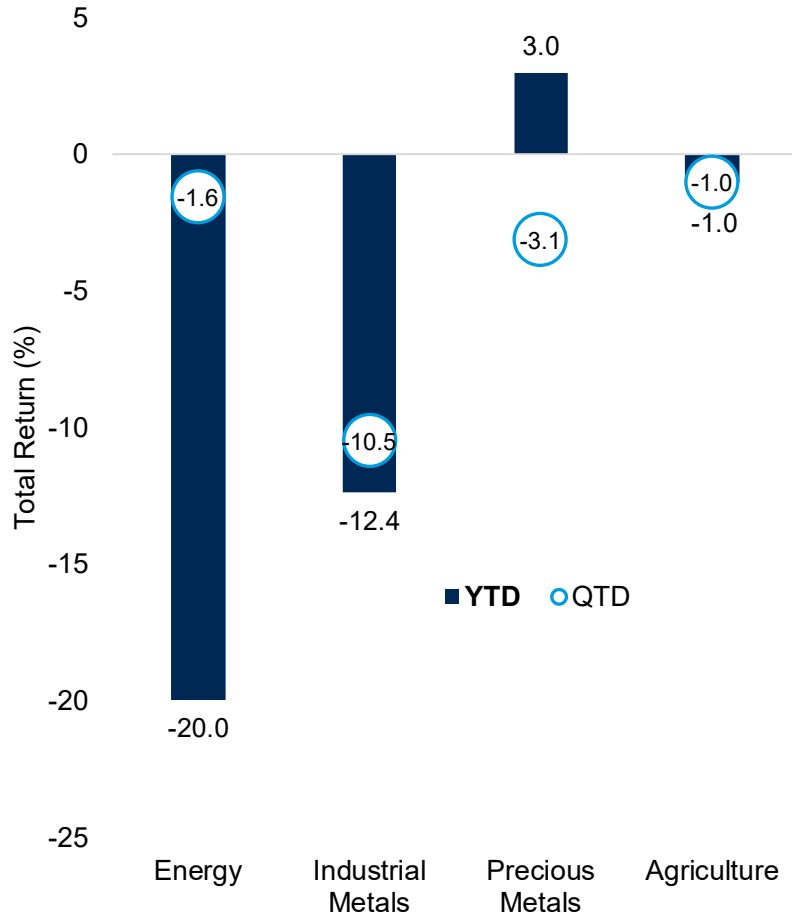
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Real Assets Market Update

Commodity Performance

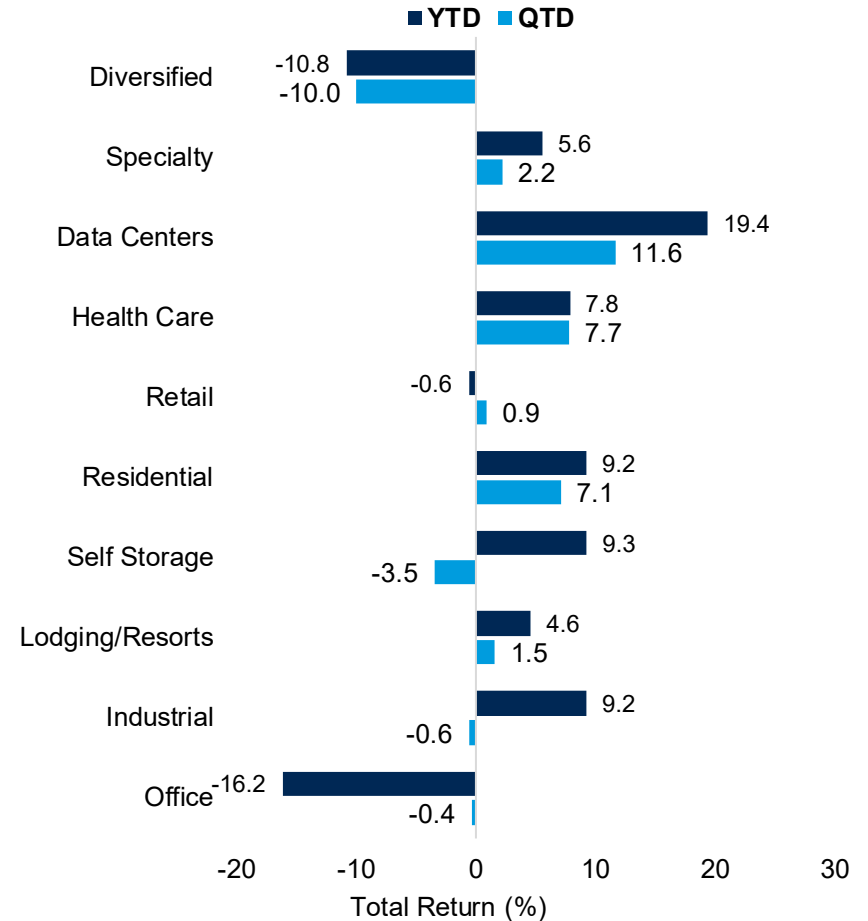
Commodities struggled in the quarter. Industrial metals fell on overall weaker global growth expectations and lower expected demand. Energy and Agriculture held in on robust gasoline prices and booming soybean prices, respectively.



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

REIT Sector Performance

There was wide variation in property type performance for the quarter. A robust residential housing market bolstered returns and hospitals improved as activity continues to increase post-COVID. The office market continues to be plagued by the "new" hybrid work environment and subsequent lower demand for office space, which has conversely benefitted data centers.



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The Case for Diversification

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD	10 Years (Ann)
TIPS 13.6	Emerging Markets 18.2	U.S. Small Cap 38.8	U.S. Equity REITs 30.1	U.S. Equity REITs 3.2	U.S. Small Cap 21.3	Emerging Markets 37.3	High Yield Munis 4.8	U.S. Large Cap 31.5	U.S. Small Cap 20.0	U.S. Equity REITs 43.2	Commodities 16.1	U.S. Large Cap 16.7	U.S. Large Cap 12.6
High Yield Munis 9.3	High Yield Munis 18.1	U.S. Large Cap 32.4	High Yield Munis 13.8	Municipals 5-Year 2.4	High Yield 17.1	International Dev. 25.0	Municipals 5-Year 1.7	U.S. Equity REITs 26.0	U.S. Large Cap 18.4	Commodities 27.1	Municipals 5-Year -5.3	International Developed 11.7	U.S. Small Cap 8.3
U.S. Equity REITs 8.3	U.S. Equity REITs 18.1	International Dev. 22.8	U.S. Large Cap 13.7	High Yield Munis 1.8	U.S. Large Cap 12.0	U.S. Large Cap 21.8	Foreign Bond 0.5	U.S. Small Cap 25.5	Emerging Markets 18.3	US Large Cap 26.5	Hedge Funds -5.6	U.S. Small Cap 8.1	U.S. Equity REITs 6.4
Core Bond 7.8	International Dev. 17.3	Balanced 12.2	Core Bond 6.0	U.S. Large Cap 1.4	Commodities 11.7	EM Debt (unhedged) 15.2	Core Bond 0.0	International Dev. 22.5	TIPS 11.0	US Small Cap 14.8	High Yield -11.2	EM Debt (unhedged) 7.8	International Dev. 5.4
Municipals 5-Year 6.9	EM Debt (unhedged) 16.9	Hedge Funds 9.0	Balanced 5.1	Core Bond 0.6	Emerging Markets 11.2	U.S. Small Cap 14.6	TIPS -1.3	Emerging Markets 18.4	Balanced 8.8	International Dev. 11.3	EM Debt (unhedged) -11.7	Balanced 7.0	Balanced 4.9
High Yield 5.0	U.S. Small Cap 16.3	High Yield 7.4	U.S. Small Cap 4.9	Hedge Funds -0.3	EM Debt (unhedged) 9.9	Balanced 13.6	High Yield -2.1	Balanced 17.5	International Dev. 7.8	Balanced 9.8	TIPS -11.8	High Yield 5.4	High Yield 4.4
Foreign Bond 4.2	U.S. Large Cap 16.0	U.S. Equity REITs 2.5	TIPS 3.6	International Dev. -0.8	U.S. Equity REITs 8.5	High Yield Munis 9.7	Hedge Funds -4.0	High Yield 14.3	Core Bond 7.5	High Yield Munis 7.8	U.S. Core Bond -13.0	U.S. Equity REITs 5.4	High Yield Municipals 4.2
U.S. Large Cap 2.1	High Yield 15.8	Municipals 5-Year 0.8	Hedge Funds 3.4	TIPS -1.4	Balanced 7.6	Hedge Funds 7.8	U.S. Large Cap -4.4	EM Debt (unhedged) 13.5	Hedge Funds 7.1	TIPS 6.0	High Yield Municipals -13.1	Emerging Markets 4.9	Hedge Funds 3.1
Balanced 0.9	Balanced 11.5	Foreign Bond -1.0	Municipals 5-Year 3.2	Foreign Bond -2.3	TIPS 4.7	High Yield 7.5	U.S. Equity REITs -4.6	High Yield Munis 10.7	High Yield 7.1	Hedge Funds 5.7	Foreign Bond -14.2	High Yield Municipals 4.4	Emerging Markets 3.0
EM Debt (unhedged) -1.8	TIPS 7.0	Core Bond -2.0	Foreign Bond 2.9	Balanced -3.3	Foreign Bond 3.2	Foreign Bond 6.5	Balanced -5.8	Core Bond 8.7	Foreign Bond 7.0	High Yield 5.3	International Dev. -14.5	Foreign Bond 2.2	TIPS 2.1
U.S. Small Cap -4.2	Foreign Bond 5.3	Emerging Markets -2.6	High Yield 2.5	U.S. Small Cap -4.4	High Yield Munis 3.0	U.S. Equity REITs 5.2	EM Debt (unhedged) -6.2	TIPS 8.4	High Yield Munis 4.9	Municipals 5-Year 0.3	Balanced -14.9	U.S. Core Bond 2.1	Municipals 5-Year 1.7
Hedge Funds -5.7	Hedge Funds 4.8	High Yield Munis -5.5	Emerging Markets -2.2	High Yield -4.5	Core Bond 2.6	Core Bond 3.5	U.S. Small Cap -11.0	Hedge Funds 7.8	Municipals 5-Year 4.3	Core Bond -1.5	U.S. Large Cap -19.1	TIPS 1.9	U.S. Core Bond 1.5
Commodities -13.3	Core Bond 4.2	TIPS -8.6	International Dev. -4.9	Emerging Markets -14.9	International Dev. 1.0	Municipals 5-Year 3.1	Commodities -11.2	Commodities 7.7	EM Debt (unhedged) 2.7	Emerging Markets -2.5	Emerging Markets -20.1	Municipals 5-Year 1.2	Foreign Bond 0.8
International Dev. -12.1	Municipals 5-Year 3.0	EM Debt (unhedged) -9.0	EM Debt (unhedged) -5.7	EM Debt (unhedged) -14.9	Hedge Funds 0.5	TIPS 3.0	International Dev. -13.8	Foreign Bond 6.3	Commodities -3.1	Foreign Bond -4.2	U.S. Small Cap -20.4	Hedge Funds 1.2	EM Debt (unhedged) -0.6
Emerging Markets -18.4	Commodities -1.1	Commodities -9.5	Commodities -17.0	Commodities -24.7	Municipals 5-Year -0.4	Commodities 1.7	Emerging Markets -14.6	Municipals 5-Year 5.4	U.S. Equity REITs -8.0	EM Debt (unhedged) -8.7	U.S. Equity REITs -24.4	Commodities -7.8	Commodities -1.0

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Financial Markets Performance

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Total Return as of June 30, 2023

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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%
JPMorgan 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%
Alternatives	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Consumer Price Index*	0.5%	1.4%	4.1%	5.8%	3.9%	3.4%	2.7%	2.3%
FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs	2.6%	5.4%	-0.1%	8.9%	4.6%	3.5%	6.4%	6.8%
S&P Real Assets	-0.2%	1.7%	0.7%	6.2%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed	0.5%	1.6%	-3.6%	4.3%	0.8%	1.7%	3.8%	4.1%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.	-2.8%	-4.3%	-8.7%	-2.0%	-3.2%	-0.1%	1.2%	1.7%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	-2.6%	-7.8%	-9.6%	17.8%	4.7%	3.4%	-1.0%	-4.7%
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*	0.5%	1.2%	1.2%	5.4%	3.0%	3.8%	3.1%	1.9%
HFRI Asset Weighted Composite*	0.9%	0.3%	-1.4%	6.2%	3.2%	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%

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