# Voya Global Perspectives

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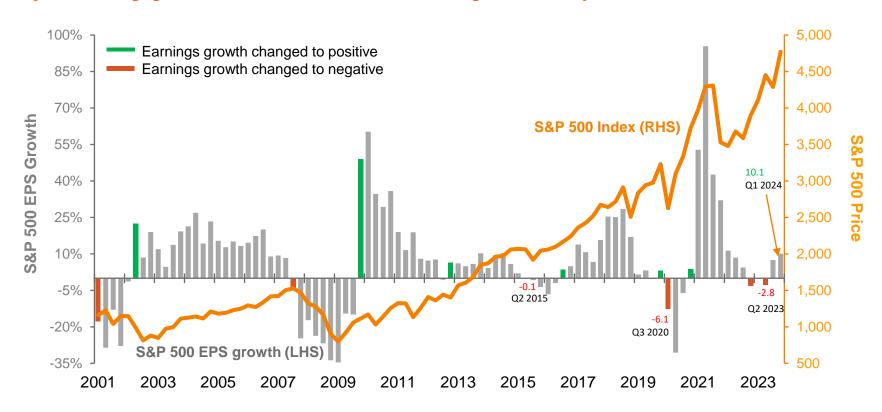
# 2024 Forecast

Variables	2024 Year-End Forecast
S&P 500 Index Level	\$5,000
S&P 500 EPS	\$250
Crude Oil (WTI)	\$80 /bbl
Gold	\$1,850 /oz
10-Year UST Yield	4.0%
Trade Weighted \$ (DXY)	\$100
US GDP Growth	1.5%
US Unemployment	4.2%
Inflation	2.7%





Corporate earnings growth is a barometer for the health of the global economy.



Source: Refinitiv – Thomson Reuters and FactSet, Voya Investment Management, as of 12/31/2023. Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. The S&P 500 index is a gauge of the U.S. stock market that includes 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

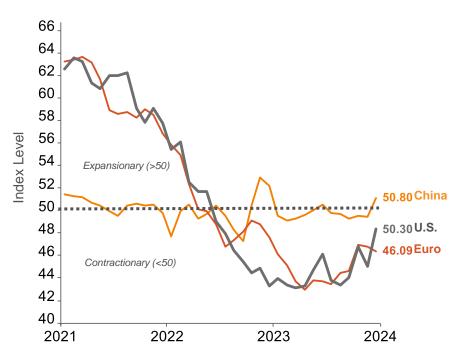
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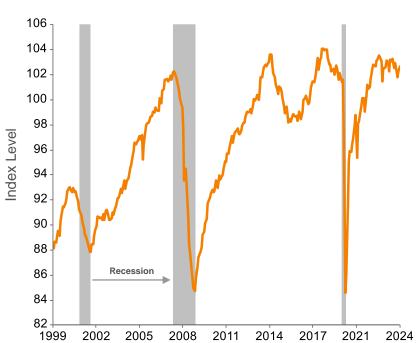


# Broadening Manufacturing

#### Global Manufacturing PMIs



#### U.S. Industrial Production



Source: Institute of Supply Management, FactSet. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of economic activity in the manufacturing sector. Measures above 50 indicate economic expansion, measures below 50 indicate economic contraction. PMI's as of 3/31/2024. Industrial Production as of 3/31/2024.





# Consumer as Game Changer

At about 70% of gross domestic product (GDP), the U.S. consumer is a game changer.



Source: FactSet. U.S. retail sales as of 2/29/2024.





#### Diversification

The U.S. has been the place to be, but global diversification is an attractive strategy in an uncertain future.

Index	Q1	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	3 vears	5 vears	10 vears	15 vears	20 years
Equity																		years	years	years	yours	yours
S&P 500	10.6	26.3	(18.1)	28.7	18.4	31.5	(4.4)	21.8	12.0	1.4	14.9	32.4	16.0	2.1	15.1	26.5	(37.0)	7.8	12.8	11.8	14.9	9.6
S&P Midcap	10.0	16.4	(13.1)	24.8	13.7	26.2	(11.1)	16.2	20.7	(2.2)	10.3	33.5	17.9	(1.7)	26.6	37.4	(36.2)	3.6	9.6	8.9	14.0	9.5
S&P Smallcap	2.5	16.1	(16.1)	26.8	11.3	22.8	(8.5)	13.2	26.6	(2.0)	5.5	41.3	16.3	1.0	26.3	25.6	(31.1)	1.5	8.6	8.5	14.1	9.3
Global REITs	(1.0)	10.9	(24.4)	27.2	(8.2)	23.1	(4.7)	11.4	5.0	0.1	16.5	4.4	28.7	(5.8)	20.4	38.3	(47.7)	0.2	1.0	4.1	10.1	6.0
EAFE	5.8	18.9	(14.0)	11.8	8.3	22.7	(13.4)	25.6	1.5	(0.4)	(4.0)	23.3	17.9	(11.7)	8.2	32.5	(43.1)	3.3	6.6	4.7	8.5	5.8
Emerging Mkts	2.2	10.3	(19.7)	(2.2)	18.7	18.9	(14.2)	37.8	11.6	(14.6)	(2.4)	(2.3)	18.6	(18.2)	19.2	79.0	(53.2)	(5.4)	2.1	3.1	6.9	6.7
Average	5.0	16.5	(17.6)	19.5	10.4	24.2	(9.4)	21.0	12.9	(3.0)	6.8	22.1	19.2	(5.7)	19.3	39.9	(41.4)	1.8	6.8	6.9	11.4	7.8
Fixed Income																						
Corporate	(0.4)	8.5	(15.8)	(1.0)	9.9	14.5	(2.5)	6.4	6.1	(0.7)	6.7	(1.5)	9.8	8.1	9.0	18.7	(4.9)	(1.7)	1.6	2.7	4.9	4.0
U.S. Treasury 20+	(3.8)	2.7	(31.1)	(4.4)	18.1	15.1	(2.0)	9.0	1.4	(1.6)	25.1	(13.9)	3.4	33.8	9.4	(21.4)	33.7	(7.7)	(2.6)	1.5	2.4	3.8
Global Aggregate	(2.1)	5.7	(16.2)	(4.7)	9.2	6.8	(1.2)	7.4	2.1	(3.2)	0.2	(2.6)	4.3	5.6	5.5	6.9	4.8	(4.1)	(0.7)	0.1	1.8	2.3
High Yield	1.5	13.4	(11.2)	5.3	7.1	14.3	(2.1)	7.5	17.1	(4.5)	2.3	7.4	15.8	5.0	15.1	58.2	(26.2)	1.7	3.9	4.3	8.7	6.5
Average	(1.2)	7.6	(18.6)	(1.2)	11.1	12.7	(1.9)	7.6	6.7	(2.5)	8.6	(2.6)	8.3	13.2	9.8	15.6	1.9	(3.0)	0.5	2.1	4.5	4.1
Overall Average	2.5	12.9	(18.0)	11.2	10.6	19.6	(6.4)	15.6	10.4	(2.8)	7.5	12.2	14.9	1.8	15.5	30.2	(24.1)	(0.1)	4.3	5.0	8.6	6.4

Data as of 3/31/2024

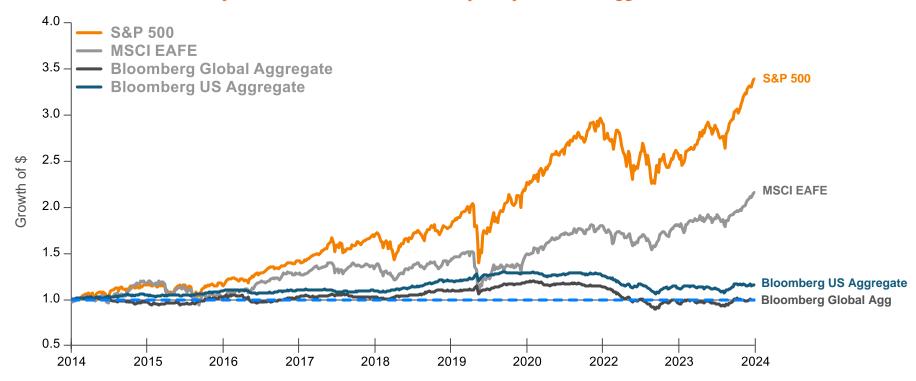
Source: FactSet, FTSE NAREIT, Voya Investment Management. The Overall Average model allocation includes 10 asset classes, equally weighted: S&P 500, S&P 400 Midcap, S&P 600 Smallcap, MSCI U.S. REIT Index/FTSE EPRA REIT Index, MSCI EAFE Index, MSCI BRIC Index, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Bonds. Returns are annualized for periods longer than one year. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment cannot be made in an index**.





### Europe

Over the last 20 Years, Europe and other international developed equities have lagged U.S.



Data as of 3/31/2024. The S&P 500 Index covers 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies of the U.S. markets (mostly NYSE issues). The Index represents about 75% of NYSE market capitalization and 30% of NYSE issues. It is a capitalization-weighted index calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. It is widely considered the benchmark for large-cap funds. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of publicly issued investment grade U.S. government, mortgage-backed, asset-backed and corporate debt securities. Index returns do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Indexes are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index is an unmanaged index that provides a broad-based measure of the expenses of investing. Indexes are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. The MSCI Europe, Australasia and Far East (EAFE) Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of securities listed on exchanges in markets in Europe, Australasia and the Far East. Index returns do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Indexes are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

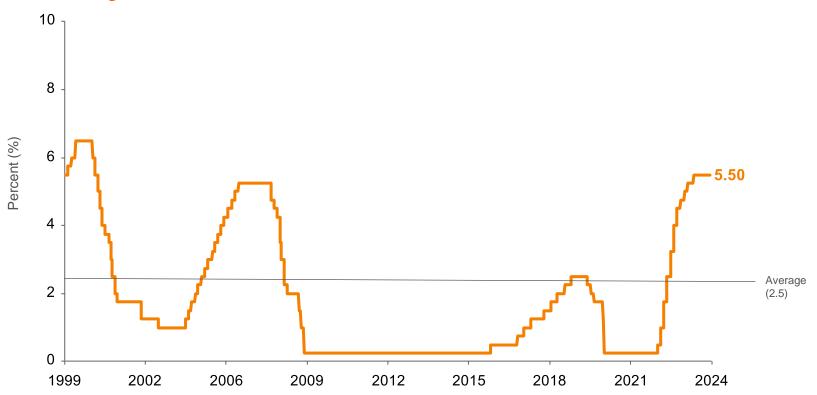
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## The Fed



#### Fed Funds Target Rate



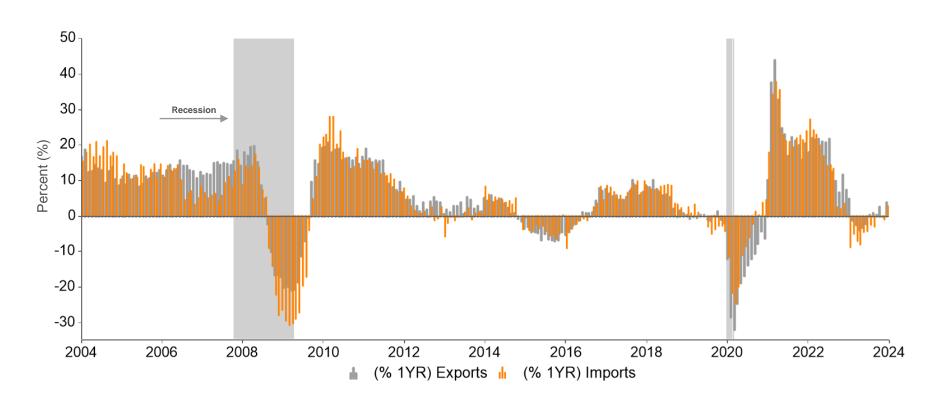
Source: FactSet, Fed Funds Target Rate, data as of 3/31/2024. Average Fed Funds Rate is average since 1988. FAIT = Flexible Average Inflation Targeting (effected in August 2020).





# U.S. Export, Import Growth (YoY % Change)

U.S. trade is highly dependent on global economic growth.



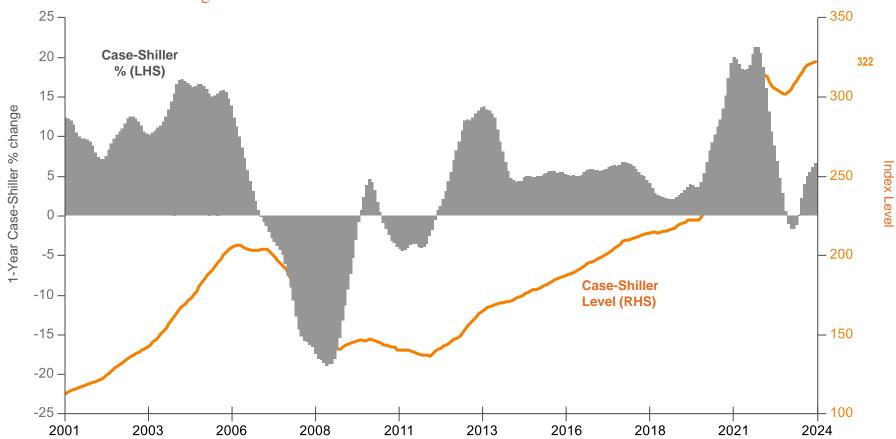
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# Housing



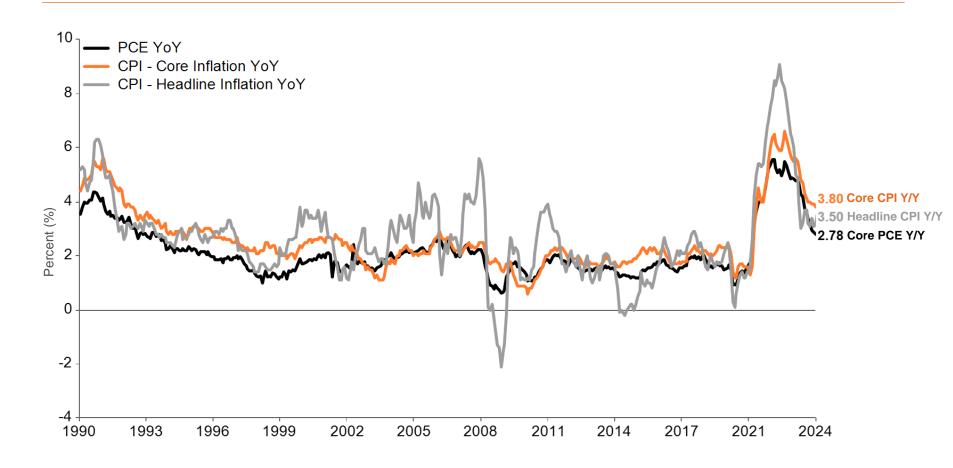


Source: FactSet, S&P Case-Shiller as of 1/31/2024.





## Inflation



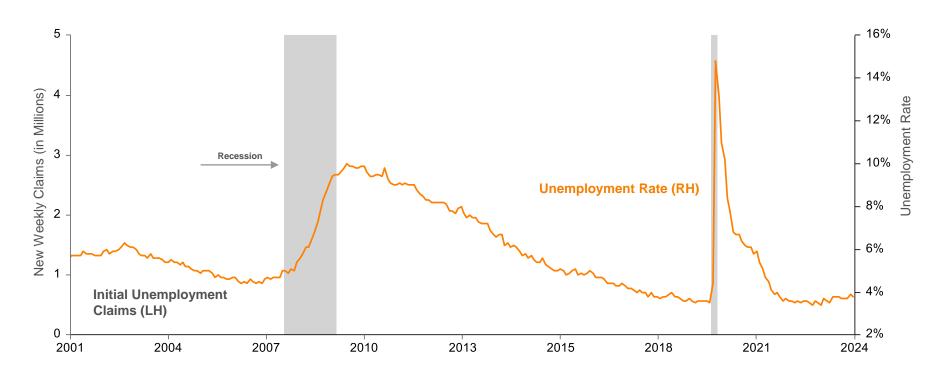
Source: FactSet, PCE as of 2/29/2024; CPI as of 3/31/2024





### Jobs

The unemployment rate has slowly improved in line with economic growth.

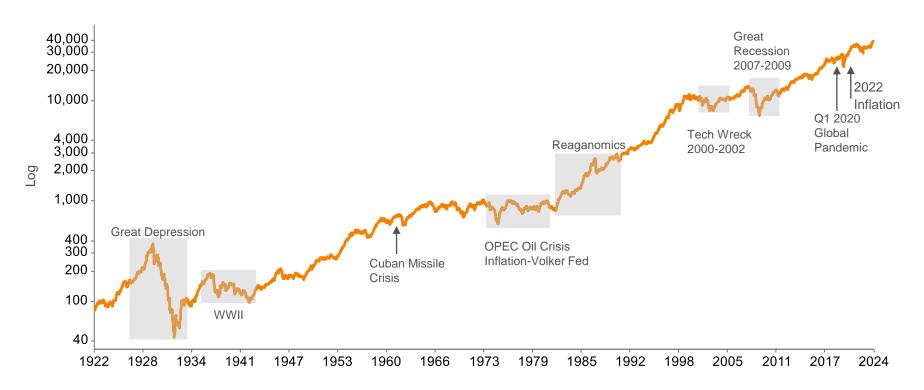


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, FactSet. Data as of 3/31/2024.



# Dow Jones Industrials (price only — 100 years)

It is not unusual for stocks to have prolonged periods of volatile returns.



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#### **Index Total Returns**

Index	Q1	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Broad Market																				
Dow Industrial	6.1	16.2	(6.9)	20.9	9.7	25.3	(3.5)	28.1	16.5	0.2	10.0	29.7	10.2	8.4	14.1	22.7	16.2	9.4	12.5	11.1
S&P 500	10.6	26.3	(18.1)	28.7	18.4	31.5	(4.4)	21.8	12.0	1.4	13.7	32.4	16.0	2.1	15.1	26.5	26.3	10.0	15.7	12.0
S&P 100 (OEX)	11.2	32.9	(20.9)	29.4	21.5	32.2	(3.9)	22.0	11.4	2.6	12.7	30.4	16.1	3.2	12.5	22.3	32.9	10.8	16.9	12.7
Nasdaq Composite	9.3	44.6	(32.5)	22.2	44.9	36.7	(2.8)	29.6	8.9	7.0	14.7	40.2	17.7	(0.8)	18.0	45.3	44.6	6.0	18.8	14.8
Large-Cap																				
Russell 1000	10.3	26.5	(19.1)	26.5	21.0	31.4	(4.8)	21.7	12.1	0.9	13.2	33.1	16.4	1.5	16.1	28.4	26.5	9.0	15.5	11.8
Russell 1000 Value	9.0	11.5	(7.5)	25.2	2.8	26.5	(8.3)	13.7	17.3	(3.8)	13.5	32.5	17.5	0.4	15.5	19.7	11.5	8.9	10.9	8.4
Russell 1000 Growth	11.4	42.7	(29.1)	27.6	38.5	36.4	(1.5)	30.2	7.1	5.7	13.0	33.5	15.3	2.6	16.7	37.2	42.7	8.9	19.5	14.9
Mid-Cap																				
Russell Mid-Cap	8.6	17.2	(17.3)	22.6	17.1	30.5	(9.1)	18.5	13.8	(2.4)	13.2	34.8	17.3	(1.5)	25.5	40.5	17.2	5.9	12.7	9.4
Russell Mid-Cap Value	8.2	12.7	(12.0)	28.3	5.0	27.1	(12.3)	13.3	20.0	(4.8)	14.7	33.5	18.5	(1.4)	24.8	34.2	12.7	8.4	11.2	8.3
Russell Mid-Cap Growth	9.5	25.9	(26.7)	12.7	35.6	35.5	(4.8)	25.3	7.3	(0.2)	11.9	35.7	15.8	(1.7)	26.4	46.3	25.9	1.3	13.8	10.6
Small-Cap																				
Russell 2000	5.2	16.9	(20.4)	14.8	20.0	25.5	(11.0)	14.6	21.3	(4.4)	4.9	38.8	16.3	(4.2)	26.9	27.2	16.9	2.2	10.0	7.2
Russell 2000 Value	2.9	14.6	(14.5)	28.3	4.6	22.4	(12.9)	7.8	31.7	(7.5)	4.2	34.5	18.1	(5.5)	24.5	20.6	14.6	7.9	10.0	6.8
Russell 2000 Growth	7.6	18.7	(26.4)	2.8	34.6	28.5	(9.3)	22.2	11.3	(1.4)	5.6	43.3	14.6	(2.9)	29.1	34.5	18.7	(3.5)	9.2	7.2

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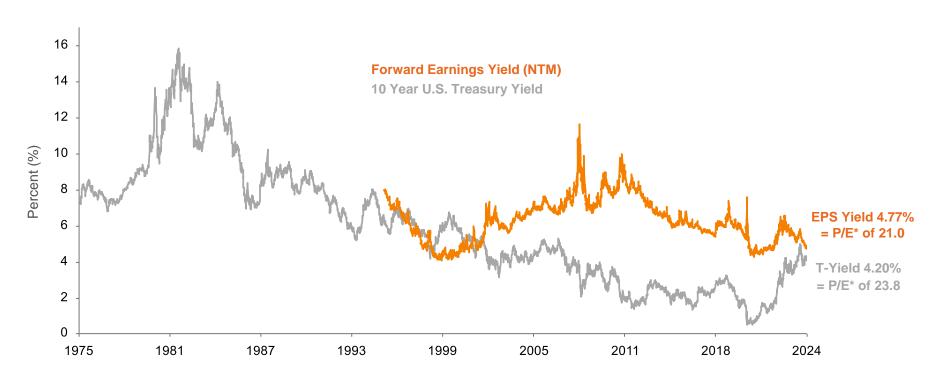
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Source: Dow Jones, Standard & Poor's, NASDAQ, Russell Investments, FactSet. Note: All returns are total returns including dividends expressed as percentages. Returns for 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods are annualized. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment cannot be made in an index. Please see index definitions and other important disclosures in the back.



#### The Fed Model

Stock and bond comparison translated into comparable valuations.



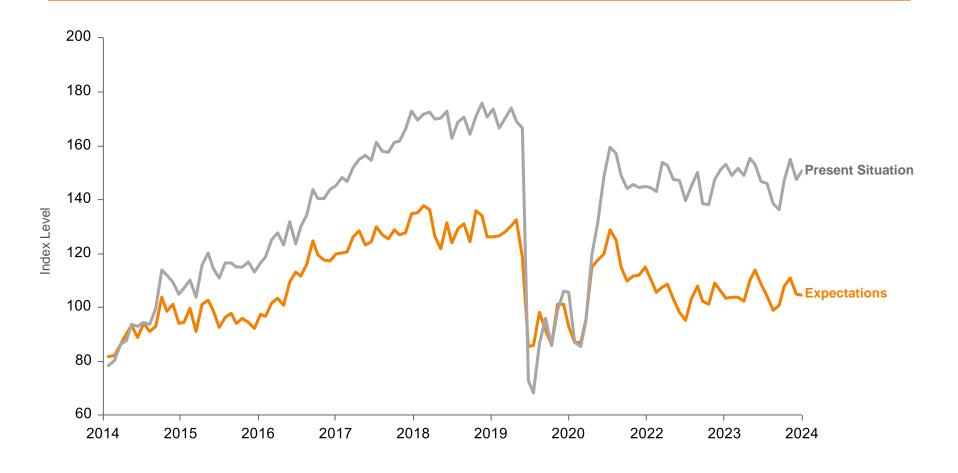
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Note: Earnings yield is the inverse of the price to earnings (P/E) ratio and is calculated as the sum of the reported next 12 months' earnings estimates divided by market capitalization. The price-earnings ratio (P/E ratio) is the ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its per-share earnings. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield is used for bonds. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment cannot be made in an index.** Source: Standard & Poor's, First Call, Reuters, Bloomberg, FactSet. Please review important disclosures in the back of this book.



<sup>\*</sup> P/E is Price/Earnings

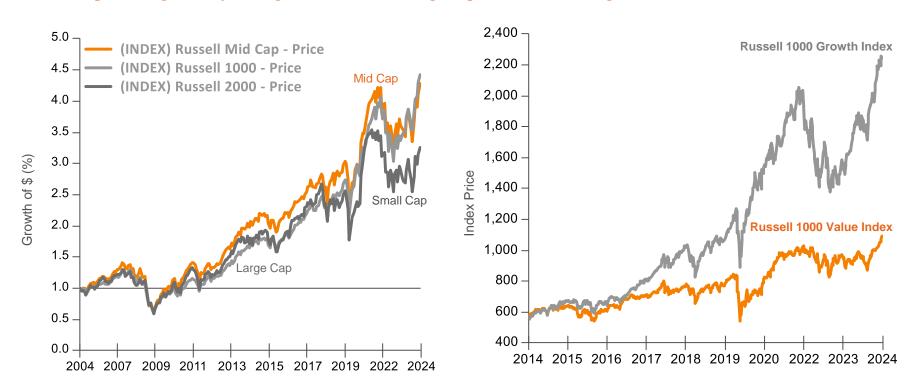
### U.S. Consumer Confidence



Source: FactSet; data as of 3/31/2024

# Performance by Market Capitalization

Mid-cap stocks generally have grown faster than large caps since 2005 and growth over value.

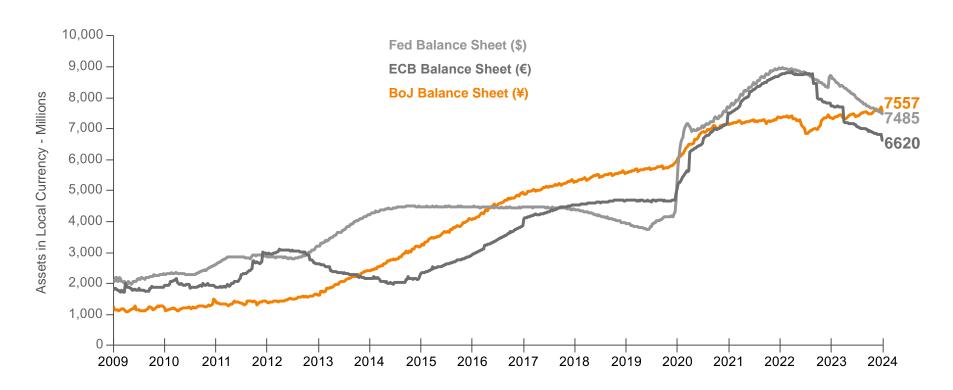


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#### Global Central Bank Balance Sheets

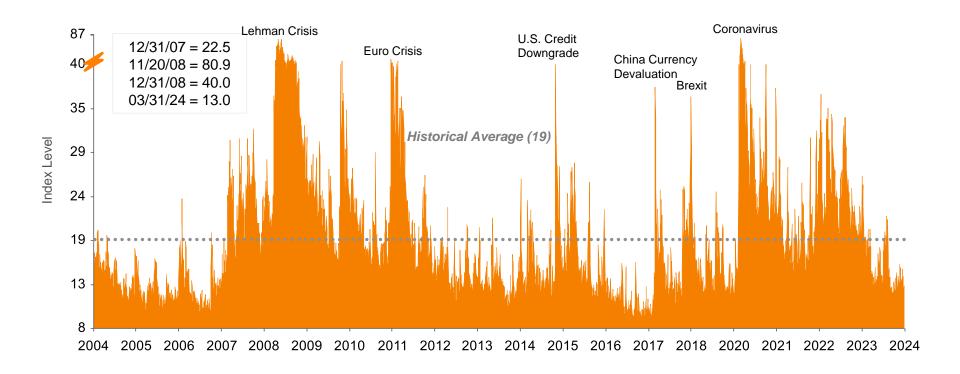
The Fed and ECB are reducing their balance sheets, while the BoJ is holding steady.



Source: FactSet, Voya Investment Management, as of 3/31/2024. Fed = Federal Reserve Bank; ECB = European Central Bank; BoJ = Bank of Japan.

# Equity Volatility (VIX)

Volatility tends to spike when investors get complacent after long periods of low volatility.



Data as of 3/31/2024.

Note: The VIX is the ticker symbol for the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility index, which shows the market's expectation of 30-day volatility. It is constructed using the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 index options. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: Standard & Poor's, Chicago Board Option Exchange, FactSet.



### Bond and Loan Returns

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Q1	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
(1.0)	4.1	(12.5)	(2.3)	8.0	6.9	0.9	2.3	1.0	8.0	5.1	(2.7)	2.0	9.8	5.9	4.1	(3.8)	0.5	1.3
0.3	4.3	(3.8)	(0.6)	3.2	3.6	1.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.6	2.4	4.3	(0.1)	1.3	1.0
(3.8)	2.7	(31.1)	(4.4)	18.1	15.1	(2.0)	9.0	1.4	(1.6)	27.5	(13.9)	3.4	33.8	9.4	2.7	(12.2)	(1.7)	2.3
(0.4)	5.8	(11.1)	(1.3)	5.9	9.0	0.3	4.2	2.7	(0.4)	6.1	(2.7)	4.9	6.7	5.0	5.8	(2.4)	1.4	2.0
(0.4)	8.5	(15.8)	(1.0)	9.9	14.5	(2.5)	6.4	6.1	(0.7)	7.5	(1.5)	9.8	8.1	9.0	8.5	(3.3)	2.6	3.0
(1.0)	5.0	(11.8)	(1.0)	3.9	6.4	1.0	2.5	1.7	1.5	6.1	(1.5)	2.6	6.3	5.5	5.0	(2.9)	0.3	1.4
0.7	5.5	(4.3)	(0.3)	4.5	4.5	1.8	1.6	2.0	1.2	1.9	(0.3)	3.7	5.1	5.9	5.5	0.2	1.9	1.8
8.0	5.5	(10.9)	(1.2)	8.2	8.3	0.8	3.3	3.4	1.0	3.9	(0.1)	8.6	6.2	18.5	5.5	(2.5)	1.7	2.1
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.8	0.9	2.2	0.1	2.4	3.6	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
(8.0)	5.5	(13.0)	(1.5)	7.5	8.7	0.0	3.5	2.6	0.5	6.0	(2.0)	4.2	7.8	6.5	5.5	(3.3)	1.1	1.8
1.5	13.4	(11.2)	5.3	7.1	14.3	(2.1)	7.5	17.1	(4.5)	2.5	7.4	15.8	5.0	15.1	13.4	2.0	5.4	4.6
(2.1)	5.7	(16.2)	(4.7)	9.2	6.8	(1.2)	7.4	2.1	(3.2)	0.6	(2.6)	4.3	5.6	5.5	5.7	(5.5)	(0.3)	0.4
1.5	9.1	(15.3)	(1.7)	6.5	13.1	(2.5)	8.2	9.9	1.3	4.8	(4.1)	17.9	7.0	12.8	9.1	(3.1)	1.8	3.0
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Data as of 3/31/24

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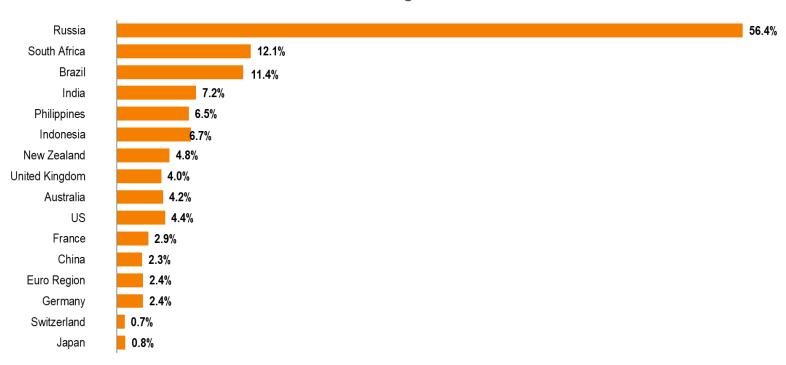
Source: FactSet. Note: All spreads are option-adjusted spreads except for emerging markets and senior loans. Emerging markets spread is the spread over the U.S. Treasury curve. Senior loans spread is the average three-year call secondary spread. All returns are total returns including dividends expressed as percentages. Returns for 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods are annualized. All other returns are cumulative. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** An investment cannot be made in an index. Please review important disclosures in the back of this book.



#### Global Yields

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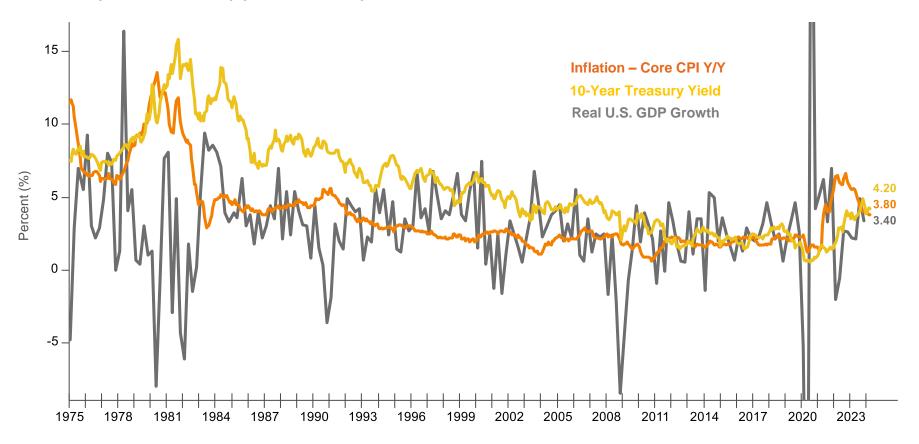
Current 10-Year Sovereign Bond Yields as of 3/31/2024



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### Growth and Inflation

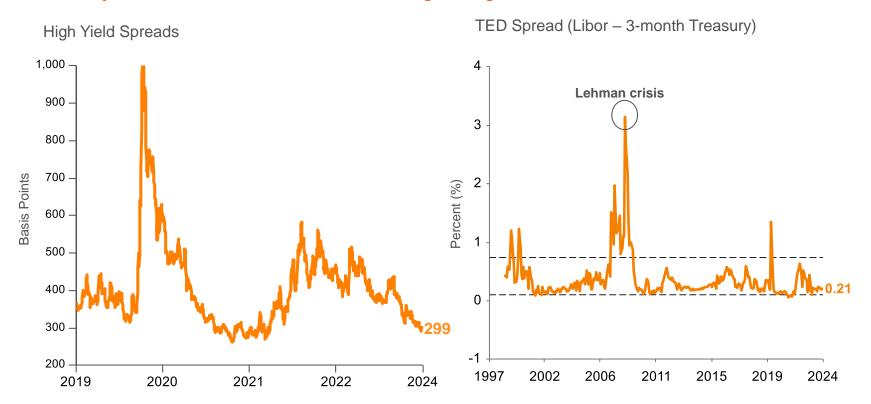
The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield historically tracks real U.S. GDP and inflation.



Source: FactSet. Real U.S. GDP growth as of 12/31/2023, 10-Year Treasury Yield and CPI data as of 3/31/2024.

# Credit Spreads and TED Spread

Credit spreads indicative of risk: low or narrow is good; high or wide is bad.



Source: Moody's, Reuters, Federal Reserve, FactSet, as of 3/31/2024. Note: The TED spread is the difference between the interest rates on interbank loans and on short-term U.S. government debt ("T-bills"). TED is an acronym formed from T-Bill and ED, the ticker symbol for the Eurodollar futures contract. HY spreads are Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Corp HY option-adjusted benchmark average rates in excess of 10-year U.S. Treasury yields. "Libor" is the London Inter-bank Offer Rate, the interest rate banks charge each other for loans. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment cannot be made in an index. Please review important disclosures in the back of this book.

### **International Economics**

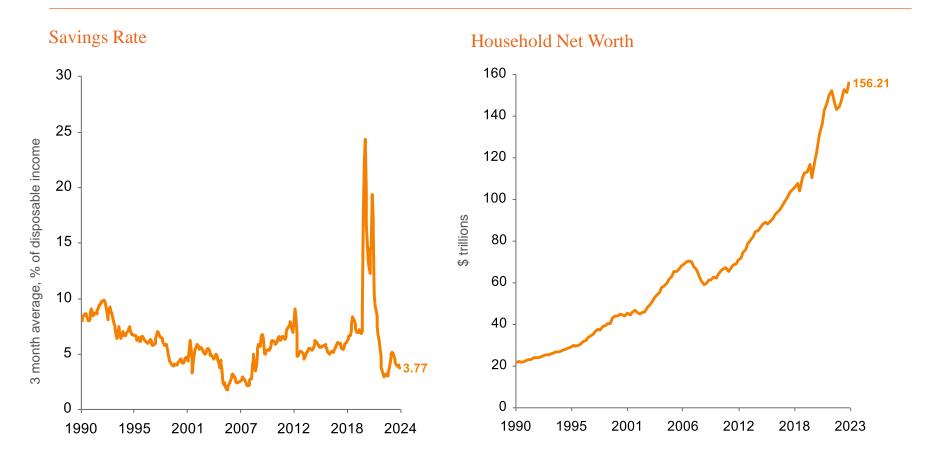
The "Big 3" dominate the global economy while the U.S. and China are putting distance on Europe.

Countries		GDP		Trade (% of GDP)		Demographics	
Developed Markets	USD (Billions)	Per Capita (\$1000)	1-Yr Change	Exports (Goods Only)	Population (Millions)	Unemployment %	Median Age
U.S.	27,957	21.0	2.2%	7.2%	342	3.9	38
Germany	4,589	13.7	1.4%	37.5%	84	3.1	48
Canada	2,168	13.4	1.8%	26.2%	39	5.8	42
U.K.	3,360	12.8	1.4%	14.6%	68	4	41
Eurozone	11,589	11.5	1.6%	26.5%	347	6.5	44
Japan	4,044	8.2	-0.1%	17.7%	123	2.6	49
Ireland	538	25.7	5.0%	39.6%	5	4.2	38
France	3,064	11.5	2.4%	21.6%	65	7.2	42
<b>Emerging Markets</b>							
Brazil	2,285	2.6	1.6%	14.9%	216	7.7	33
Russia		3.4	1.4%		144		40
India	3,626	0.7	5.7%	12.4%	1,428	3.5	29
China	17,888	2.9	6.0%	18.9%	1,425	5.6	38
Mexico	1,864	3.9	0.2%	31.9%	128	2.6	29

Source: FactSet. Data are most recent available as of 3/31/2024.



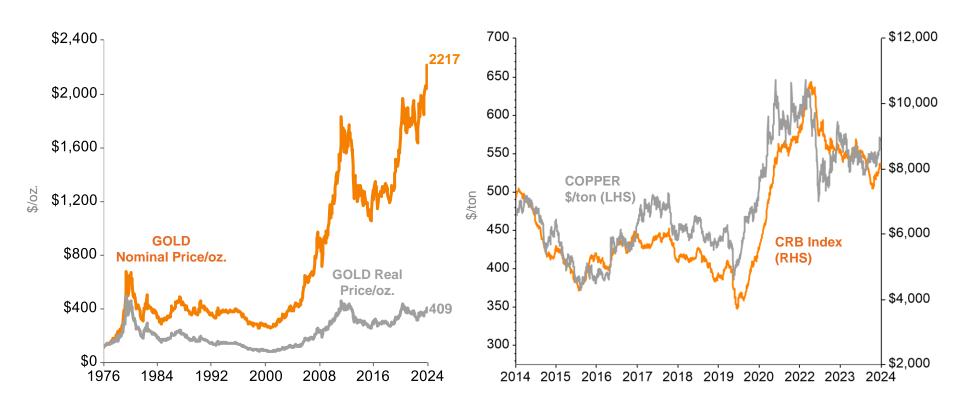
# Savings Rates and Household Net Worth



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve, FactSet. Savings rate data as of 3/31/2024; household net worth data as of 12/31/2023. Note: BEA implemented a metrics revision regarding savings rate on 07/31/2013.

#### Commodities Prices

Gold sells for less today in real — inflation-adjusted — terms than in 1980.



Source: FactSet. Note Gold's "real price/oz." is equal to the indexed nominal gold price divided by the CPI U.S. Data as of 3/31/2024. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment cannot be made in an index.

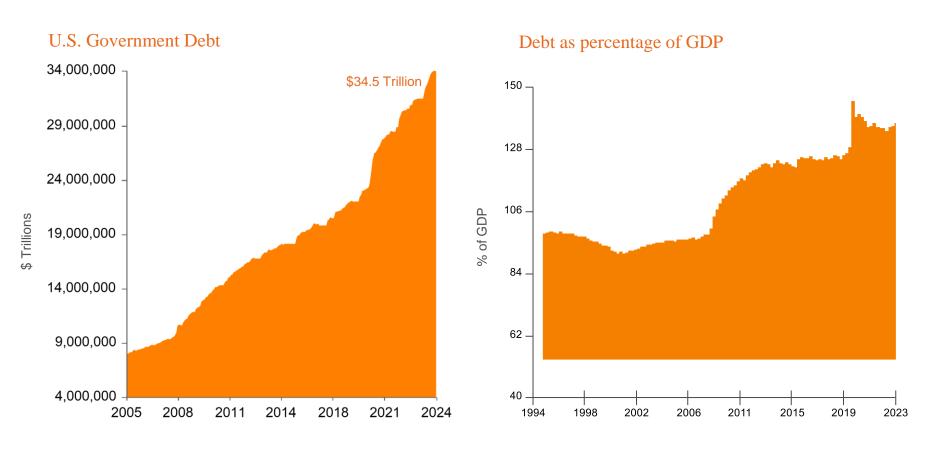
### WTI Crude Oil Prices

Crude oil prices are a good indicator of global demand with too high and too low both ominous.



Source: FactSet. Data as of 3/31/2024. Note: Oil prices are represented by West Texas Intermediate light crude spot prices (NYMEX).

### U.S. Government Debt and Deficit



Source: FactSet. U.S. government debt data as of 2/29/2024, debt level data as of 12/31/2023.

# Corporate Income Tax Rates

Global corporate income taxes have declined since early 2000s, as countries compete for investment.



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Data as of 2023.

# The Folly of Gaming Diversification – Asset Class Returns

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	10 Yr
Small Cap	U.S. Treas 20+	S&P 500	Small Cap	Emerging Mkts	Global Bond	S&P 500	S&P 500	S&P 500	High Yield	S&P 500	S&P 500
41.3	27.5	1.4	26.6	37.3	-1.2	31.5	18.4	28.7	-11.20	26.3	13.0
Mid Cap	Global REITs	Global REITs	Mid Cap	MSCI EAFE	U.S. Treas 20+	Mid Cap	Emerging Mkts	Small Cap	Mid Cap	MSCI EAFE	Mid Cap
33.5	14.7	-0.4	20.7	25.0	-2.0	26.2	18.3	26.8	-13.1	18.2	10.0
S&P 500	S&P 500	Corp Bonds	High Yield	S&P 500	High Yield	Global REITs	U.S. Treas 20+	Mid Cap	MSCI EAFE	Mid Cap	Small Cap
32.4	13.7	-0.7	17.1	21.8	-2.1	23.6	18.1	24.8	-14.5	16.4	8.8
MSCI EAFE	Mid Cap	MSCI EAFE	S&P 500	Mid Cap	Corp Bonds	Small Cap	Mid Cap	Global REITs	Corp Bonds	Small Cap	Global AA
22.8	9.8	-0.8	12.0	16.2	-2.5	22.8	13.7	23.0	-15.8	16.1	5.1
Global AA	Global AA	U.S. Treas 20+	Emerging Mkts	Global AA	S&P 500	MSCI EAFE	Small Cap	MSCI EAFE	Small Cap	High Yield	MSCI EAFE
11.9	7.5	-1.6	11.2	15.9	-4.4	22.0	11.3	11.3	-16.1	13.4	4.8
High Yield	Corp Bonds	Small Cap	Global AA	Global REITs	Global REITs	Global AA	Global AA	Global AA	Global Bond	Global AA	High Yield
7.4	7.5	-2.0	10.3	15.0	-5.5	19.5	10.5	10.7	-16.2	12.7	4.4
Global REITs	Small Cap	Mid Cap	Corp Bonds	Small Cap	Global AA	Emerging Mkts	Corp Bonds	High Yield	Global AA	Emerging Mkts	Global REITs
2.2	5.8	-2.2	6.1	13.2	-6.6	18.4	9.9	5.3	-18.0	9.8	3.6
Corp Bonds	High Yield	Global AA	Global REITs	U.S. Treas 20+	Small Cap	U.S. Treas 20+	Global Bond	Corp Bonds	S&P 500	Global REITs	Emerging Mkts
-1.5	2.5	-2.9	4.6	9.0	-8.5	15.1	9.2	-1.0	-18.1	9.8	2.9
Global Bond	Global Bond	Global Bond	Global Bond	High Yield	Mid Cap	Corp Bonds	MSCI EAFE	Emerging Mkts	Emerging Mkts	Corp Bonds	Corp Bonds
-2.6	0.6	-3.2	2.1	7.5	-11.1	14.5	7.8	-2.5	-20.1	8.5	2.6
Emerging Mkts	Emerging Mkts	High Yield	U.S. Treas 20+	Global Bond	MSCI EAFE	High Yield	High Yield	U.S. Treas 20+	Global REITs	Global Bond	U.S. Treas 20+
-2.6	-2.2	-4.5	1.4	7.4	-13.8	14.3	7.1	-4.4	-23.6	5.7	1.1
U.S. Treas 20+	MSCI EAFE	Emerging Mkts	MSCI EAFE	Corp Bonds	Emerging Mkts	Global Bond	Global REITs	Global Bond	U.S. Treas 20+	U.S. Treas 20+	Global Bond
-13.9	-4.9	-14.9	1.0	6.4	-14.6	6.8	-9.2	-4.7	-31.1	2.7	-0.1

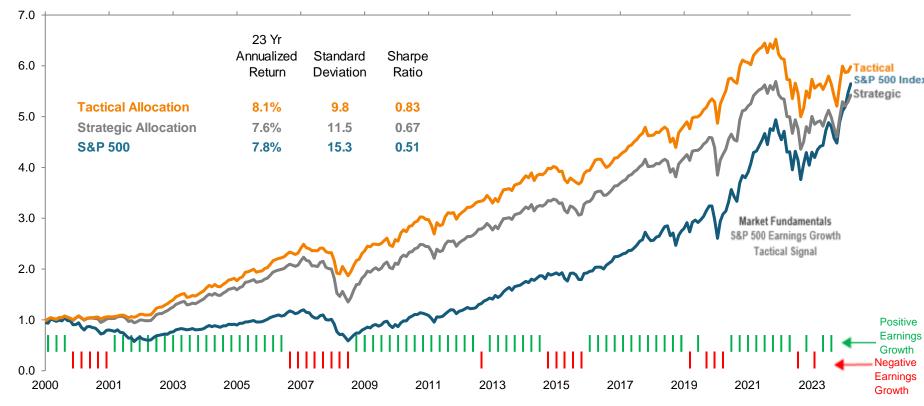
Source: Morningstar, Voya IM as of 3/31/2024. Note: Table shows asset class total return percentages. "Global AA" includes 10 asset classes, equally weighted: S&P 500, S&P 400 Midcap, S&P 600 Smallcap, MSCI U.S. REIT Index/FTSE EPRA REIT Index, MSCI EAFE Index, MSCI EM Index, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Bonds. For illustration only.

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## A Plan for the Inevitable Bear Market beats "Stay the Course"

Strategic and tactical allocation over 23 years shows that active management may add value especially in market downturns.



Source: FactSet, Voya Investment Management. **As of 3/31/2024**. Strategic allocation includes 10 asset classes, equally weighted: S&P 500, S&P 400 Midcap, S&P600 Smallcap, MSCI U.S. REIT Index/FTSE EPRA REIT Index, MSCI EAFE Index, MSCI BRIC Index, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bonds, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Bonds. Strategic allocation consists of the 10 asset classes above in a 60% equity/40% fixed income portfolio. Tactical allocation consists of the same 60% equity/40% fixed income portfolio, but reduces equity exposure from 60% to 30% only when S&P 500 quarterly earnings growth is negative. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** 

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# Sequence of Returns Matters

It is crucial to de-risk once retirement begins due to possible adverse "Sequence of Returns".

Date	Anr	nual Income	Annual Returns	Portfolio Value	Annual Returns	Portfolio Value
Starting Nest Egg Value				\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000
Year 1	\$	40,000	-5%	912,000	15%	1,104,000
Year 2	\$	40,000	-5%	828,400	15%	1,223,600
Year 3	\$	40,000	-5%	748,980	15%	1,361,140
Year 4	\$	40,000	-5%	673,531	15%	1,519,311
Year 5	\$	40,000	-5%	601,854	15%	1,701,208
Year 6	\$	40,000	-5%	533,762	15%	1,910,389
Year 7	\$	40,000	-5%	469,074	15%	2,150,947
Year 8	\$	40,000	-5%	407,620	15%	2,427,589
Year 9	\$	40,000	-5%	349,239	15%	2,745,728
Year 10	\$	40,000	-5%	293,777	15%	3,111,587
Year 11	\$	40,000	15%	291,844	-5%	2,918,007
Year 12	\$	40,000	15%	289,620	-5%	2,734,107
Year 13	\$	40,000	15%	287,063	-5%	2,559,402
Year 14	\$	40,000	15%	284,123	-5%	2,393,432
Year 15	\$	40,000	15%	280,741	-5%	2,235,760
Year 16	\$	40,000	15%	276,852	-5%	2,085,972
Year 17	\$	40,000	15%	272,380	-5%	1,943,673
Year 18	\$	40,000	15%	267,237	-5%	1,808,490
Year 19	\$	40,000	15%	261,322	-5%	1,680,065
Year 20	\$	40,000	15%	254,521	-5%	1,558,062
Average Return			5%		5%	

Source: Voya Investment Management. This chart is for illustrative purposes only. The information presented is hypothetical, and not indicative of any particular investment.



#### **Index Definitions**

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** is composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index** is a component of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High-Yield Bond Index** tracks the performance of non-investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed rate, taxable corporate bonds including those for which the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below, and excluding Emerging

Markets debt.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bond Index** is a component of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index.

**Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index** measures a wide spectrum of global government, government-related, agencies, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

**Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Market Bond Index** includes fixed and floating rate USD-denominated debt from emerging markets in the following regions: Americas, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia.

**The Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index** (CBOE VIX) is a measure of the implied volatility of S&P 500 index options. It is one measure of the market's expectation of volatility over the next 30-day period.

The Credit Suisse/Tremont Hedge Fund Index is an asset-weighted hedge fund index covering over 5,000 funds with at least US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record and audited financial statements calculated net of performance fees and expenses. CS/Tremont sub-indexes track hedge fund strategies by methodology, asset class and/or use of leverage.

**Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 large, widely held public companies in the U.S., adjusted to reflect stock splits and dividends.

FTSE NAREIT U.S. Real Estate Index presents comprehensive REIT performance across the U.S. economy, including all commercial investment and property sectors.

FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Real Estate Index is designed to represent general trends in eligible real estate equities worldwide.

**JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+)** tracks total returns for actively traded emerging markets debt instruments including U.S. dollar-denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, and traded loans issued by sovereign entities.

**Merrill Lynch Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index that includes tax-exempt fixed rate bonds across a broad range of quality and maturity segments.

MSCI BRIC Equity Index is a market capitalization weighted index of about 320 companies located in Brazil. Russia. India and China.

**MSCI EAFE Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the developed markets in Europe, consisting of 16 country indexes

MSCI Pacific Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance in the Pacific region, consisting of 5 countries.

**MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.



#### **Index Definitions**

Asset classes are represented by the following indexes:

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**S&P SmallCap 600 Index** covers approximately 3% of the domestic equities market and is designed to represent a portfolio of small companies that are investable and financially viable.

**S&P 500 Index** is a gauge of the U.S. stock market, which includes 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

#### **Investment Risks**

**Domestic Equity:** exposure to financial and market risks that accompany investments in equities. Markets are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market or economic developments. Small-cap stocks may be more volatile and less liquid than stocks of larger, more established companies.

**Fixed Income:** exposure to financial, market, prepayment, credit and interest rate risks. The value of an investment in a fund is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. Higher yielding bonds are subject to greater volatility and credit risks. A fund may invest in securities guaranteed by the U.S. government as to timely payment of interest and principal, but a fund's shares are not insured or guaranteed. Bonds have fixed principal and return if held to maturity, but may fluctuate in the interim. Generally, when interest rates rise, bond prices fall. Bonds with longer maturities tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates.

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#### **Index Definitions**

**MSCI U.S. REIT Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index comprised of equity REITs that generate a majority of their revenue and income from real estate rental and leasing operations.

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Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies, representing approximately 98% of the investible U.S. equity market.

**Russell 1000 Index** measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity market and includes approximately 1,000 of the largest securities based on market capitalization and representing approximately 92% of the U.S. market.

**Russell 1000 Growth Index** measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Russell Midcap Index measures the performance of mid-cap stocks in the U.S. equity market including 800 of the smallest securities in the Russell 1000 Index, based on market capitalization.

**Russell Midcap Growth Index** measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

**Russell Midcap Value Index** measures the performance of the mid-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

**Russell 2000 Index** measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market including approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on market capitalization.

**Russell 2000 Growth Index** measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

**Russell 2000 Value Index** measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

**The S&P GICS** (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors provide standardized industry definitions consisting (in the U.S.) of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups and 68 industries.

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**S&P/LSTA** (Loan Syndications and Trading Association) Leveraged Loan Index (LLI) is a total return market value index that tracks fully funded, senior secured, first lien term loans syndicated in the U.S., as well as dollar-denominated overseas loans, including 90-95% of the institutional universe.



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