

# QUARTERLY COORDINATES

## TIME IS ON OUR SIDE

2Q 2023 Outlook

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# 1

## Introduction

Time Is On My Side, Yes It Is

### INSIGHT:

Federal Reserve (Fed) tightening, inflation, recession worries, and geopolitical fears caused volatility in the markets.

### BOTTOM LINE:

We believe we are close to the end of the equity bear market, peak yields, Fed hawkishness, and we expect current volatility to lead to robust performance for most asset classes for long-term investors.

# TIME IS ON OUR SIDE

## THE MUSIC OF BEAR MARKETS AND FED TIGHTENING MAY BE NEARING AN END

### What a Difference a Year Makes

#### 1Q 2022

Some strategists see S&P 500 hitting 5,100 in 2022

S&P 500, Dow hit record highs on 1st trading day of 2022

**Bullish On Bonds: Why Interest Rates May Be Headed Lower**

Federal Reserve expected to raise interest rates in response to inflation

**The Federal Reserve is expected to raise rates, but unique challenges could slow its pace**



#### 1Q 2023

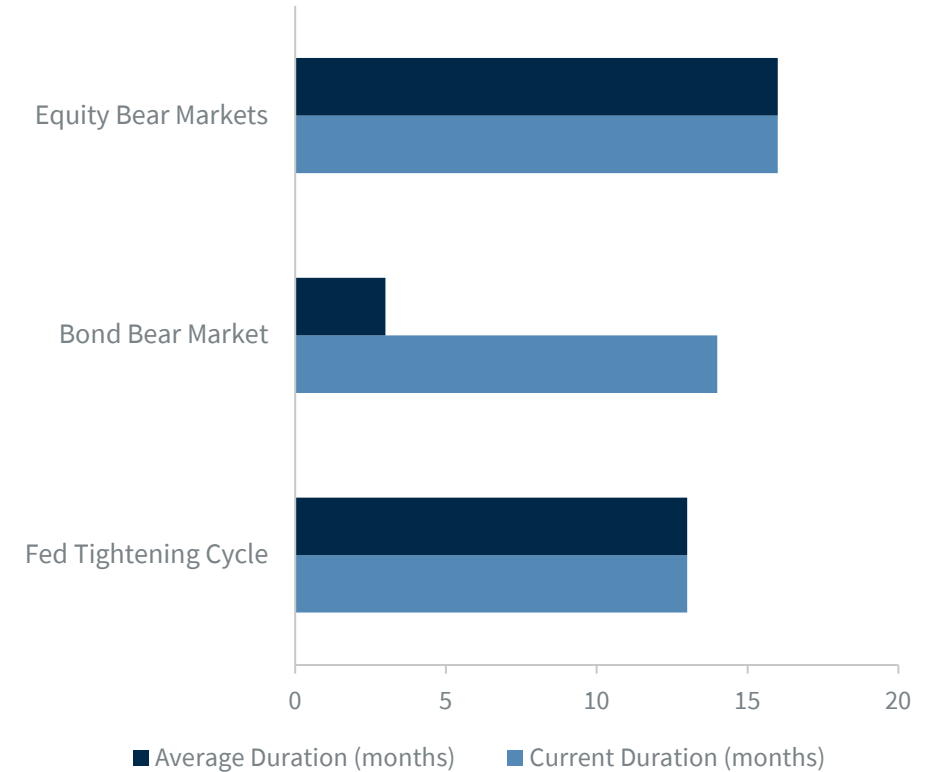
S&P 500 And Nasdaq Post New 2-Year Lows After Fed Signals Higher Unemployment May Be Necessary To Tame Inflation

**10-year Treasury yield tops 4.2% for first time since 2008**

**2-year Treasury tops 4.2%, a 15-year high as Fed continues to jolt short-term rates higher**

The Fed Is Moving Historically Fast to Tame Inflation  
Fed to Fight Inflation With Fastest Rate Hikes in Decades

### Coming To An End?



Periods Above Are Defined As: **Fed Tightening Cycle** –First Hike To Final Hike, **Bond Bear Market**- Time Agg Spent Down Below 5%, **Equity Bear Market**- End of Bull Market To Max Drawdown

Source: FactSet, Data as of 3/31/2023.





# 2

## ECONOMY

### Wild Horses Of Consumer Spending

**INSIGHT:**

While consumers are shifting spending from goods to services, overall spending continues at a healthy clip.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Dwindling excess savings and softening job creation will lead to weakened consumer consumption. As such, we expect a mild recession in the second half of the year.

# US ECONOMY HAS REMAINED RESILIENT

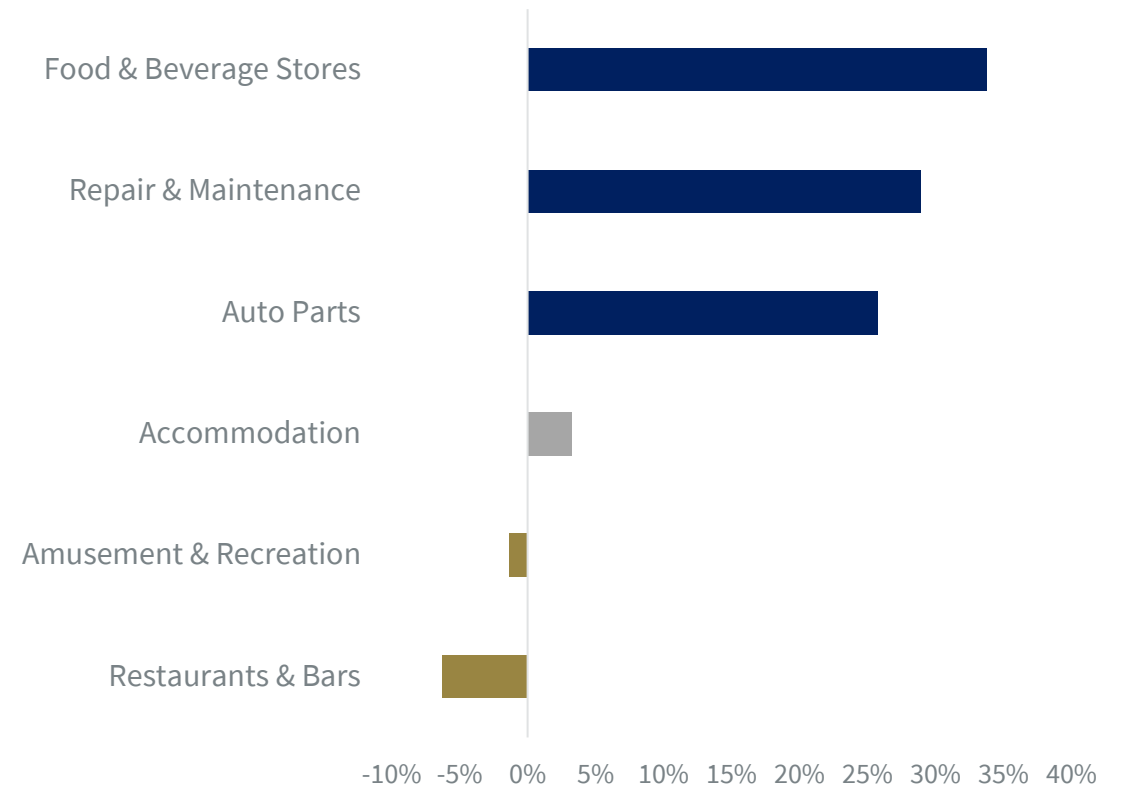
## US ECONOMY CONTINUES TO BE DRIVEN BY CONSUMER SPENDING

### Consumer Goods Spending Decelerating



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

### Consumption Q1 YoY Growth

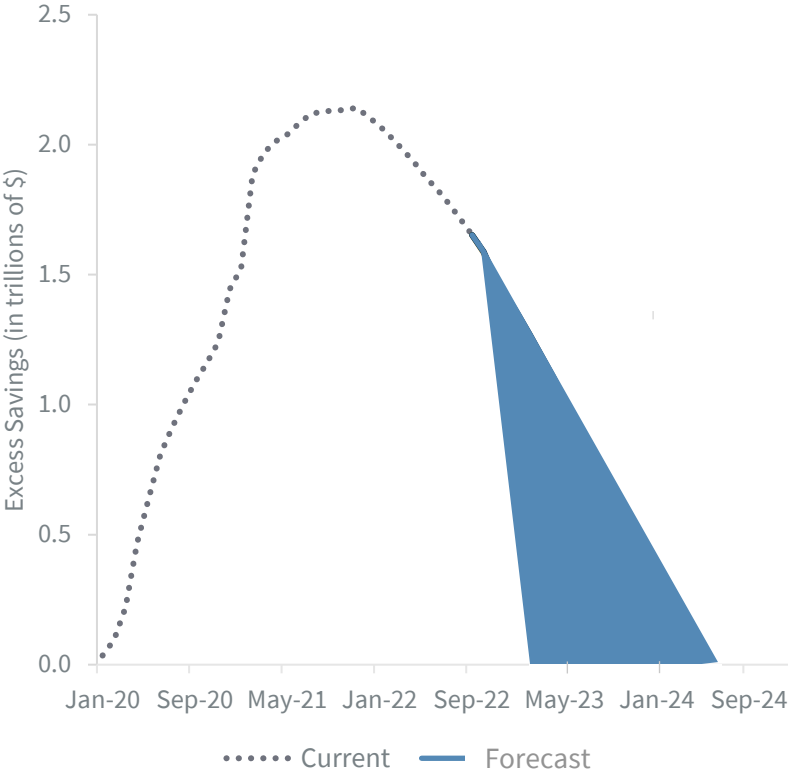


Source: BEA estimates from weekly card transactions, as of 3/31/2023.

# BUT THE CONSUMER MAY BE GETTING TIRED?

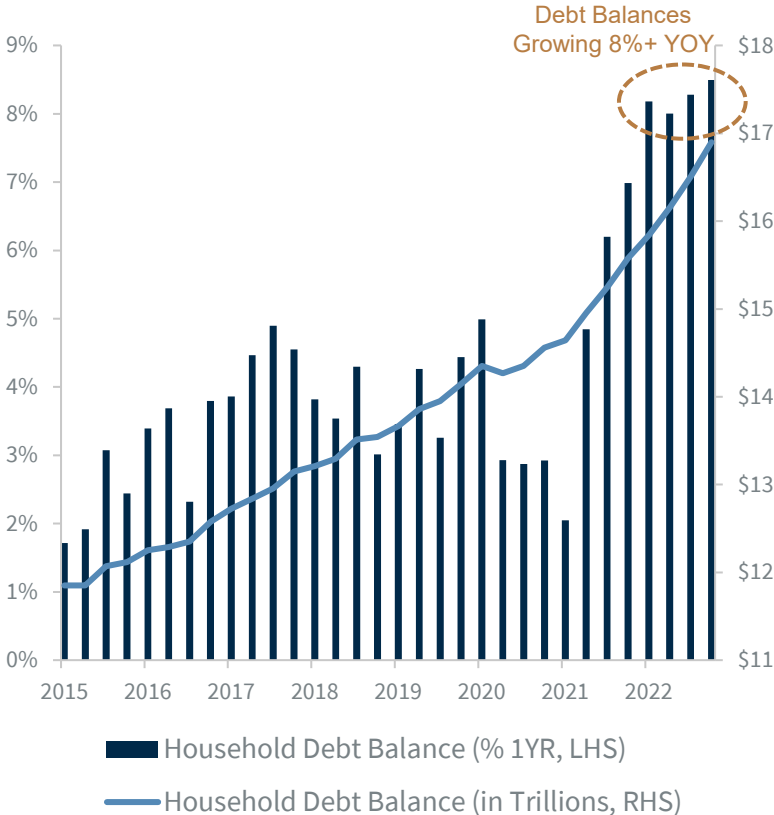
## CONSUMER SAVINGS DWINDLING AS CONSUMER STRESSES INCREASE

Excess Savings Decelerating

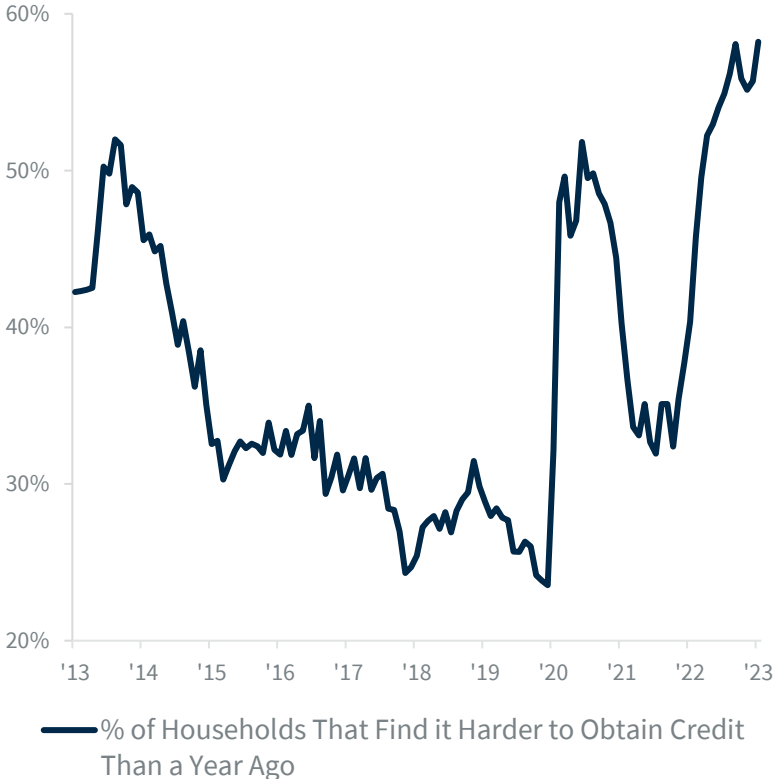


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Debt Levels on the Rise; More Expensive



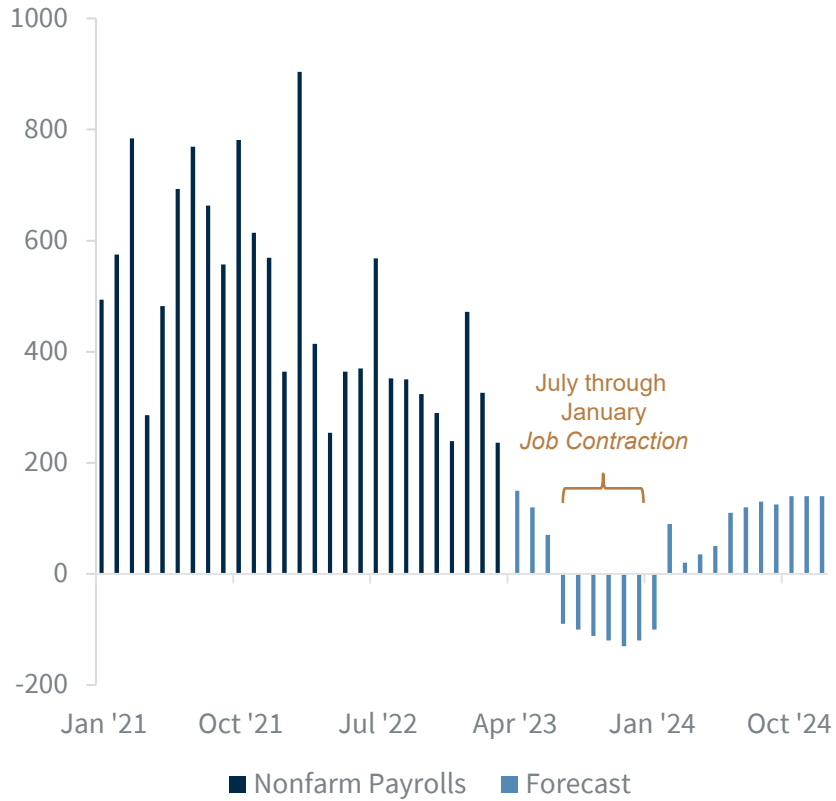
Credit is Harder to Obtain



# JOB CREATION LIKELY TO SLOW

THERE IS SOME INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN OFFICIAL DATA AND REAL-TIME DATA

## Job Gains to Slow



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

## Broadening Layoffs

Amazon CEO says company will lay off more than 18,000 workers

About 5K GM salaried workers take buyouts

Microsoft announces 10,000 job cuts, nearly 5% of its global workforce

Amazon Plans to Lay Off Another 9,000 Employees

DocuSign Plans to Lay Off 10% of Workers

Google-parent Alphabet is cutting 12,000 jobs

Job Cuts Come for Disney: 7,000 Layoffs

Expected

McDonald's Restructuring: Layoffs And Office Closures Amidst The Fast-Food Giant's Strategic Evolution

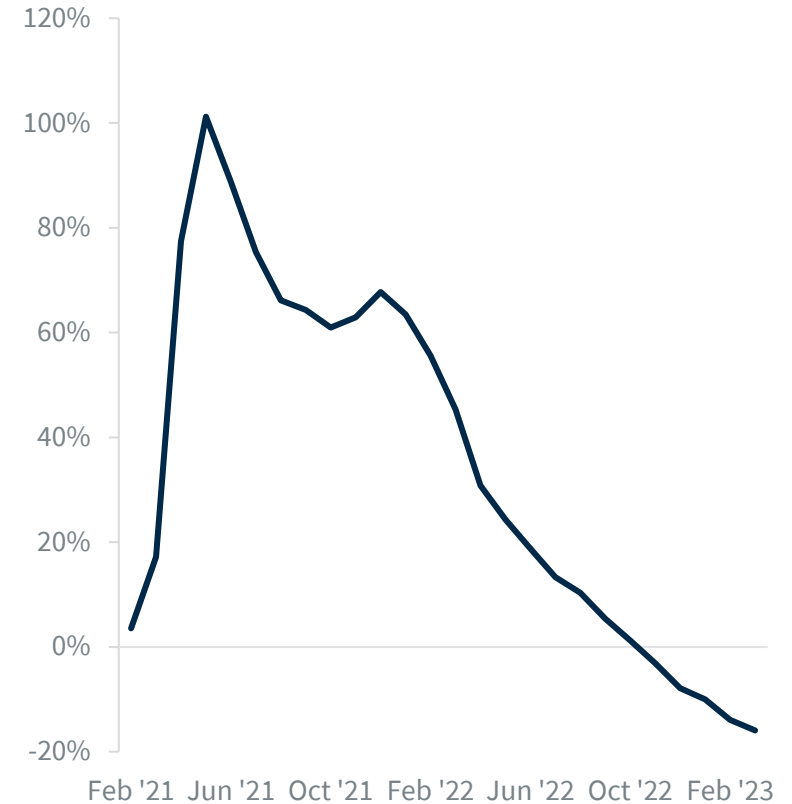
Facebook's parent company Meta is laying off another 10,000 workers

Dell to Cut About 6,650 Jobs, Battered by Plunging PC Sales

Walmart lays off hundreds of workers at e-commerce facilities

Accenture slashes 19,000 jobs worldwide

## Job Postings on Indeed (YoY % Change)

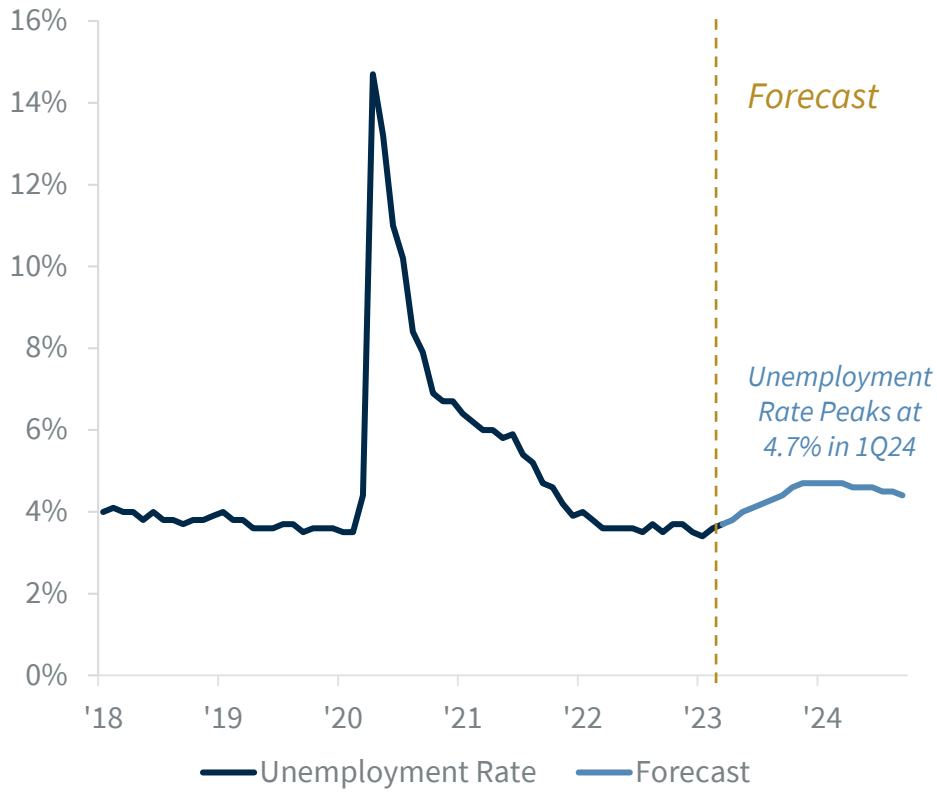




# EXPECTATIONS FOR A MILD RECESSION REMAINS BASE CASE

A MILD RECESSION IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR REMAINS LIKELY

RJ Unemployment Rate Forecast

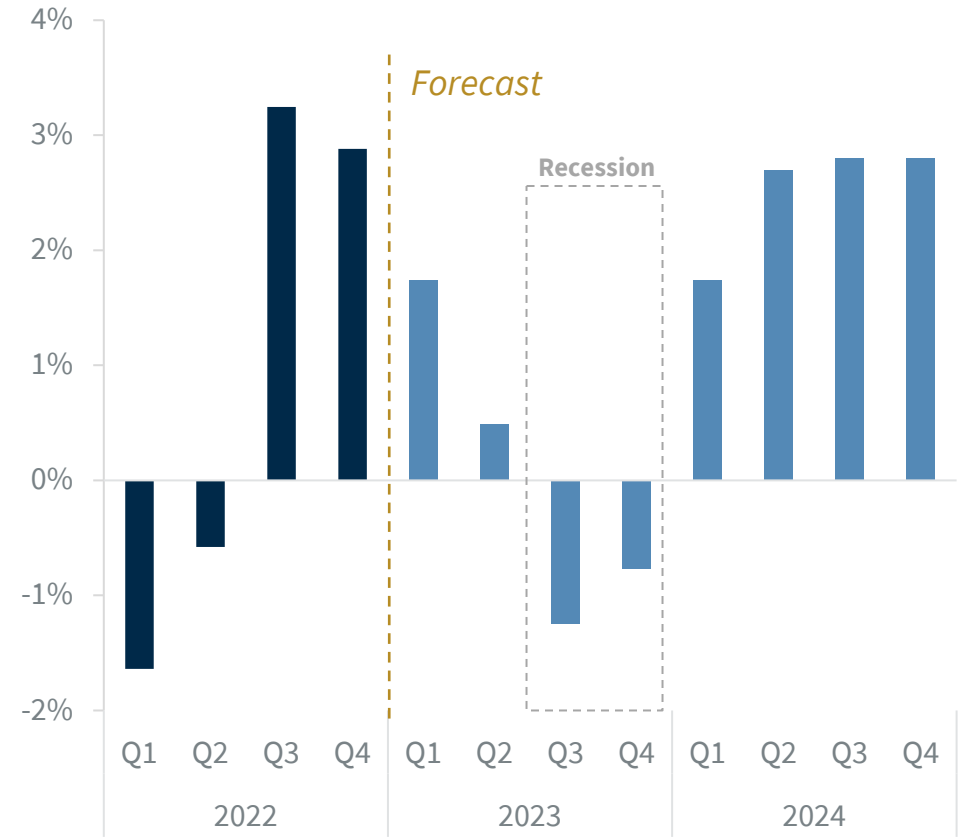


**12**  
Monthly Duration  
of Average  
Recession

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**1.2%**  
RJ 2023  
GDP Forecast

RJ GDP Forecasts



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.



# 3 Monetary Policy

## The Fed Can't Get No Satisfaction

### INSIGHT:

Another reason for recession: the Fed will probably continue tightening, despite recent banking failures, as inflation has yet to decelerate quickly enough.

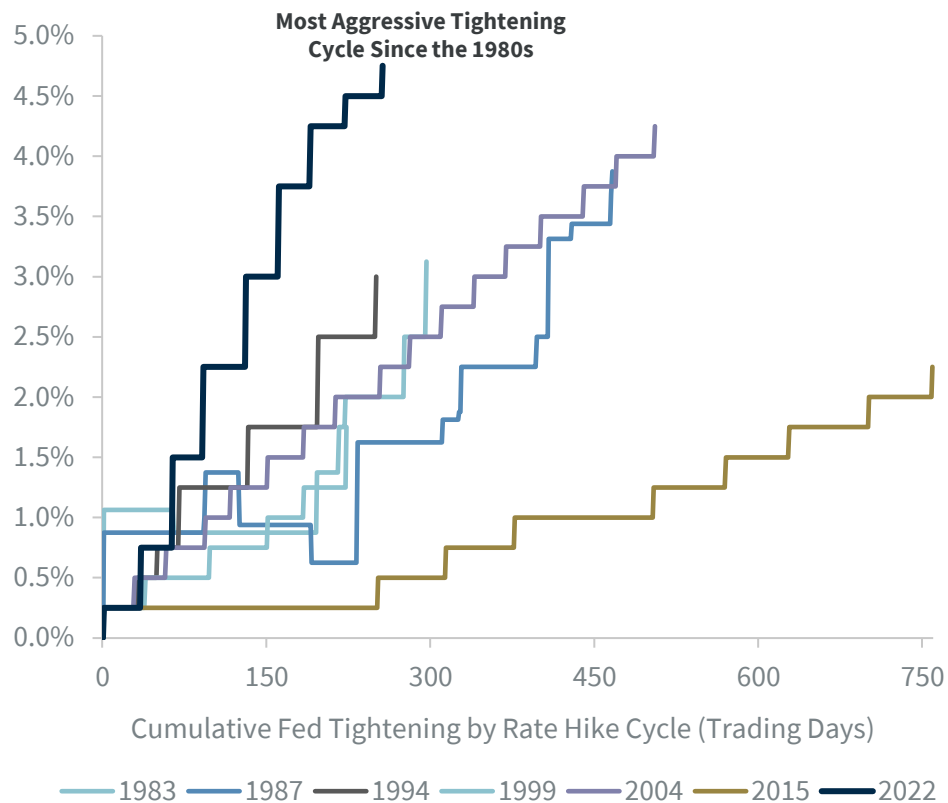
### BOTTOM LINE:

Monetary policy acts with a lag of approximately one year. So, much of the economy is just starting to feel the impact of the first interest rate increases from about a year ago.

# MONETARY POLICY NEARING AN END

## THE CURRENT FED TIGHTENING CYCLE IS THE MOST AGGRESSIVE SINCE 1982

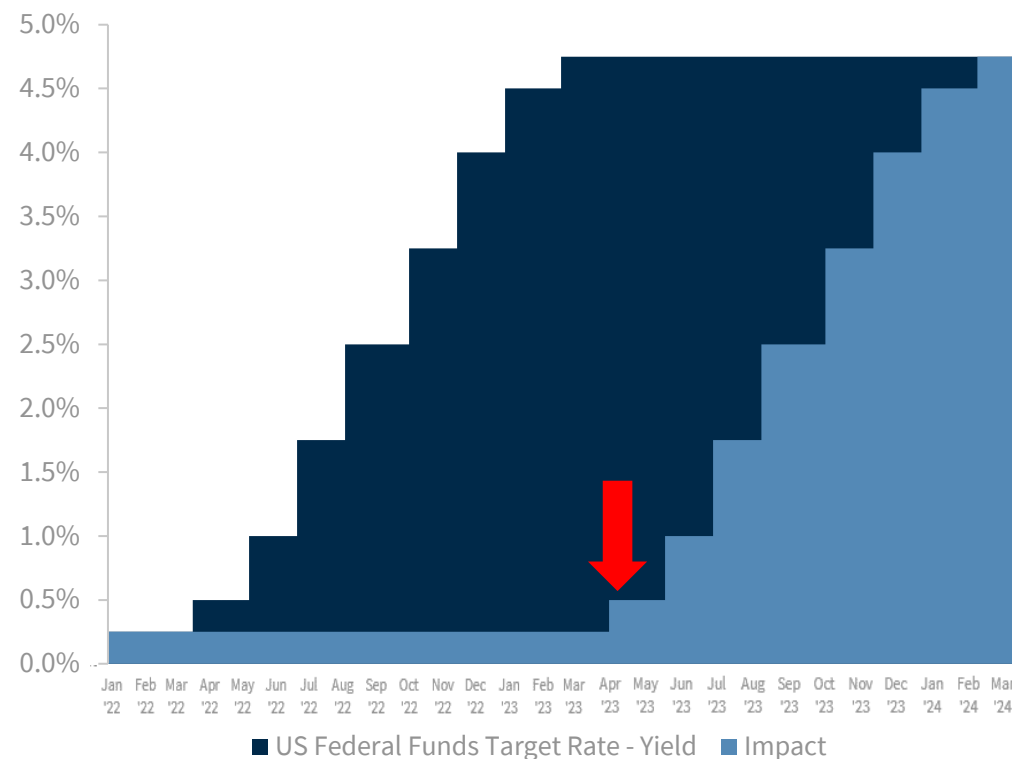
### Tightening Cycles in Perspective



**5.25%**

RJ Peak Fed Funds Rate Forecast

### Monetary Policy Impacts the Economy on a Lag



Source: FactSet, Data as of 3/31/2023.

# FED'S FOCUS ON CONTAINING INFLATION APPEARS WELL IN HAND

AGGRESSIVE FED TIGHTENING HAS HELPED BRING INFLATION LOWER

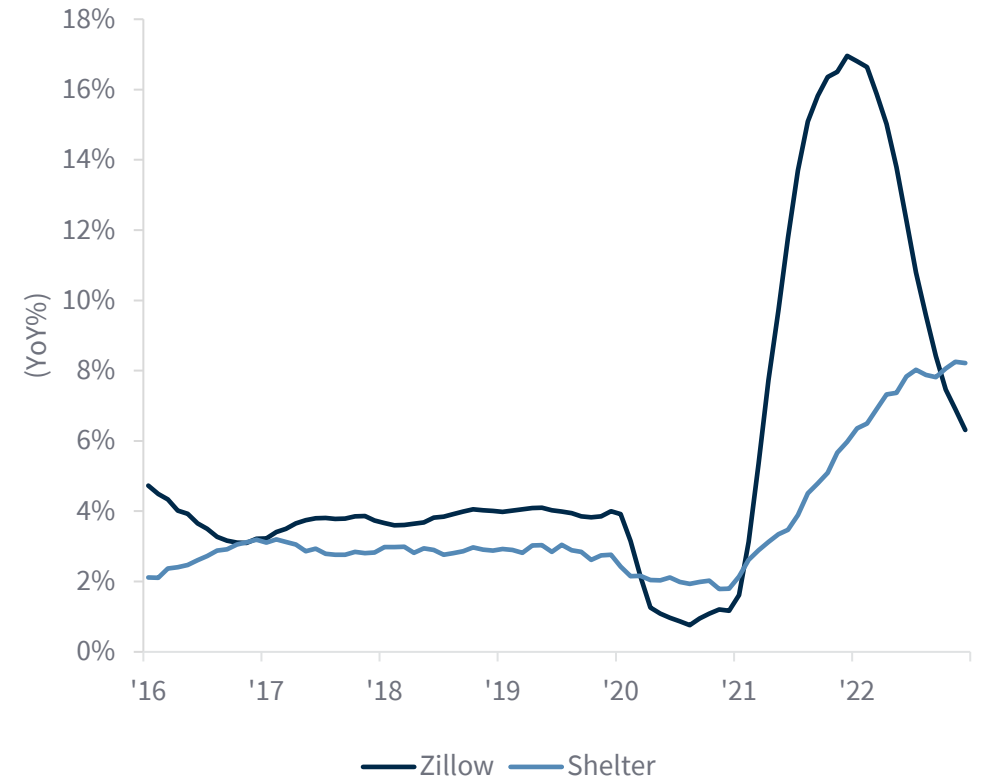
## Current Disinflationary Factors 2020-Today



**3.3%**

2023 CPI Year-End Target

## Zillow vs. Shelter (CPI) Prices

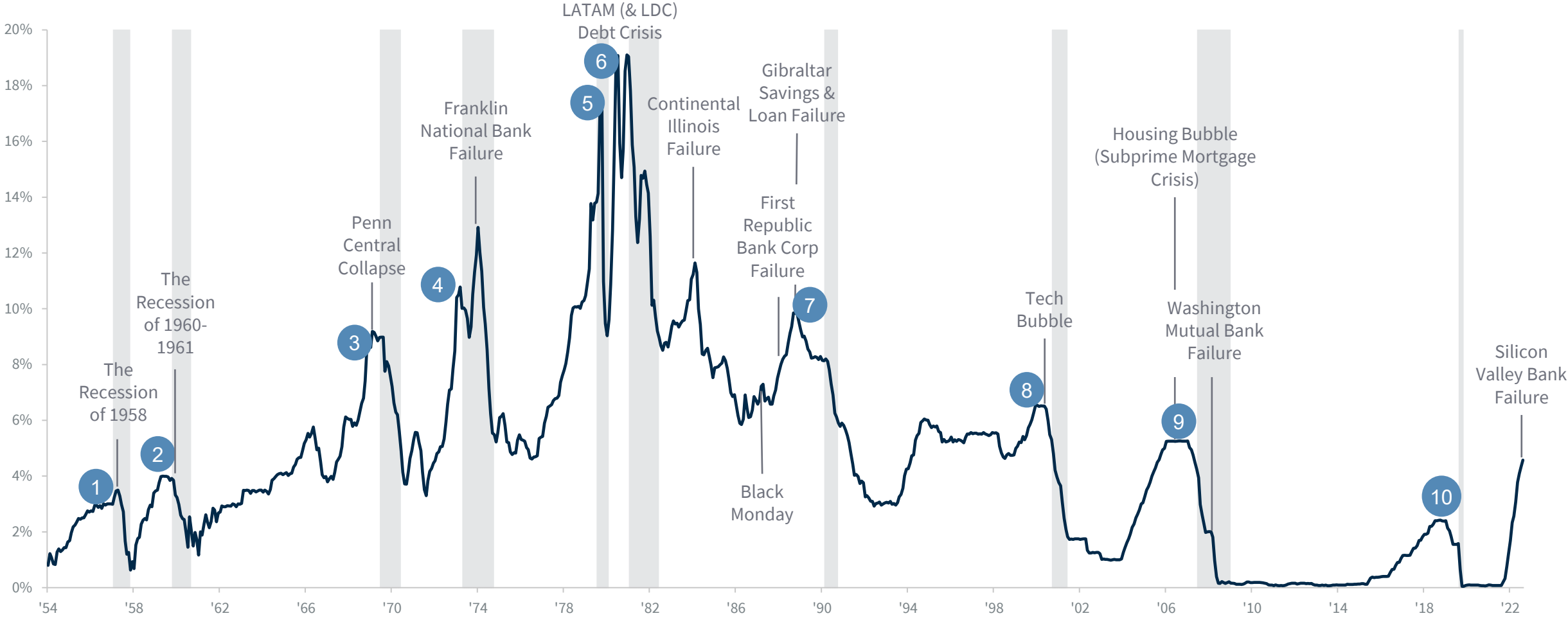


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# FED TIGHTENING CRACKS UNFOLDING

FED TIGHTENING CYCLES HAVE TENDED TO PROCEED RECESSIONS AND/OR CAUSE CRACKS IN THE ECONOMY



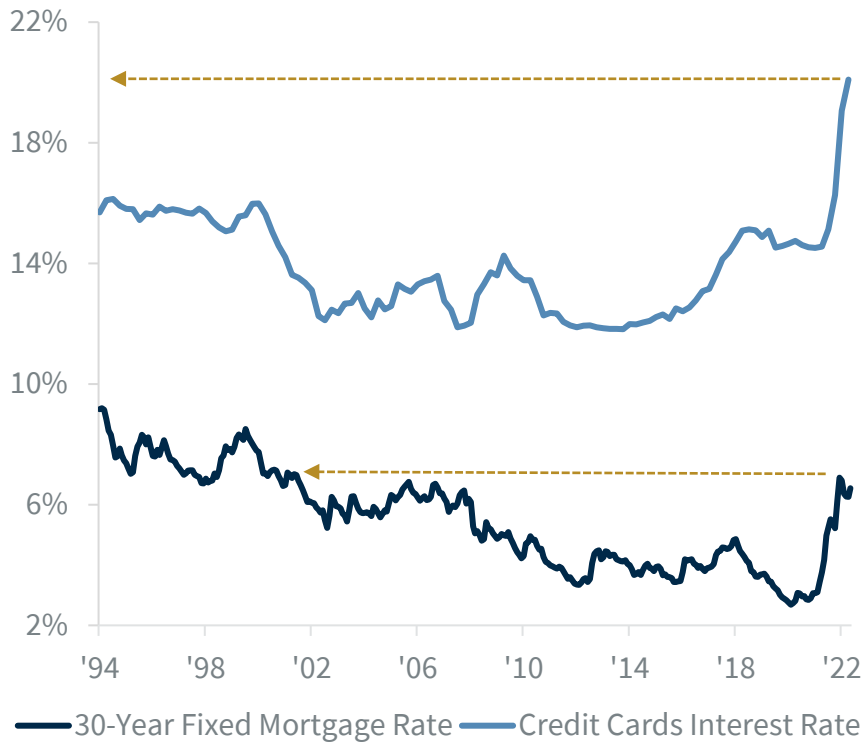
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Recessionary Periods Federal Funds Effective Rate (%)

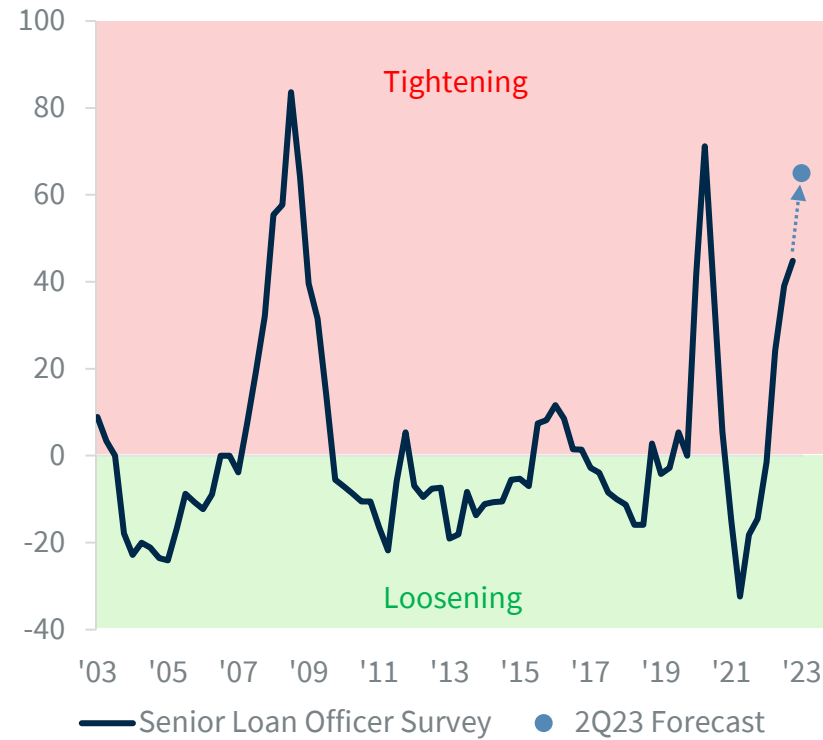
# RISING DELINQUENCIES AND TIGHTENING STANDARDS

HIGHER INTEREST RATES HAVE LED TO INCREASED DELINQUENCIES AND HIGHER BORROWING RATES

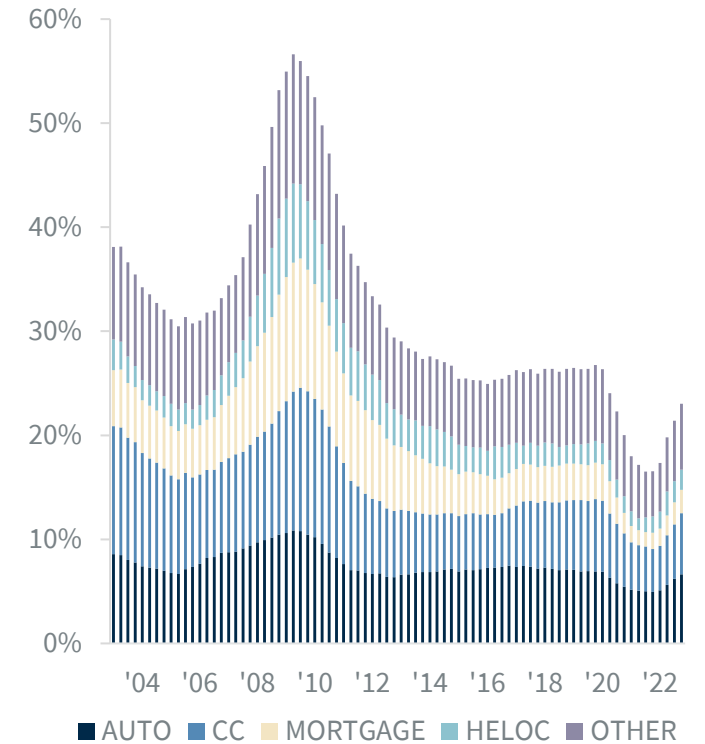
### Rising Borrowing Rates



### Senior Loan Officer Survey



### Transition into Delinquency (30+)



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

# WEAK HOUSING IN PERSPECTIVE

## HIGHER MORTGAGE RATES HAVE 'SOFTENED' THE HOUSING MARKET

### Lowest Mortgage Apps in 25+ Years



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

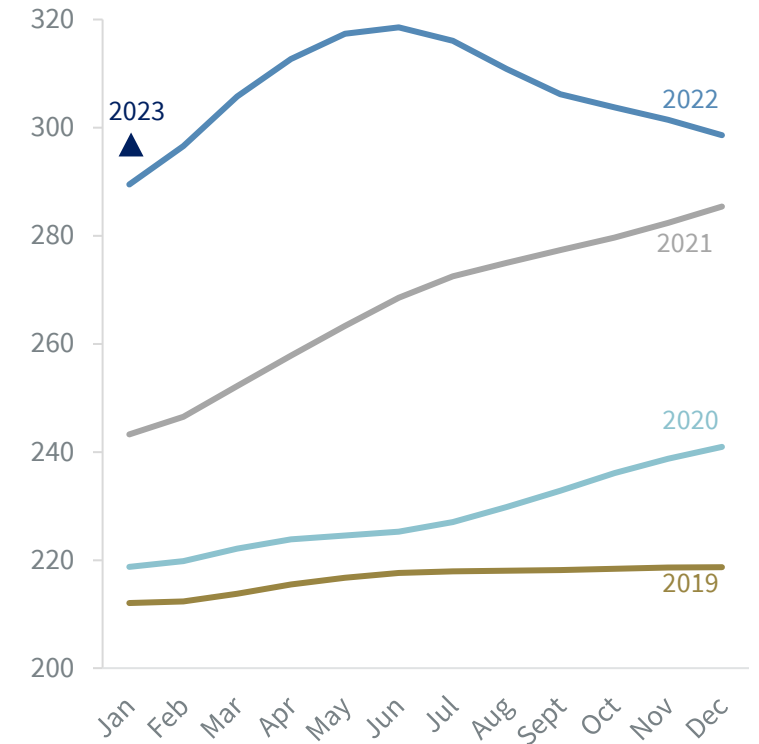
### Housing Prices Tick Lower

City	YoY Change	From Peak	Since Feb 2020
Tampa	10.5%	-4.7%	61.0%
Miami	13.8%	-2.6%	60.4%
Phoenix	0.0%	-10.5%	52.6%
Charlotte	8.1%	-4.3%	49.1%
Dallas	5.0%	-8.5%	45.7%
Atlanta	8.4%	-3.5%	45.1%
San Diego	-1.4%	-11.5%	42.6%
<b>National</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>37.3%</b>
Las Vegas	0.4%	-10.1%	37.1%
Denver	1.0%	-9.5%	33.6%
Los Angeles	0.9%	-8.3%	33.6%
Seattle	-5.1%	-16.3%	33.4%
Cleveland	4.8%	-3.8%	33.2%
Boston	4.2%	-5.8%	33.0%
New York	5.2%	-2.3%	32.4%
Detroit	3.2%	-5.0%	29.5%
Portland	-0.5%	-8.6%	28.8%
Chicago	4.8%	-3.9%	27.4%
DC	2.4%	-5.0%	25.0%
Minneapolis	1.8%	-5.5%	24.4%
San Francisco	-7.6%	-17.1%	21.5%

16 out of 20 Positive

0 out of 20 Positive

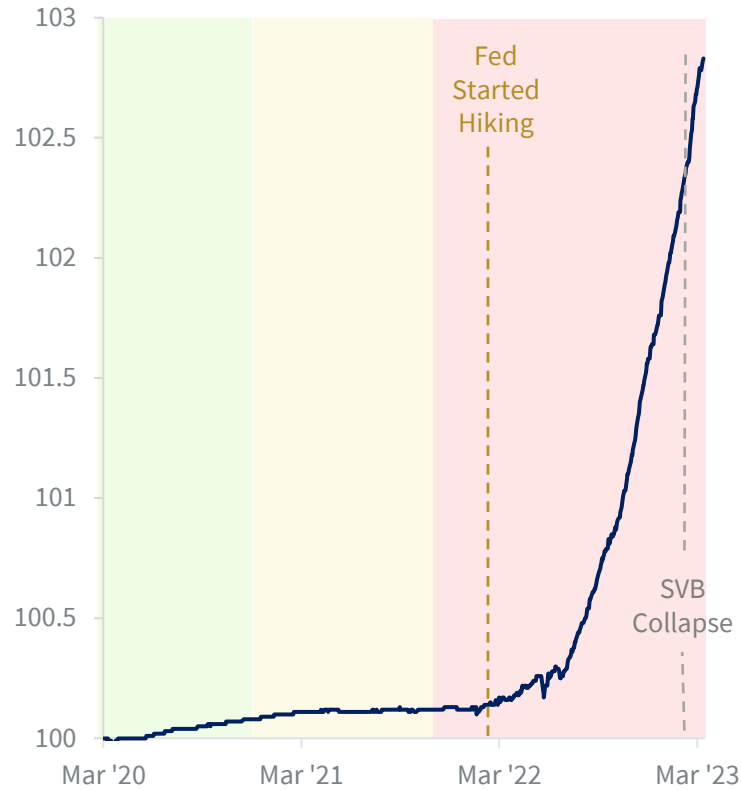
### Median Home Prices (in thousands of \$)



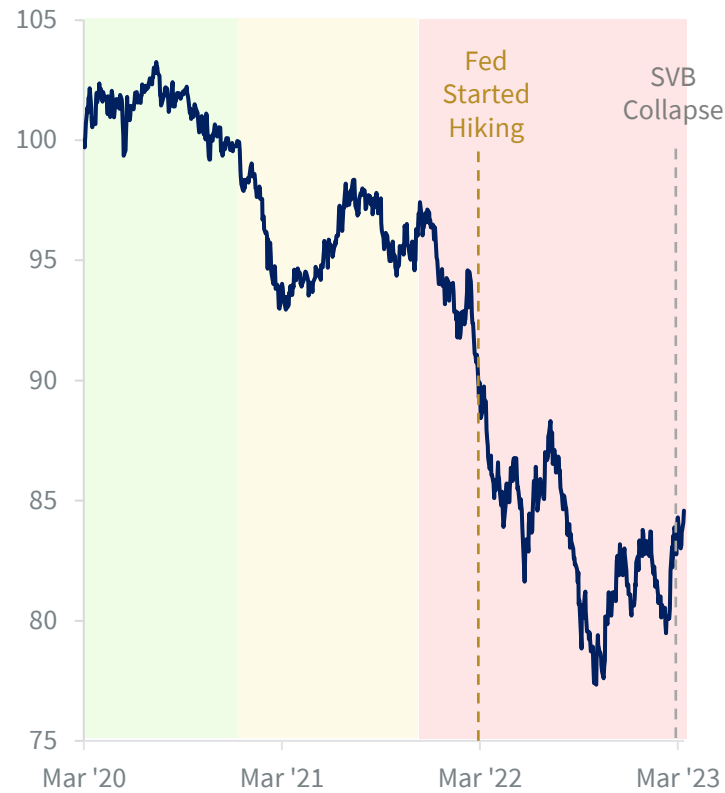
## THE RECENT BANKING SECTOR CRISIS—NOT LIKE 2008

THIS IS NOT THE GREAT FINANCIAL CRISIS WITH EXCESS LEVERAGE, SPECULATION, POOR LENDING STANDARDS, AND DERIVATIVES

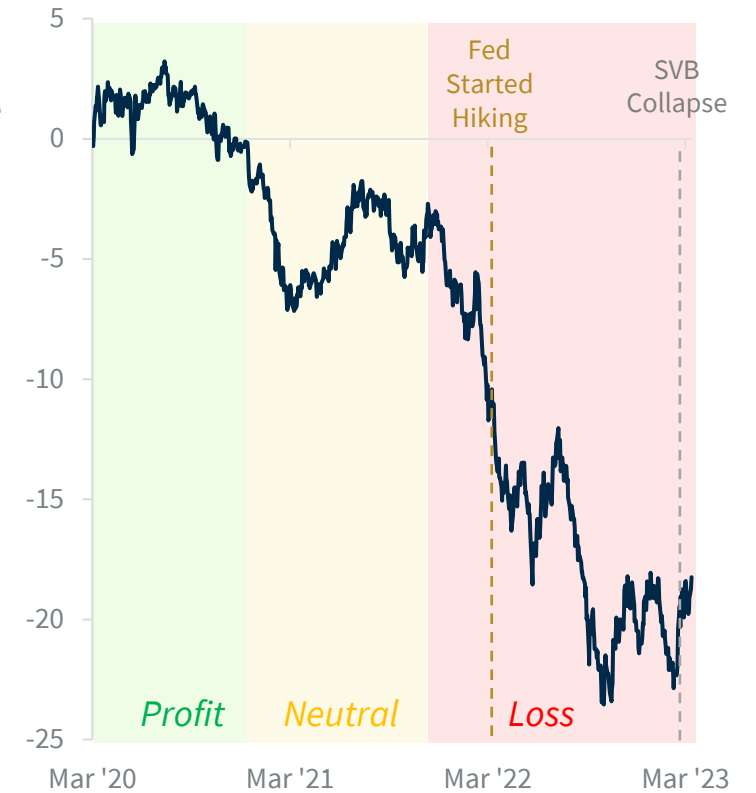
### Bank Liabilities (Deposits)



### Bank Assets (Long-Term Treasurys)



### Bank Net Worth



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/5/2022.





# 4 Fixed Income

You Can't Always Get What You Want, *But Right Now You Could*

## INSIGHT:

With interest rates soaring to levels not seen since 2008, the script for bonds has flipped, and investors are enjoying more attractive yields.

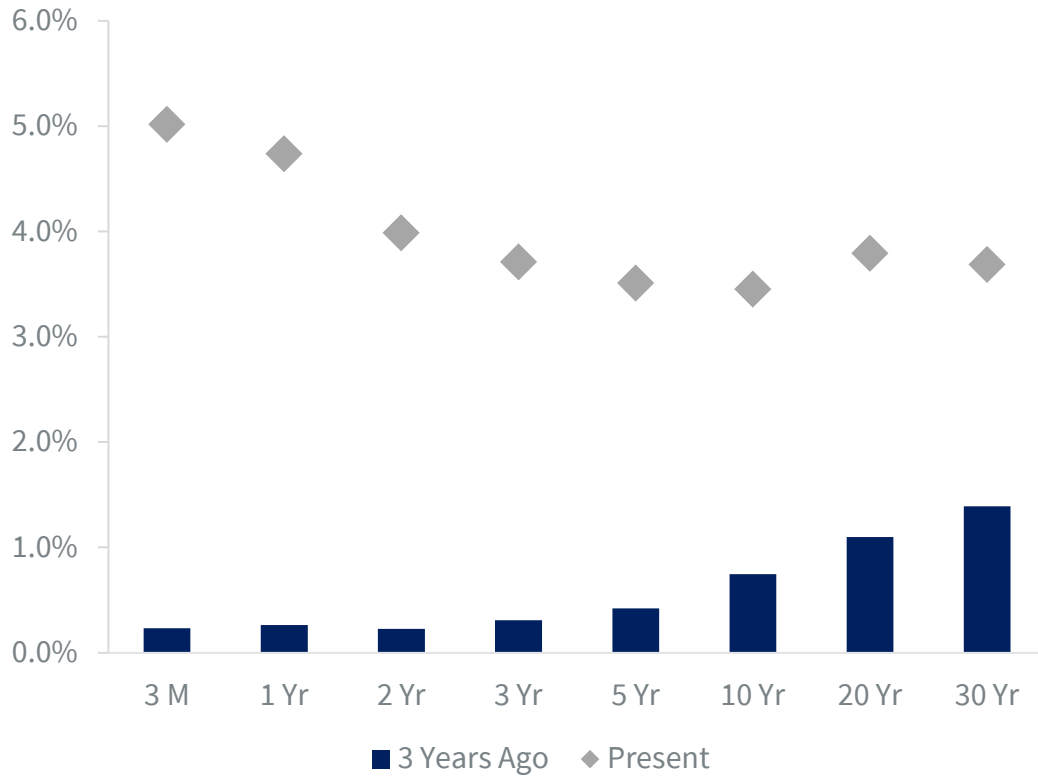
## BOTTOM LINE:

Higher interest rate opportunities may not last long. However, lower rates will enhance the returns of the sectors we favor, including Treasuries, munis, investment grade, and emerging market bonds.

## INTEREST RATES RESET HIGHER (FOR NOW)

RISE IN INTEREST RATES MAKE BONDS MORE ATTRACTIVE, ESPECIALLY VERSUS RECENT HISTORY

Treasury Yield Now vs. Three Years Ago



Yields Elevated Across All Maturities

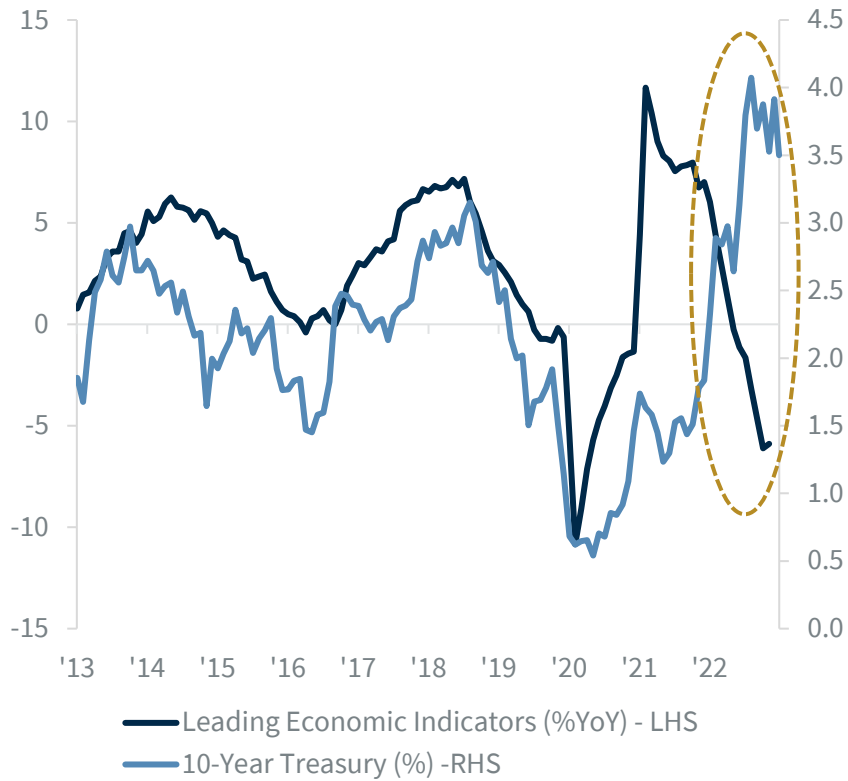
	10yr Average	Current	%Time Below Current
<b>3 M</b>	0.92%	5.02%	100%
<b>1 Yr</b>	1.12%	4.74%	98%
<b>2 Yr</b>	1.29%	3.99%	95%
<b>3 Yr</b>	1.45%	3.71%	94%
<b>5 Yr</b>	1.75%	3.51%	95%
<b>10 Yr</b>	2.19%	3.45%	95%
<b>30 Yr</b>	2.77%	3.69%	92%

Source: FactSet, data as of 4/10/2023.

# BOND YIELDS REMAIN ATTRACTIVE

## FOUR REASONS YIELDS CAN STILL MOVE LOWER

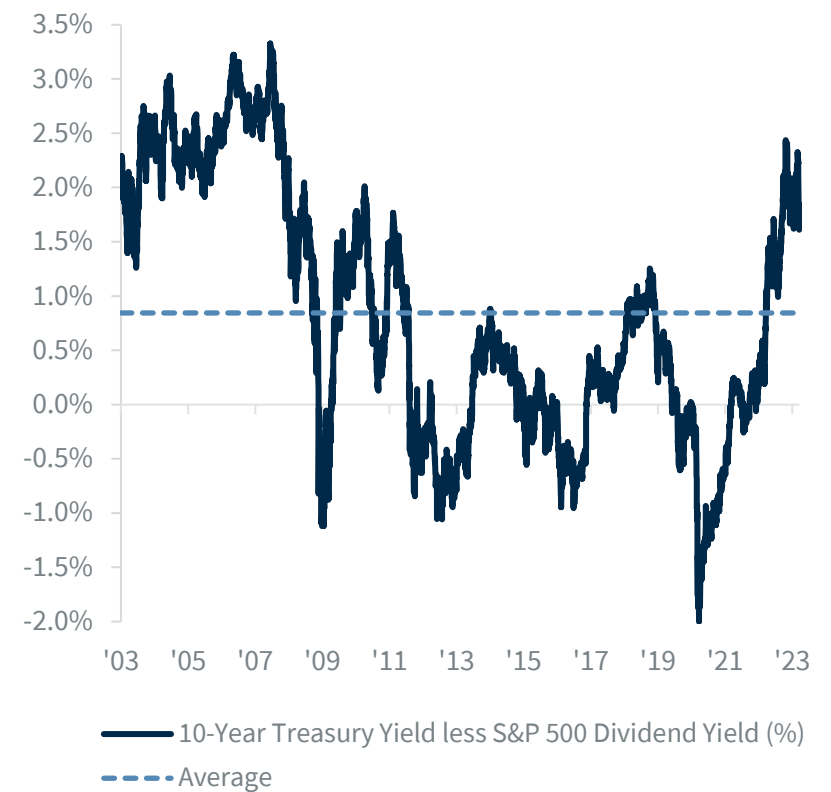
1 Yields Not Pricing in Growth Slowdown



2 Yields Tend to Correlate With Inflation



3 10-Yr Treasury Yields Attractive to Equities

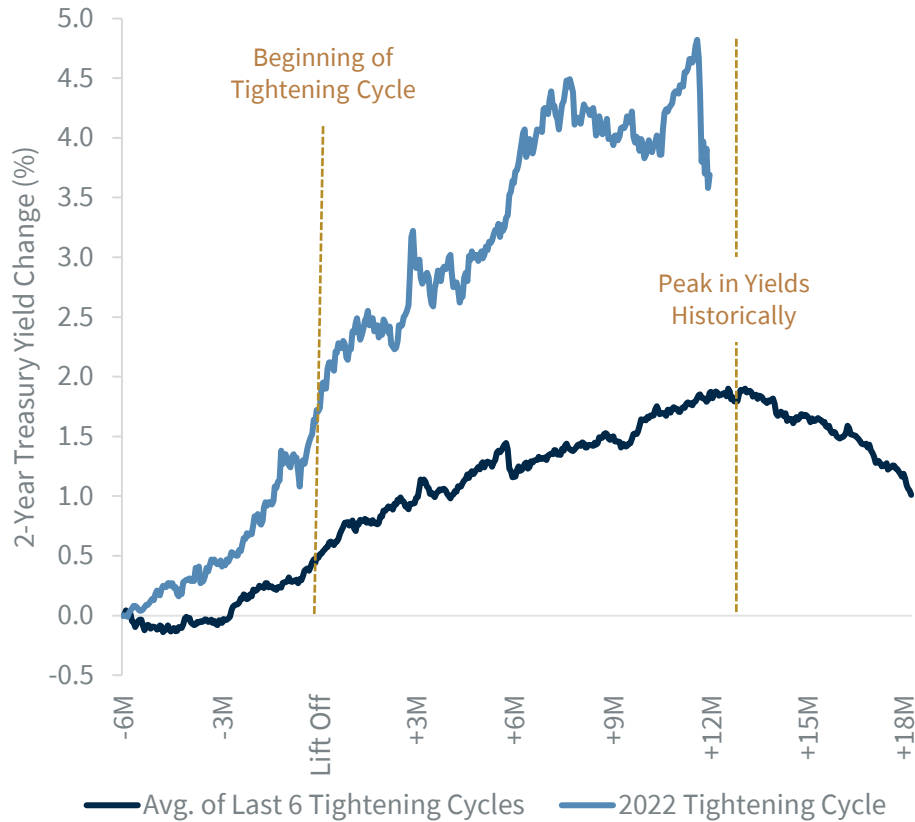


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# YIELDS HISTORICALLY START DECLINING AROUND THE ONE-YEAR MARK OF TIGHTENING

## 4 HISTORICAL TRENDS SUGGEST YIELDS PEAK ONE-YEAR INTO A TIGHTENING CYCLE

Relentless Rise in 2-Year Treasury Yields

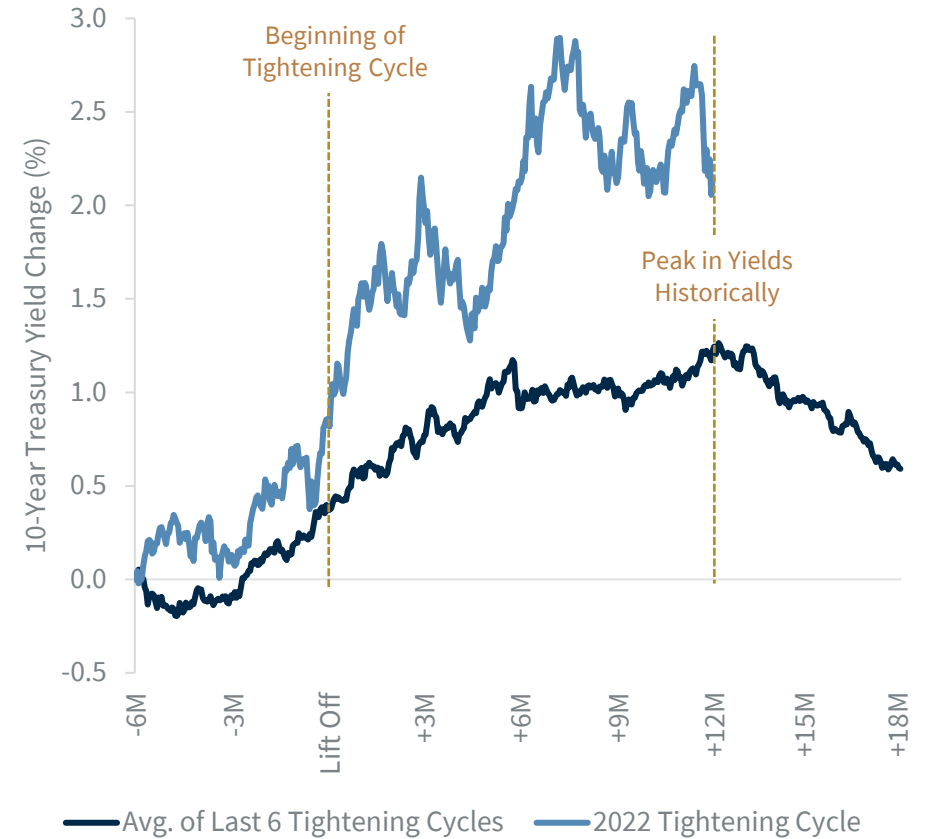


Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

**3.00%**

2023 10-Year Treasury Yield Year-End Target

10-Year Treasury Yields Substantially Higher

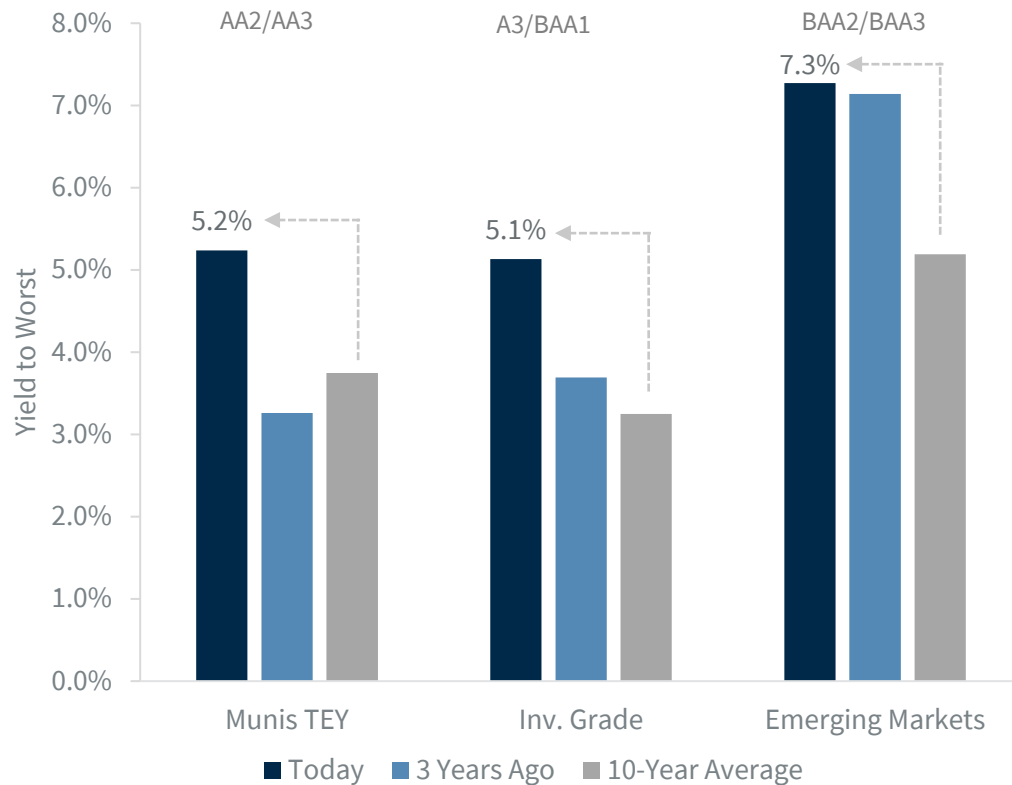




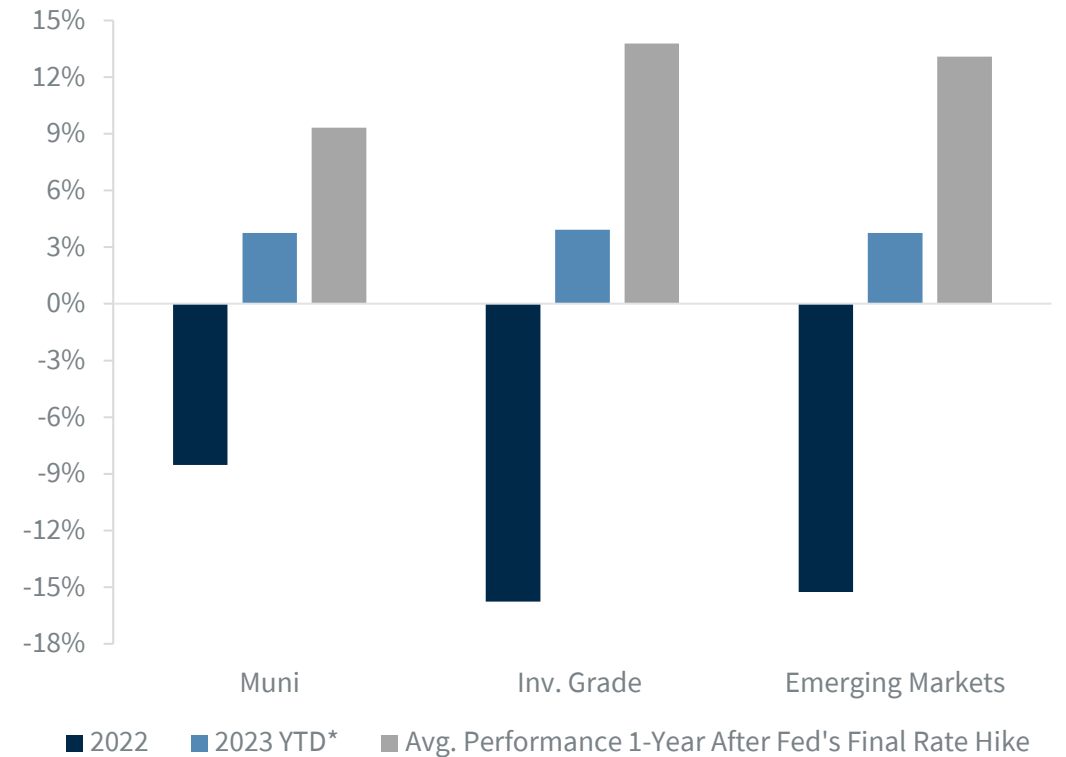
## YOU CAN GET WHAT YOU WANT

### HIGH QUALITY BONDS ARE ATTRACTIVE AND SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE END OF THE TIGHTENING CYCLE

#### Attractive Valuations in High Quality Bonds



#### High Quality Bonds Perform Well After Fed's Final Rate Hike



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

## SIGNS OF CREDIT MARKET STRESS STARTING

WE REMAIN CAUTIOUS ON HIGH YIELD BONDS AS CURRENT PRICING DOES NOT REFLECT POTENTIAL FOR MILD RECESSION

### Cracks in the Credit Markets Are Starting

Banks Are Pausing CRE Loans

**Auto loan delinquencies are rising.**

Office Landlord Debts and Defaults are on the Rise

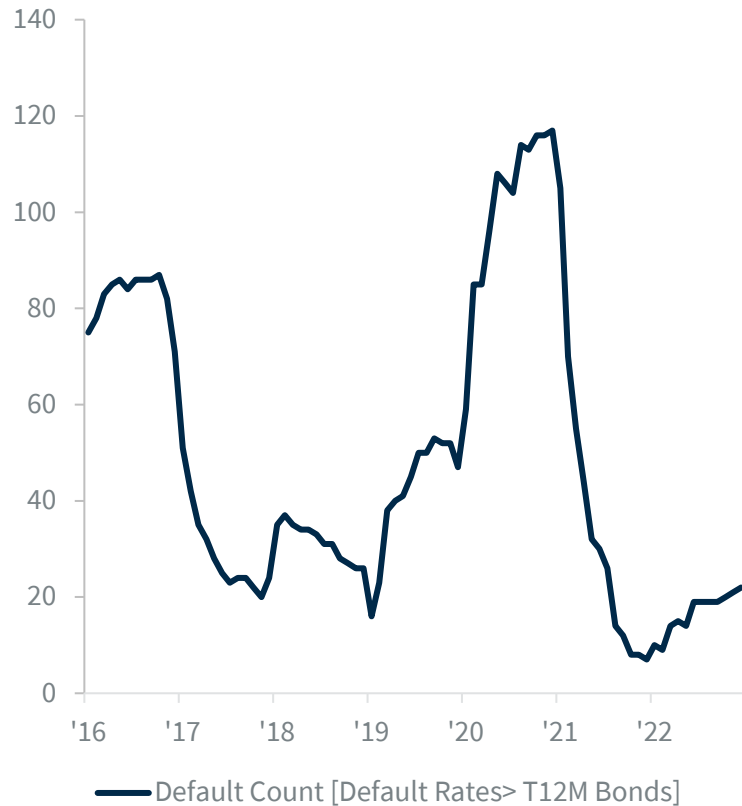
A Flood of Defaults Swamps Big Names and Big Properties

**Corporate default rate will rise this year**

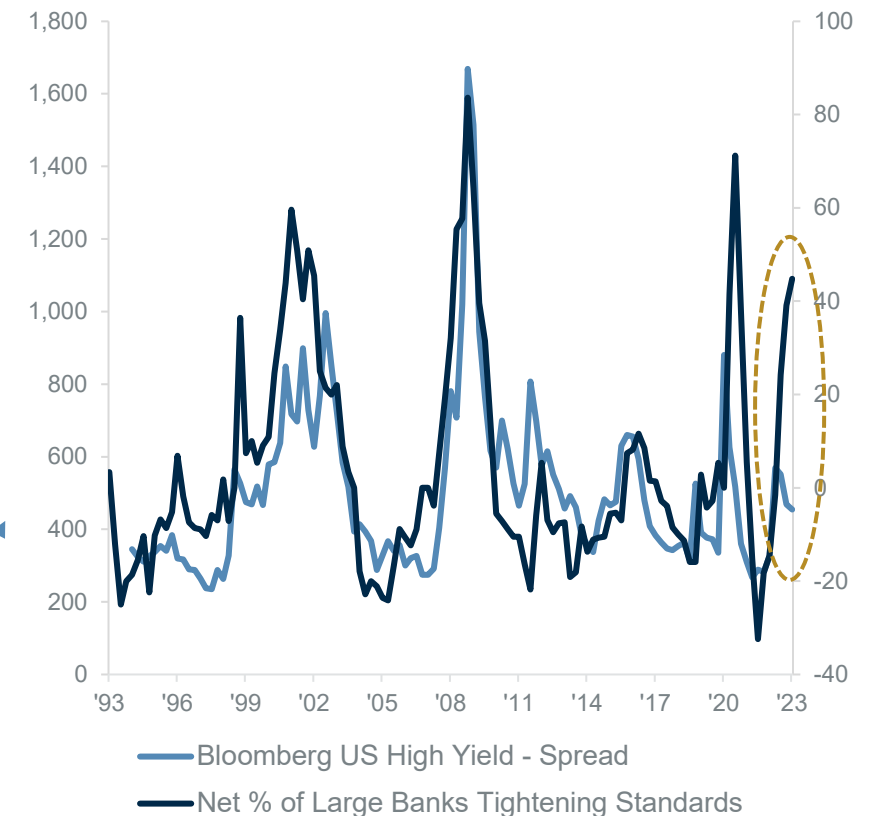
US Bankruptcy Tracker: Distressed Debt Pile Grows Nearly 29%

Bank Stress Boosting Recession Odds

### Defaults Are Rising From A Low Level



### Tighter Lending Standards A Risk For High Yield



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.



# 5 Equities

Hey You Get Off Of My Cloud

**INSIGHT:**

A weaker dollar, quickly improving supply chains, and easing commodities and labor costs should help support company margins.

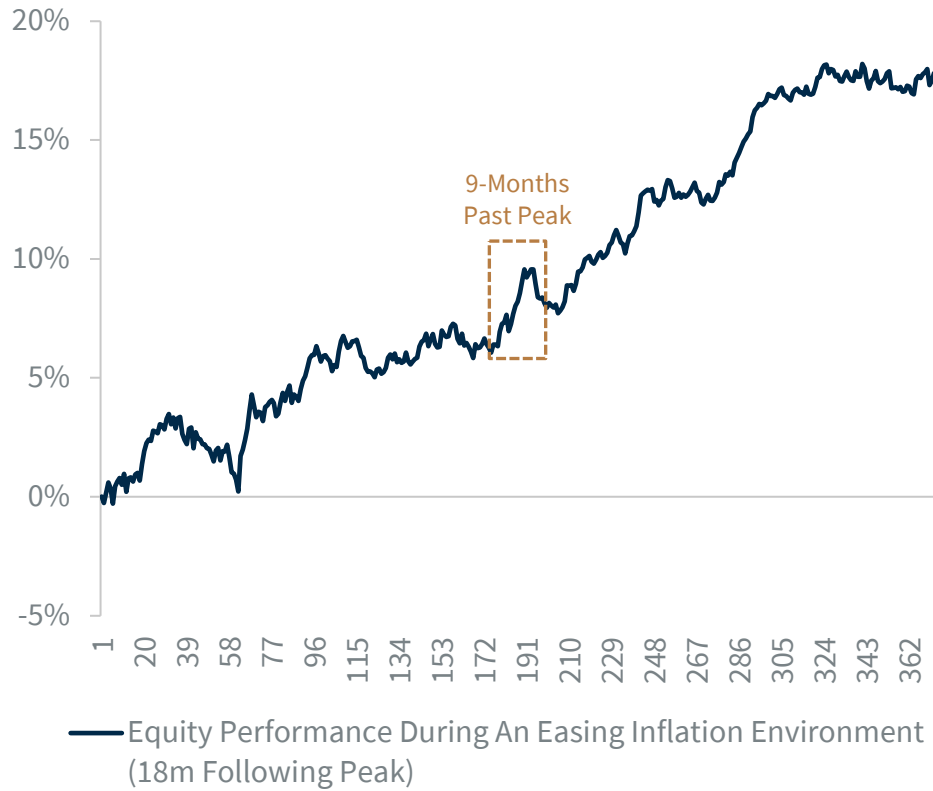
**BOTTOM LINE:**

Equities tend to rally when the Fed ends its tightening cycle, inflation decelerates, and interest rates fall, assuming the Fed doesn't overtighten and take the economy into a severe recession.

# DECELERATING INFLATION A POSITIVE

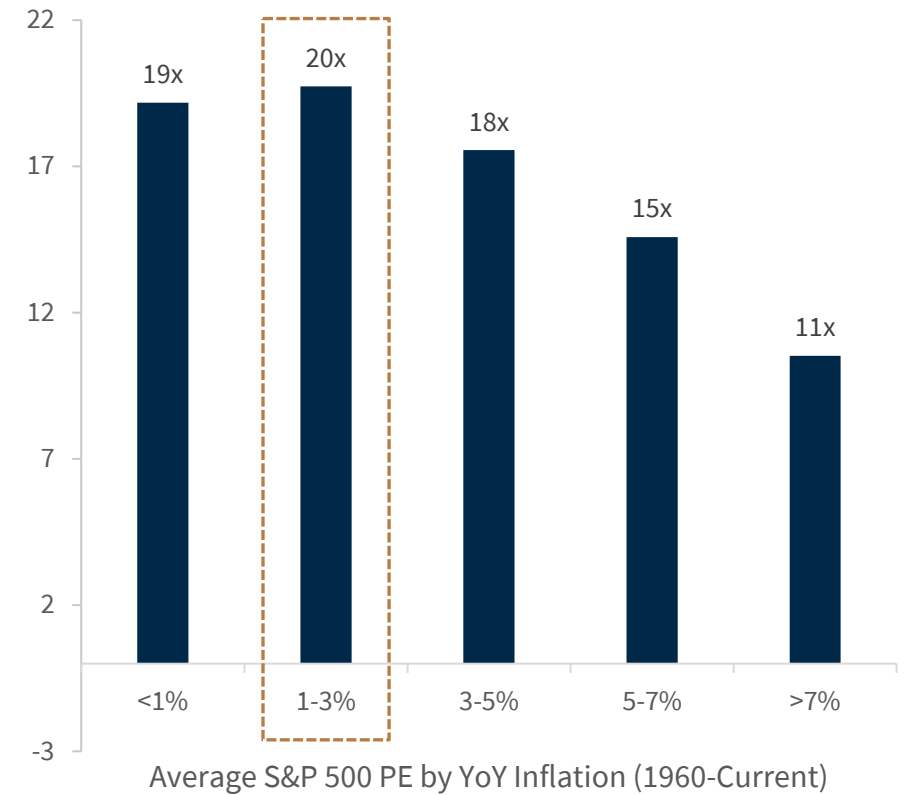
HISTORICALLY, AFTER THE PEAK IN INFLATION, THE MARKET HAS TENDED TO HAVE A HEALTHY RALLY

## Performance Following Easing Inflation Environment



**80%**  
Of The Time  
Performance +12  
Months Following An  
Easing Inflation  
Environment Is Positive

## Decelerating Inflation Supports PE Expansion

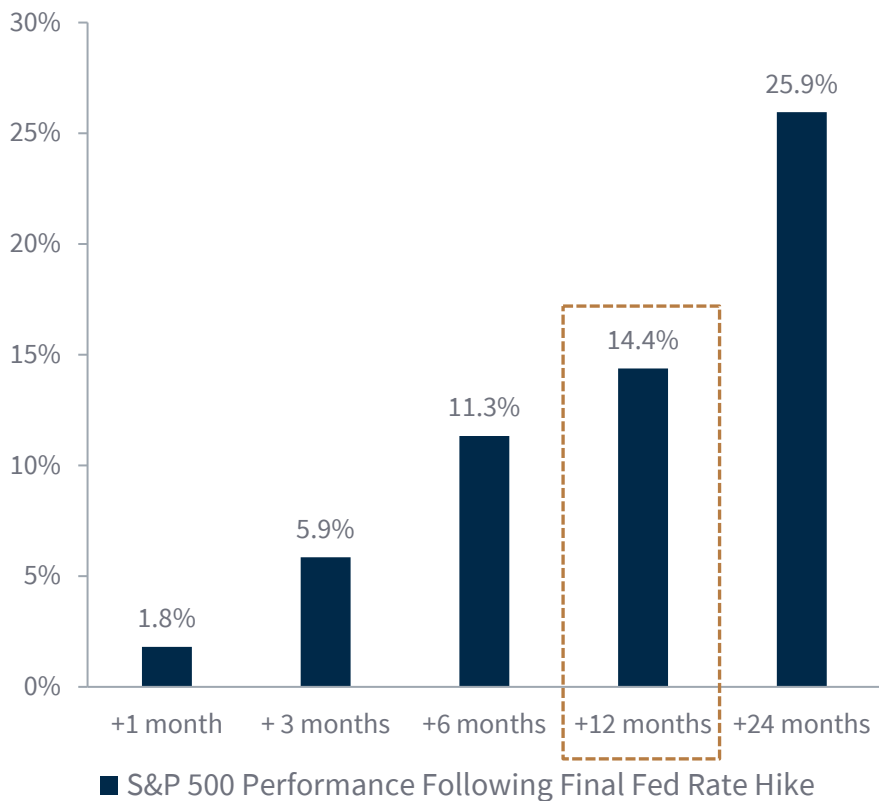


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## FED CATALYST

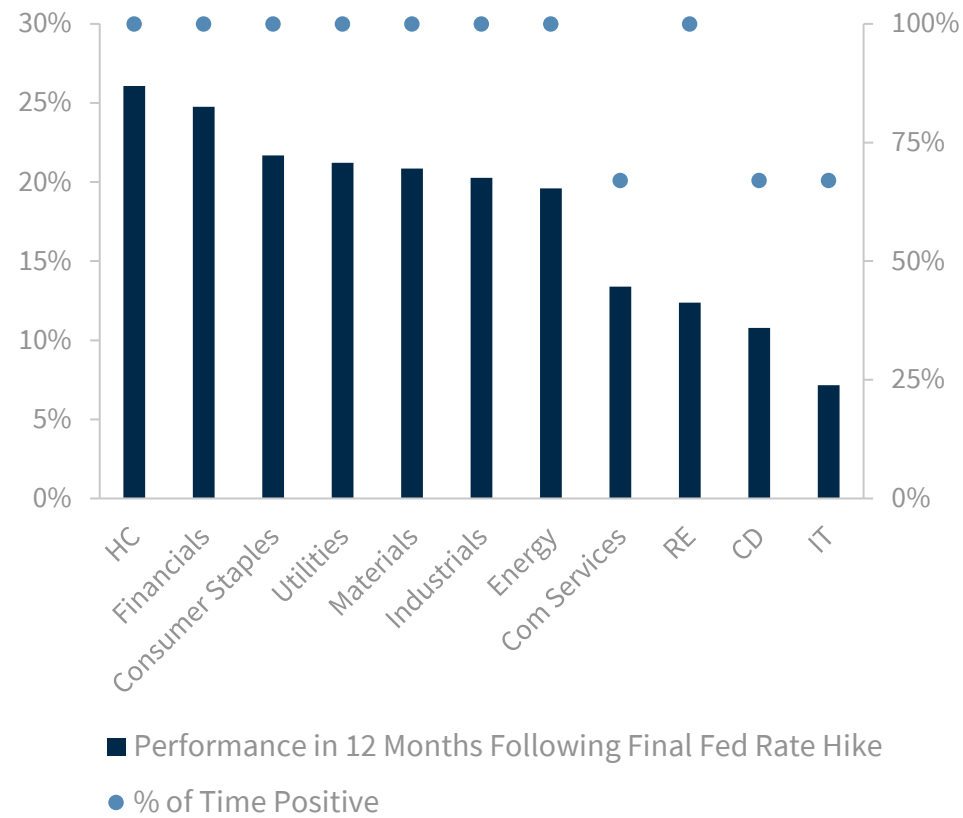
HISTORICALLY, THE END OF THE FED TIGHTENING CYCLE IS SUPPORTIVE OF AN EQUITY RALLY

### Performance Following Final Fed Rate Hike



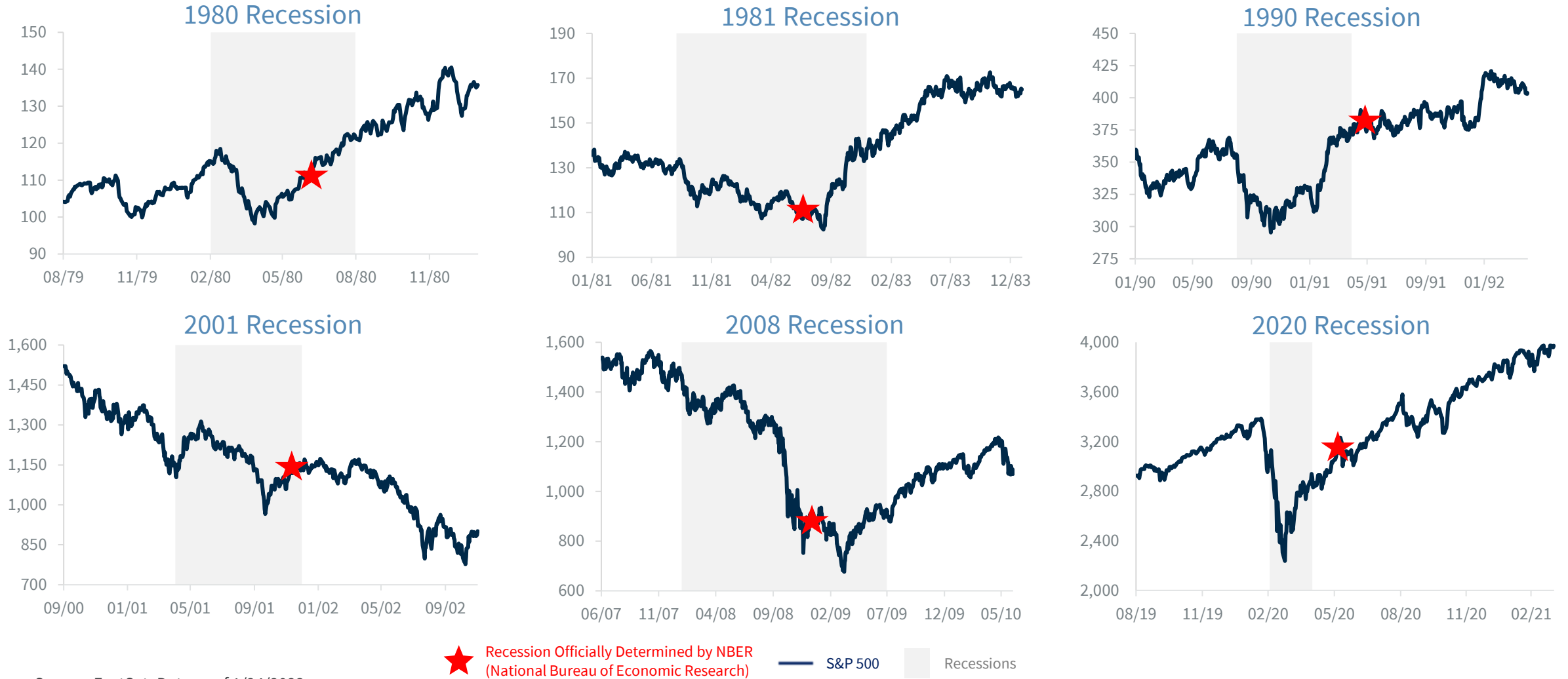
**75%**  
Of The Time Equity  
Performance Following  
The Final Fed Rate Hike Is  
Positive

### All Sectors Positive Following Final Fed Rate Hike



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## MARKET TYPICALLY BOTTOMS NEAR OR BEFORE RECESSION IS 'CALLED'



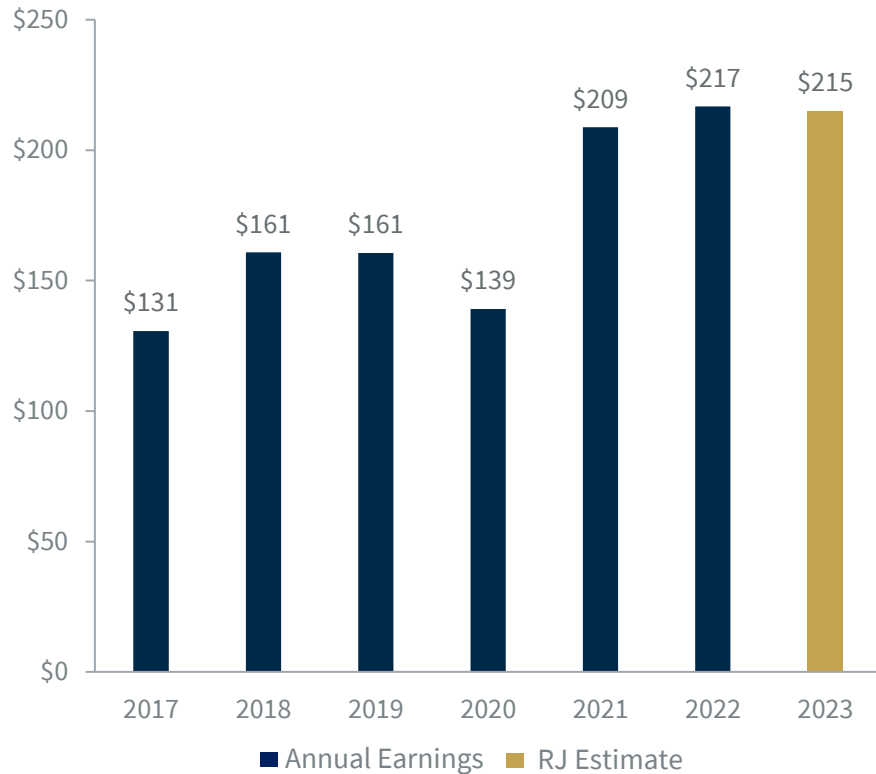
Source: FactSet. Data as of 1/24/2023.



## EARNINGS SHOULD REMAIN RESILIENT

EXPECTATIONS OF ONLY A MILD RECESSION AND CORPORATE COST CUTTING SHOULD SUPPORT EARNINGS

### Consensus Earnings Expectations Remain Solid



**4,400**

Raymond James  
S&P 500 2023  
Year-End Target

### Why We Expect Earnings To Hold Up

1

Mild Recession Should Support Top Line Revenues, Not a Collapse in Sales

2

Sales Growth (+3.5% year-over-year) is Expected to Remain Robust

3

Above Average Margins are Expected through Year-End 2023 (i.e., Cost Cutting)

4

Continued Improvement of Supply Chains, and Easing Commodity & Labor Costs

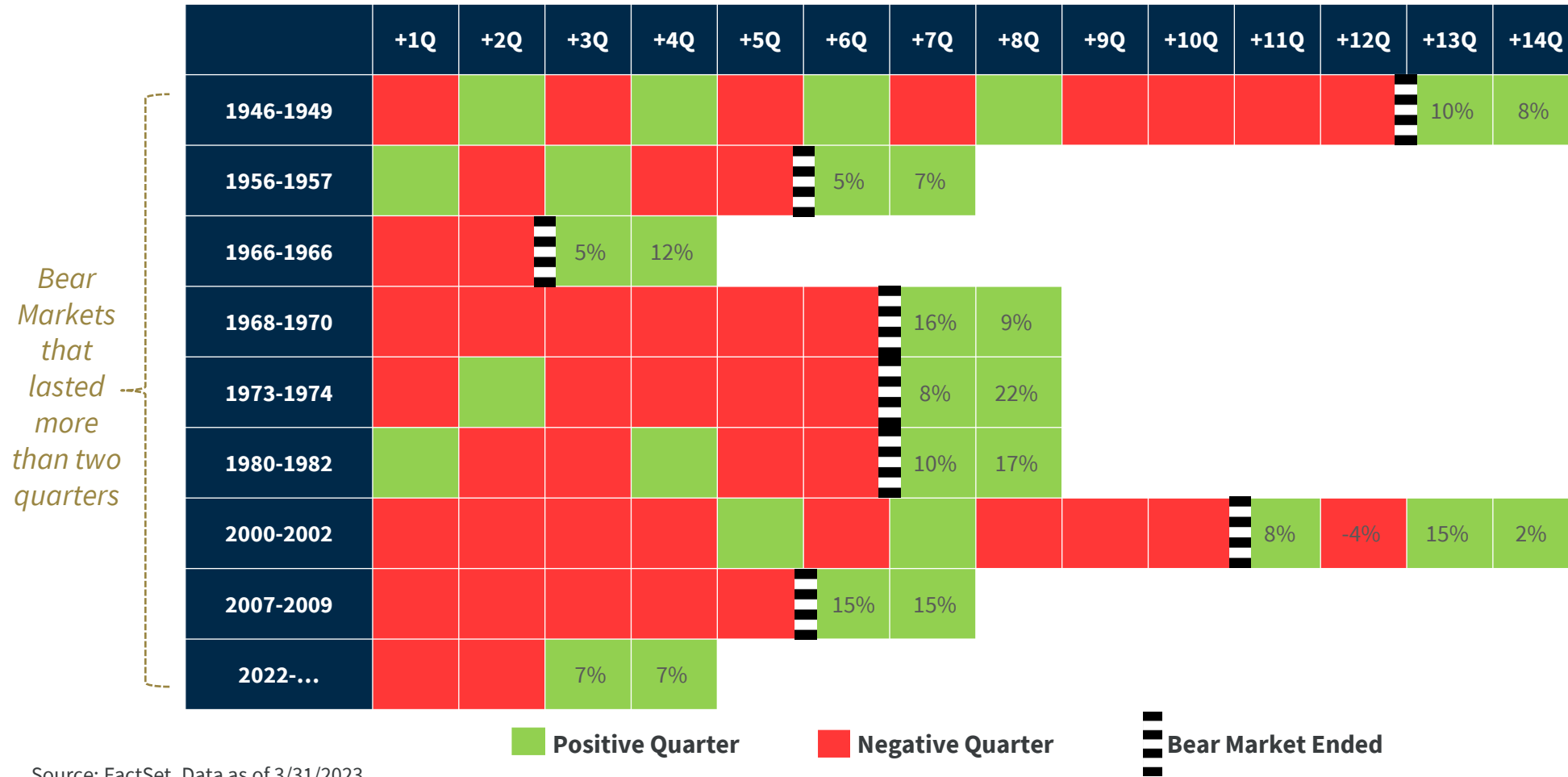
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Weaker Dollar Should Support Multi-National Earnings

Source: FactSet, Data as of 3/31/2023.

## TIME IS ON OUR SIDE—AN END OF THE BEAR MARKET?

POST WWII, THE S&P 500 HAS NOT EXPERIENCED TWO POSITIVE QUARTERS WITHOUT EXITING THE BEAR MARKET

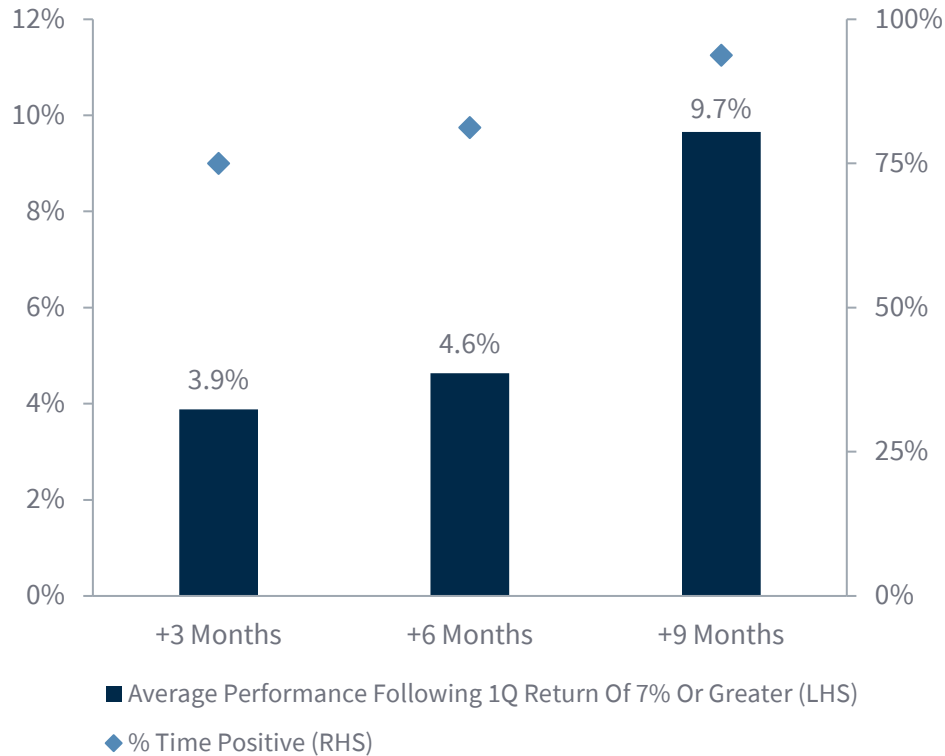


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## FAVORABLE HISTORICAL TRENDS

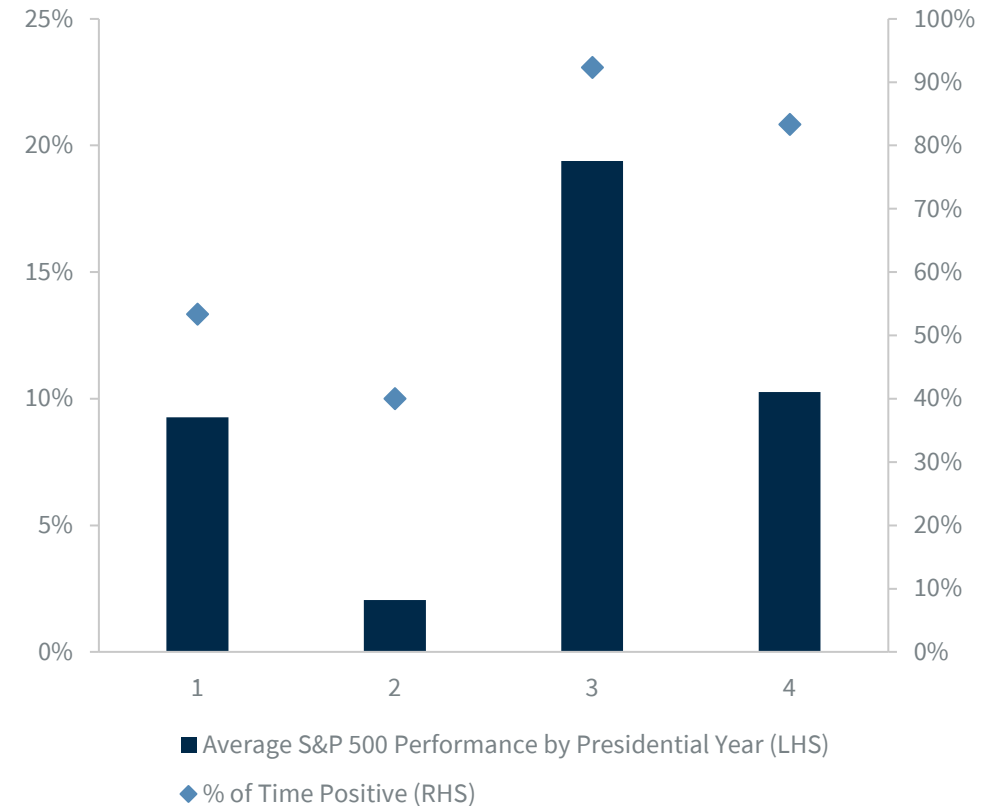
STRONG STARTS TO A YEAR A POSITIVE; PRESIDENTIAL CYCLE SUPPORTIVE

### Strong 1Q, Strong Year



**94%**  
Of The Time Equities See Positive Forward Performance In The 9 Months Following A 7% Or Greater First Quarter (16 Occurrences Since 1945)

### The Third Year Of A Presidential Cycle Is Historically Strong

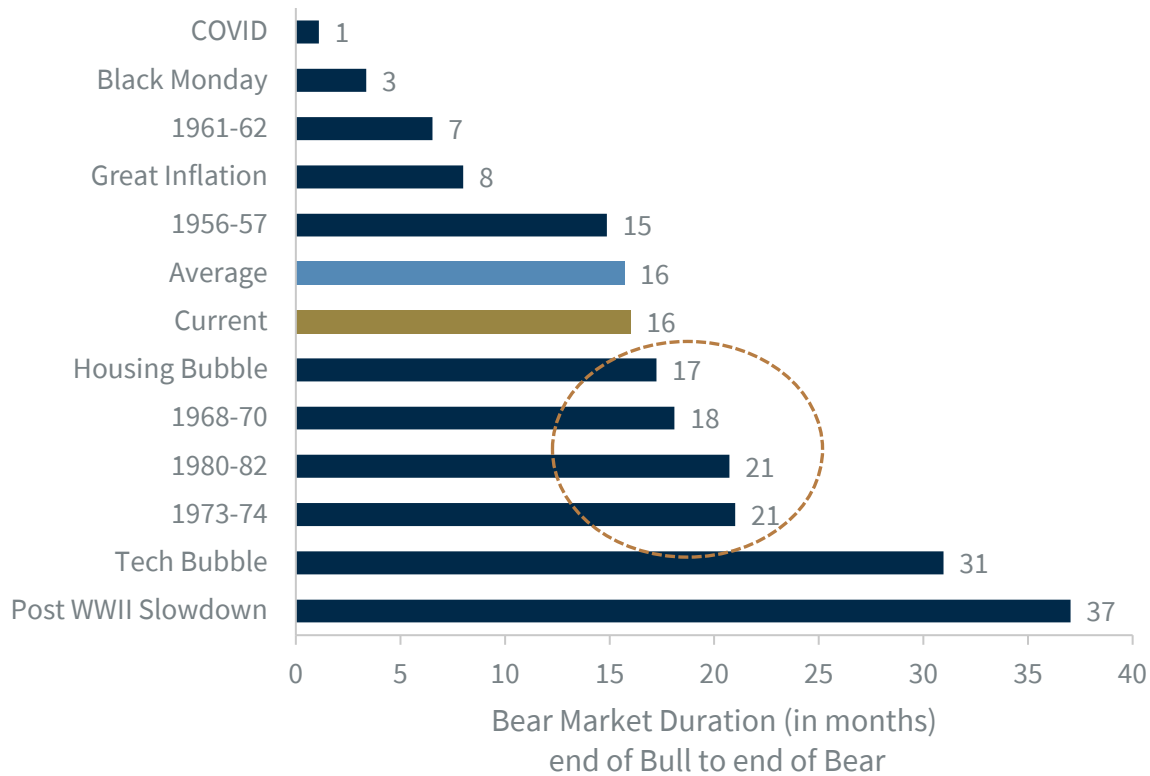


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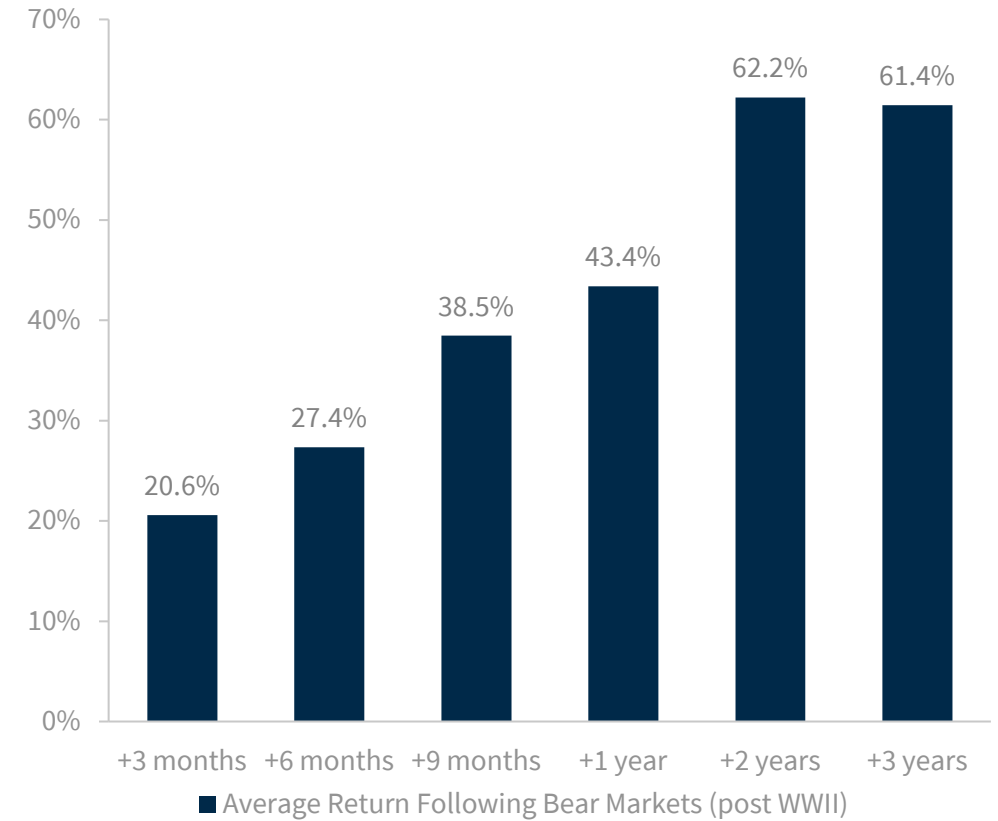
## TIME IS ON OUR SIDE

### EQUITY PERFORMANCE FOLLOWING BEAR MARKETS CARRIES HISTORICAL STRENGTH

#### Duration Of Bear Markets



#### Returns Following Bear Markets



Source: FactSet, Data as of 3/31/2023.

## SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

# FAVORED SECTORS

### Info Tech



- Tech companies are cutting costs to preserve margins (i.e., mass layoffs and restructurings)
- Tech revolution continues, especially with the development of Artificial Intelligence
- Tech companies are positioned to see strong earnings, especially mega-cap tech

### Financials



- Healthy EPS and revenue growth in 2023
- More diversified collection of financial companies after addition of Visa, Mastercard, & PayPal
- Attractive valuations and shareholder friendly activities
- Oversold sentiment a positive

### Energy



- Continued investment in green energy initiatives, including EVs, nuclear fusion, solar, etc.
- Upside in oil: our end of year target price is \$90/bbl
- Capital discipline
- Continued strength in margins
- Attractive valuations

### Health Care

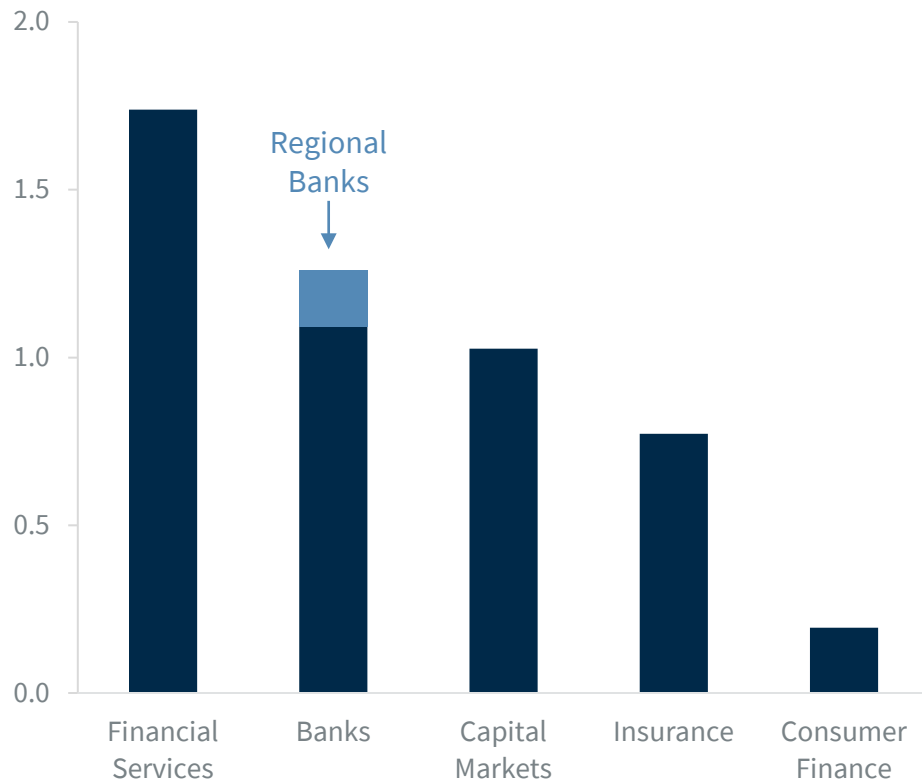


- Attractive valuations (below historical average)
- Historically strong earnings
- Aging demographics
- Increasingly health-conscious society
- Favorite 'defensive' sector

## SECTOR SPOTLIGHT—FINANCIAL SECTOR

### FINANCIALS IN FOCUS—A BENEFICIARY OF CONTRARIAN NEGATIVE SENTIMENT

Market Cap of Financial Sub-Sectors  
(in Trillions of \$)



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.

### Our Survey

**~89%**

of Respondents Are Confident in  
the Banking System

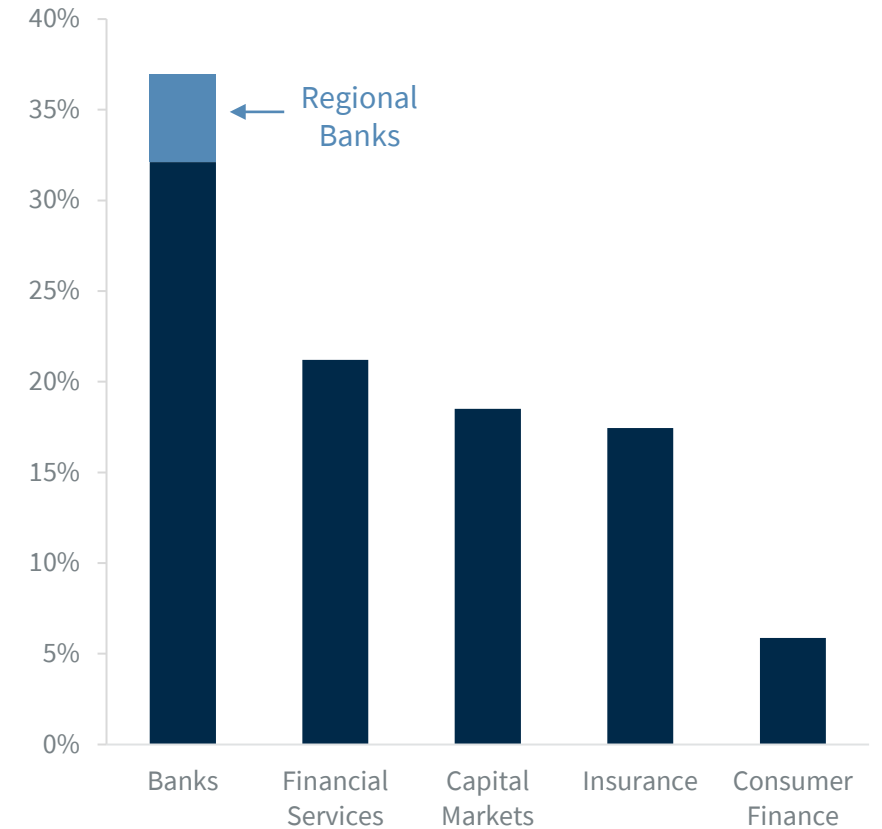
**1st Choice**

Financials Was the Respondents'  
Favorite Sector One Year Ago

**5th Place**

1<sup>st</sup> Time Financials Falls Out of Top  
Four Sectors Since Launch  
of Survey (1Q21)

Financial Sector Quarterly EPS Breakdown

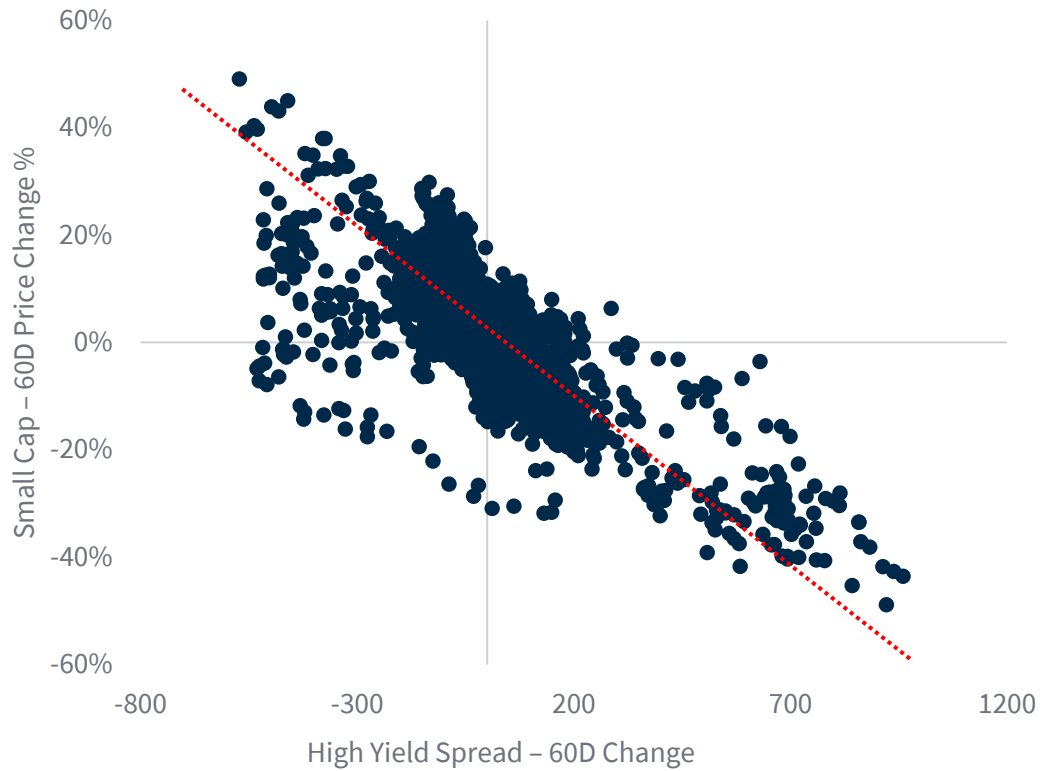




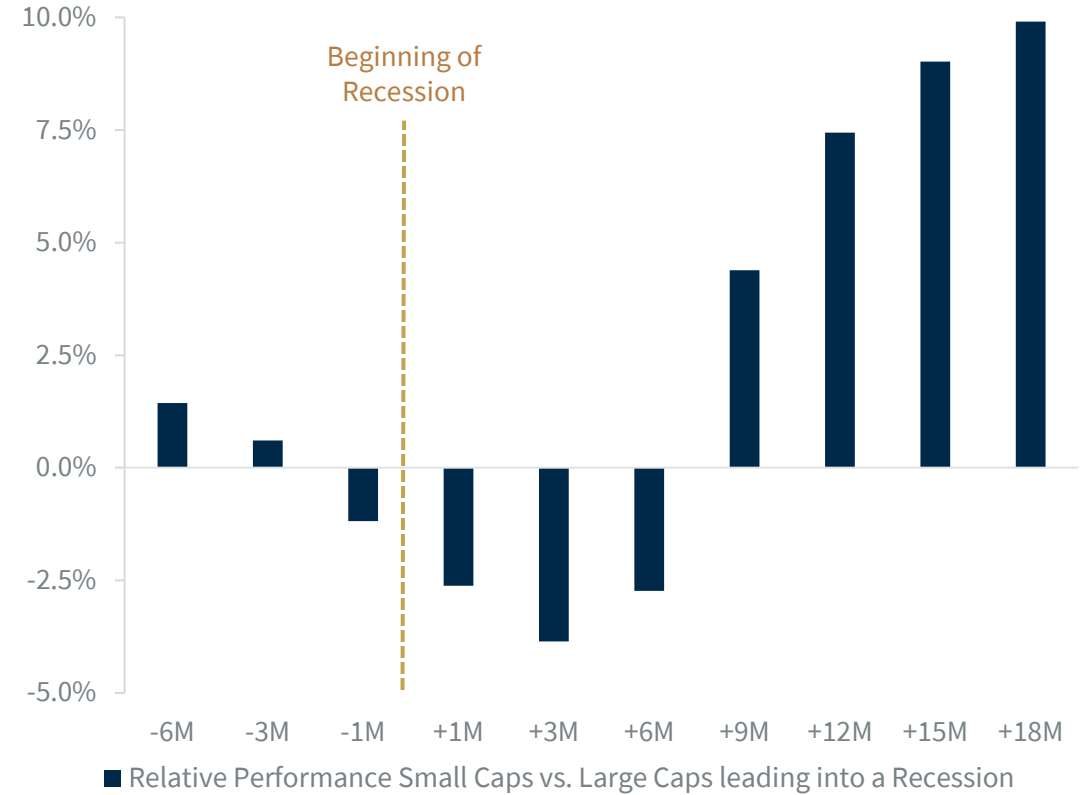
# SMALL CAPS MAY CONTINUE TO LAG

SURROUNDING A RECESSIONARY PERIOD SMALL CAPS TEND TO UNDERPERFORM

### Small Caps May Be Vulnerable



### Small Caps Underperform Leading Into Recession



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/10/2023.



# 6 International

## Jumpin' Jack Flash in a Crossfire Hurricane

### INSIGHT:

Post-COVID China's full growth boost to come and with our forecast for oil to end the year higher, we believe emerging markets will benefit.

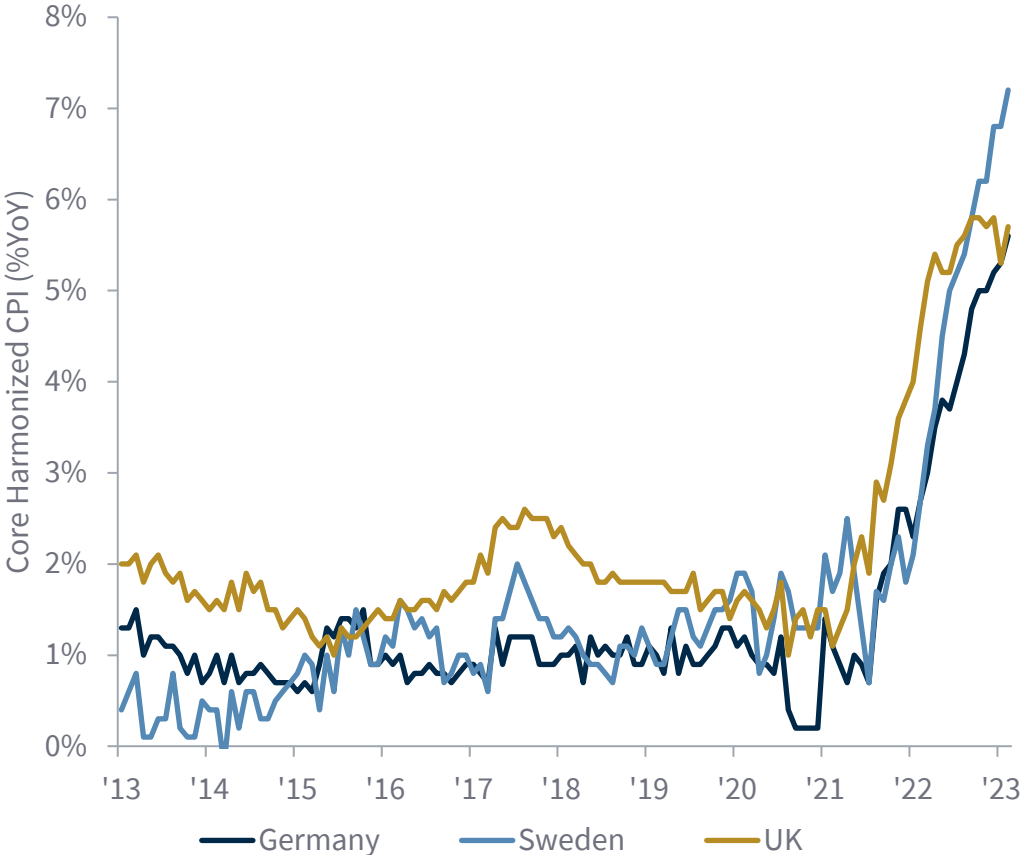
### BOTTOM LINE:

We still favor the US over other developed countries, as we remain in better position to face the looming global economic slowdown.

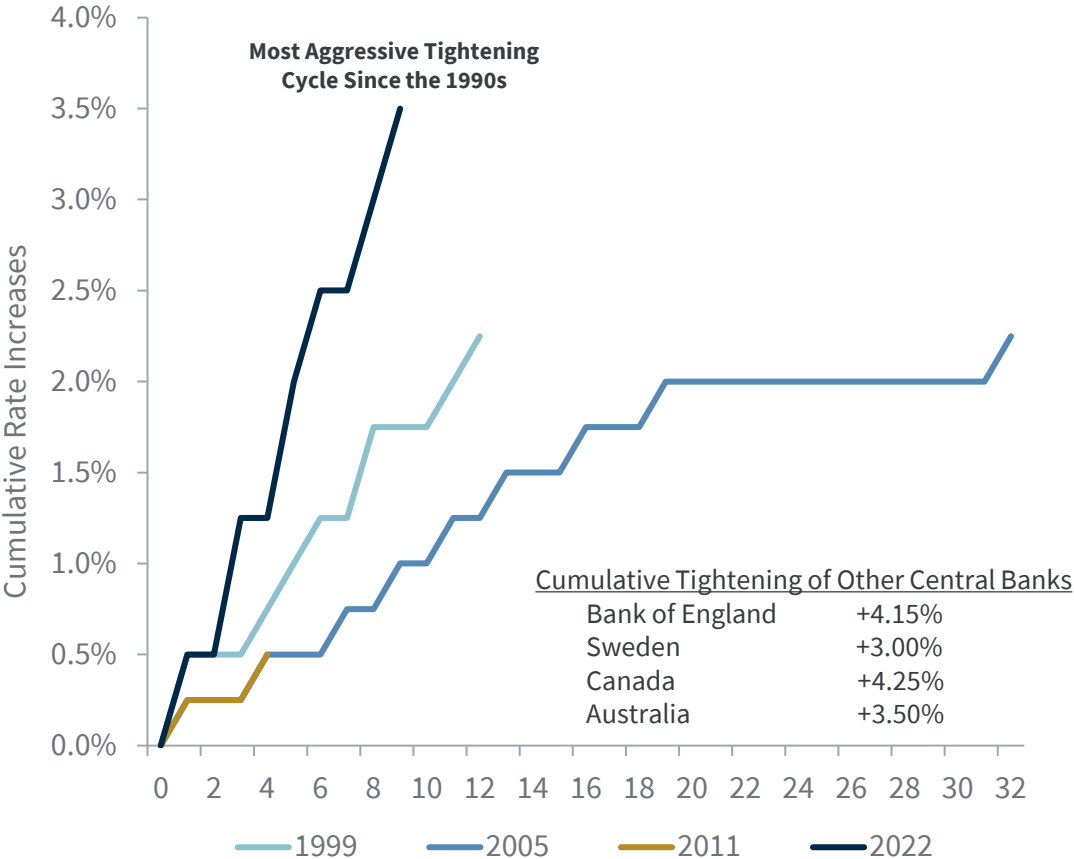
# INFLATION PRESSURES HAVE LED TO AGGRESSIVE TIGHTENING

HIGHER CORE INFLATION PRESSURES HAVE LED TO AGGRESSIVE TIGHTENING WITH MORE HIKES EXPECTED

Core Inflation Still Rising



ECB Is Aggressively Tightening

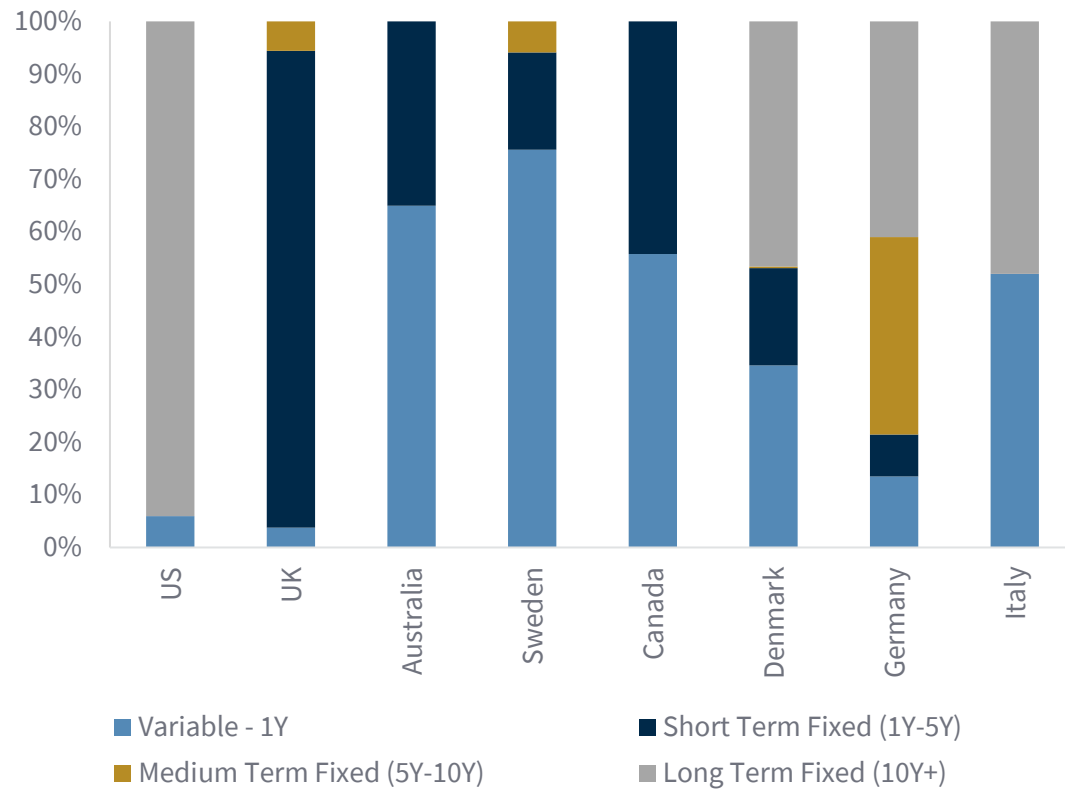


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## TIGHTER FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

### HIGHER BORROWING COSTS SPELL TROUBLE FOR EUROPEAN HOUSING MARKET

#### High Amounts of Variable Rate Debt



#### Sharply Higher Mortgage Rates

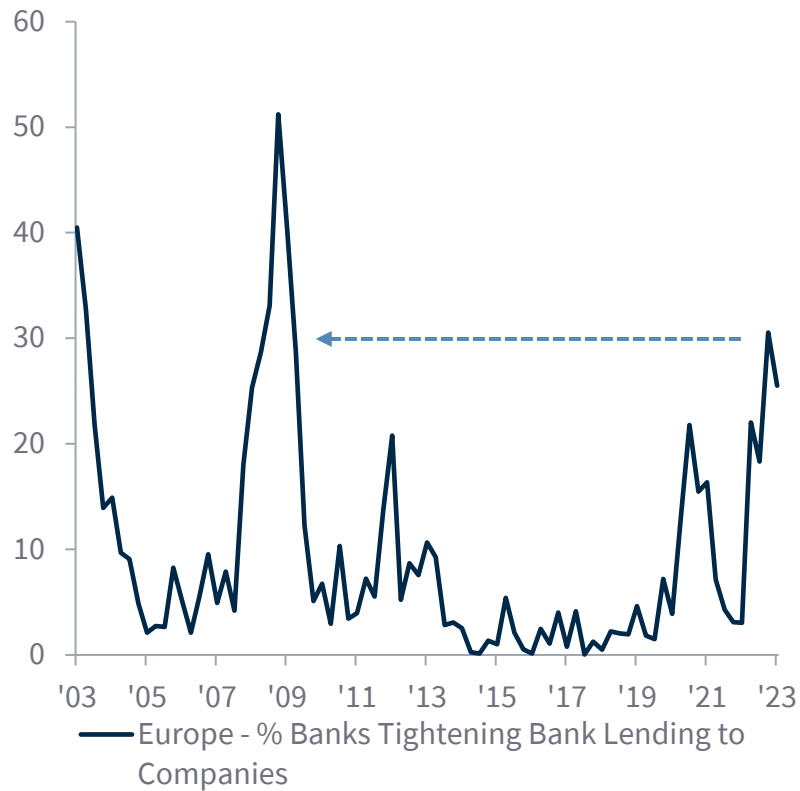
Mortgage Rates	1-Year Ago	Current	Chg
Canada - 1 Yr	3.1%	6.3%	3.2%
Canada - 5 Yr	4.8%	6.5%	1.7%
Australia - Variable	4.5%	8.0%	3.5%
Australia - 3 Yr	4.6%	6.3%	1.8%
UK - Base Rate	2.5%	6.0%	3.5%
Germany - 1 Yr	2.0%	4.2%	2.2%
Germany - 5-10 Yr	1.8%	3.6%	1.8%
Sweden - Variable	2.5%	5.1%	2.7%
Italy - 1 Yr	1.3%	3.5%	2.1%

Source: FactSet, Data as of 3/31/2023.

## SLOWER LOAN GROWTH

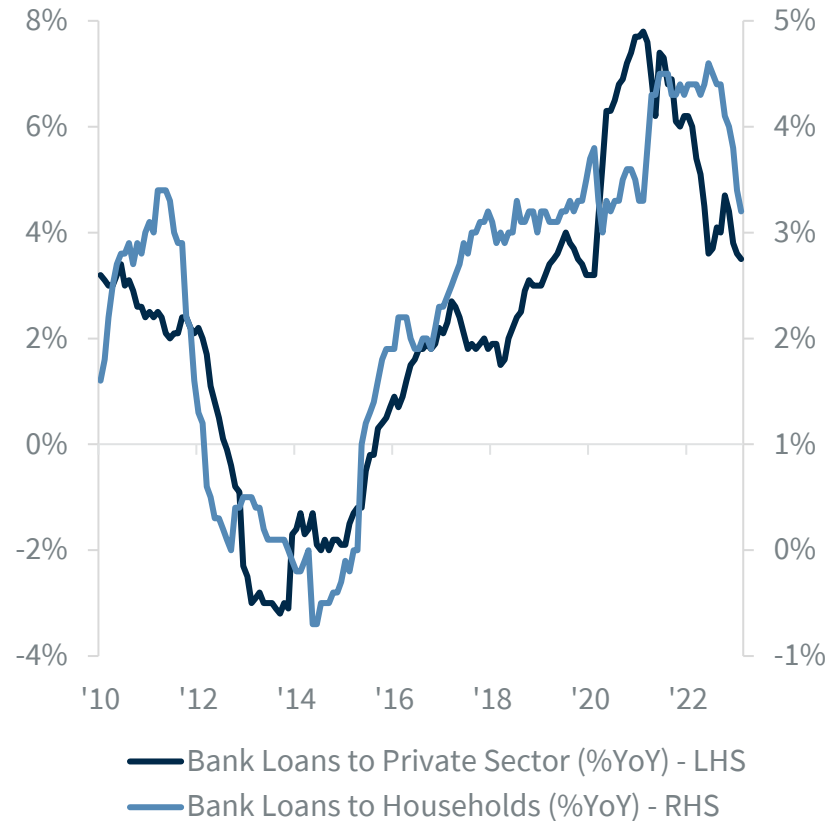
CREDIT RESTRAINT AND FISCAL PRUDENCE ARE OTHER HEADWINDS TO EUROPE'S RECOVERY

### Lending Standards Tightest Since 2008



Source: FactSet, Data as of 3/31/2023.

### Credit Growth Is Slowing Rapidly



### Fiscal Restraint Is Coming

EU countries urged to phase out huge energy subsidies

EU Commission to police public deficits again in 2024

**EU to Tell Member States to Start Reining In National Debt**

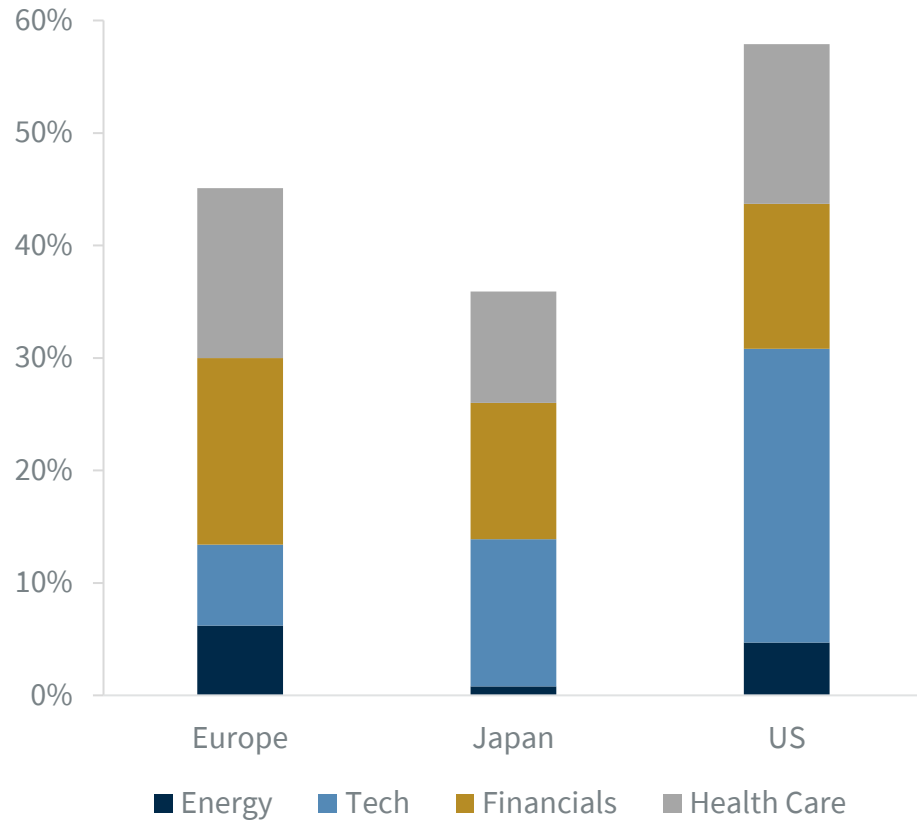
Euro zone ministers back tighter fiscal stance for 2024

Eurogroup reiterates broad-based stimulus no longer warranted

# PREFER US OVER INTERNATIONAL

## FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN FAVORABLE FOR THE US OVER EUROPE

Sector Differences Favor US



**7.0%**

US Average Annual Earnings Growth (2008 – Present)

**2.25%**

Europe Average Annual Earnings Growth (2008 – Present)

Profitability Metrics Favor US

5-Year Average

	Europe	Japan	US
Return on Assets	1.4	1.4	3.5
Return on Equity	11.9	8.7	19.1
Return on Invested Capital	4.7	5.0	9.2
Gross Margin	36.5%	28.1%	36.7%
Net Margin	8.7%	6.3%	11.9%

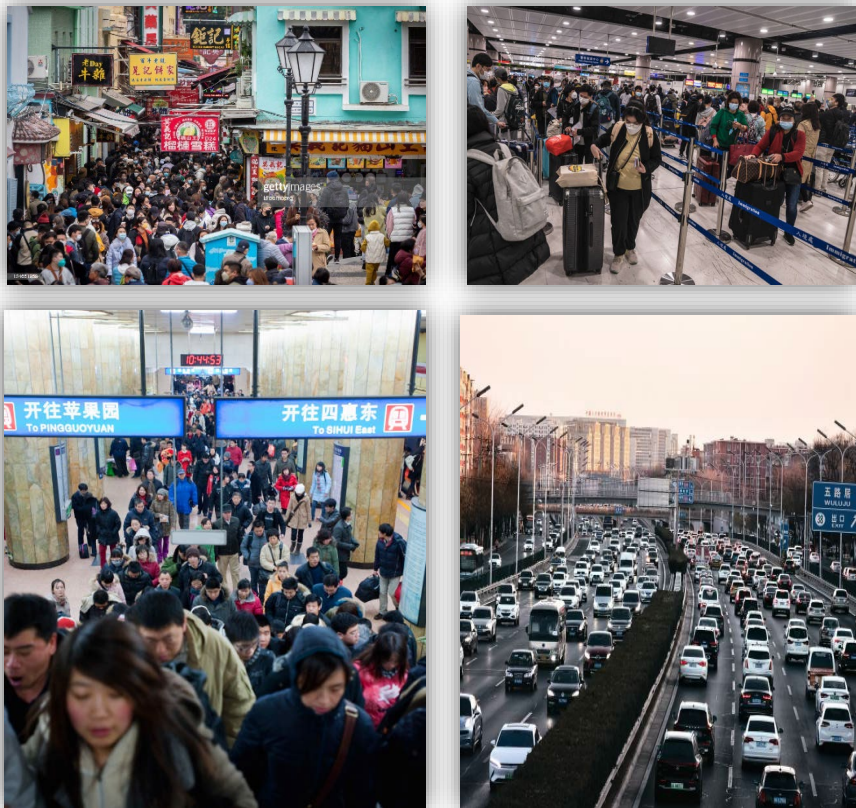
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## EM EQUITIES ARE ATTRACTIVE; POLITICAL RISKS REMAIN

CHINA REOPENING A POSITIVE FOR ASIAN EQUITIES; HIGHER OIL PRICES SHOULD BE A BOOST TO LATAM EQUITIES

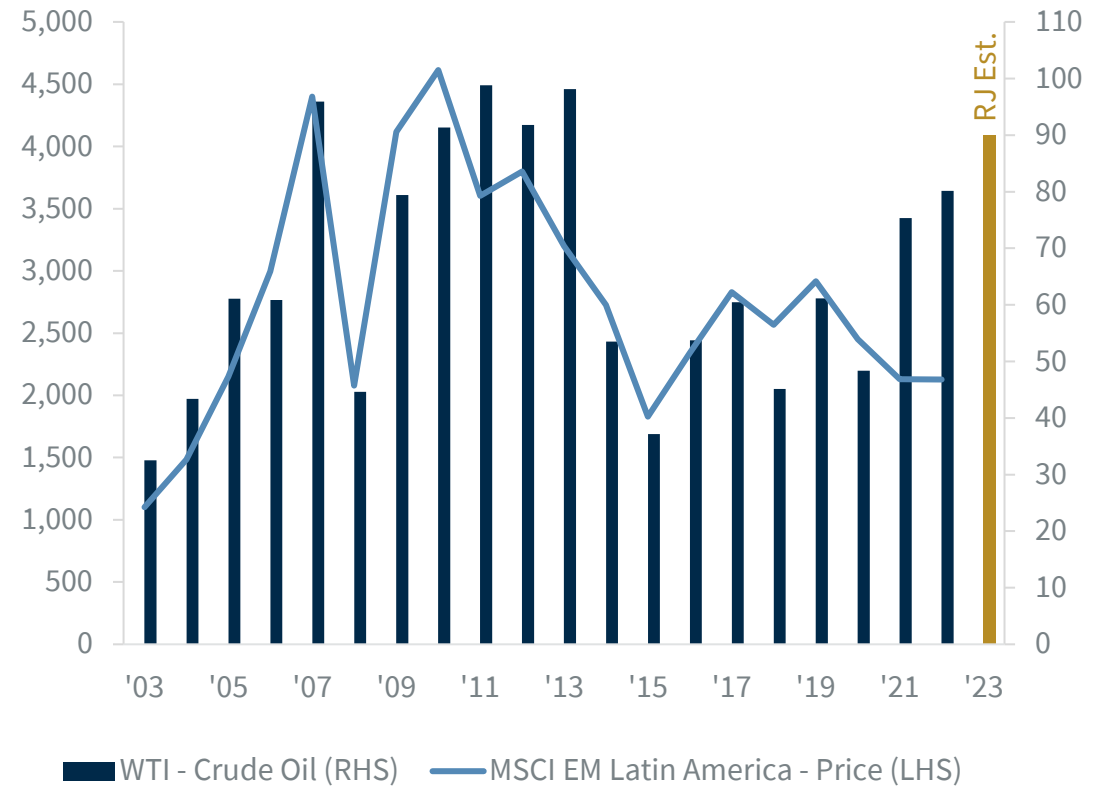
### China Reopening



**\$90**

(Per Barrel)  
Year-End Oil  
Forecast

### Higher Oil Prices Should Boost LATAM Equities



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# 7 Asset Allocation

We See Red And Want To Paint It Black

## INSIGHT:

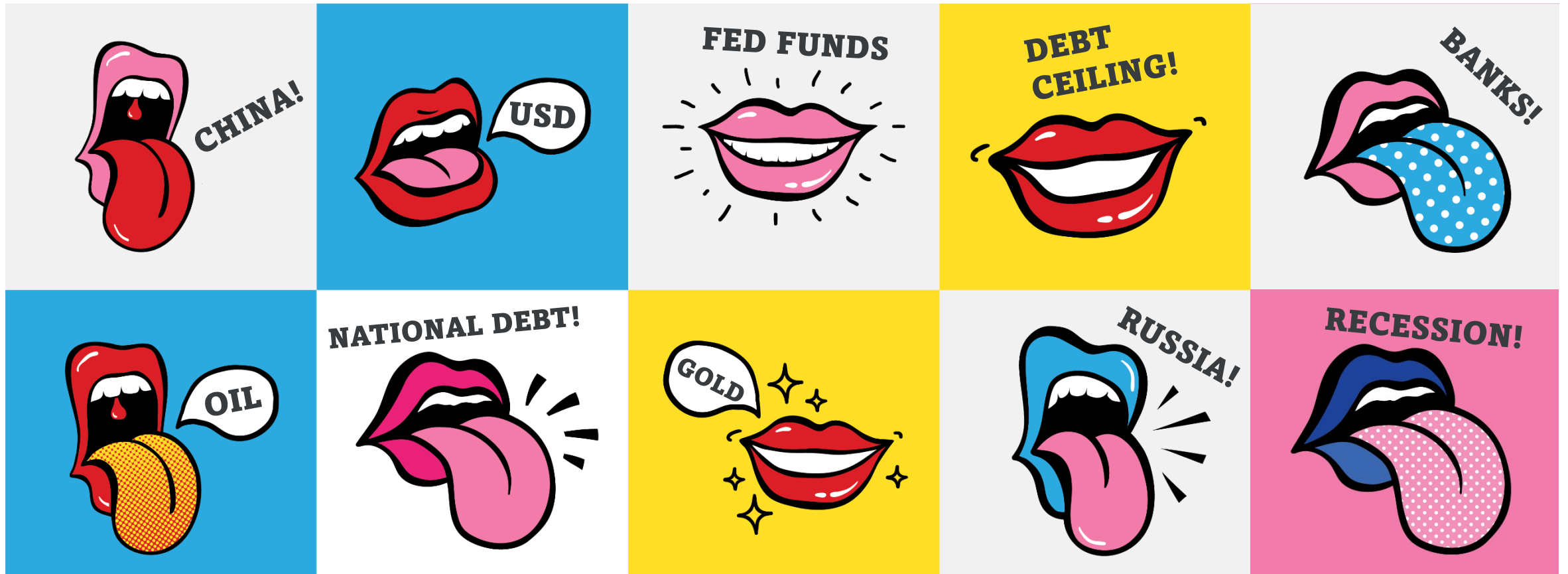
The last year or so has been challenging for investors, with many assets, from fixed income to equities, still in the red. If our assessment is correct, we are past the bottom in both markets.

## BOTTOM LINE:

Short-term volatility may rattle markets, but a focus on diversification and asset allocation should help guide us through those threats.

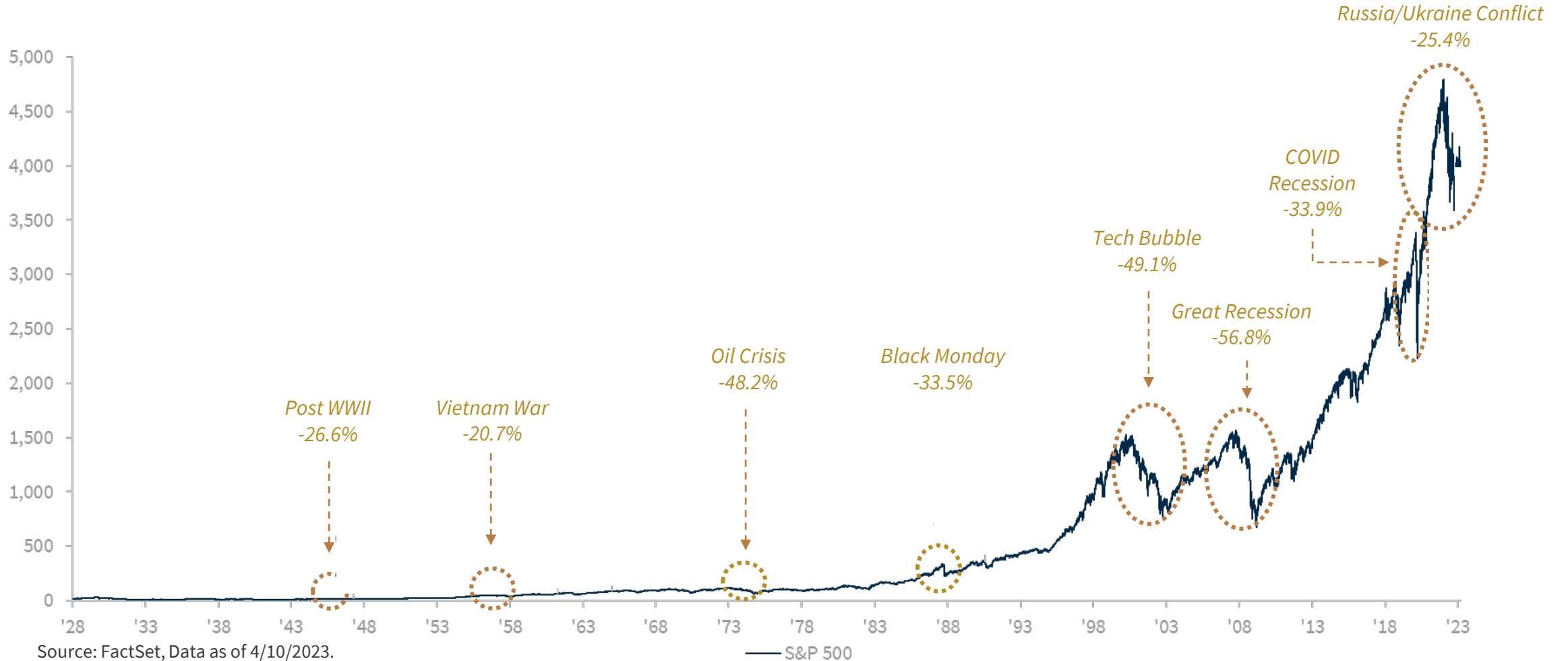
## VOLATILITY AND RESILIENCY

NAVIGATING THROUGH THE SHORT TERM 'NOISE' AND FOCUSING ON THE LONG TERM



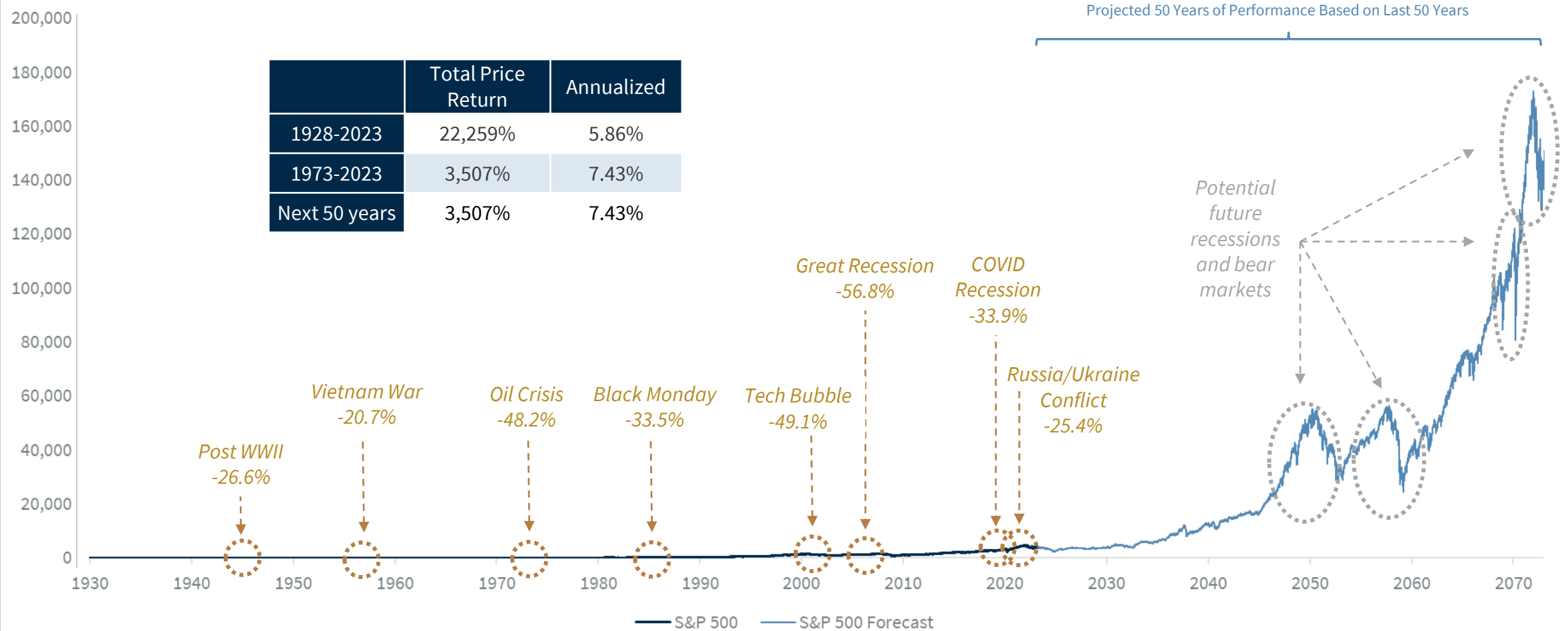
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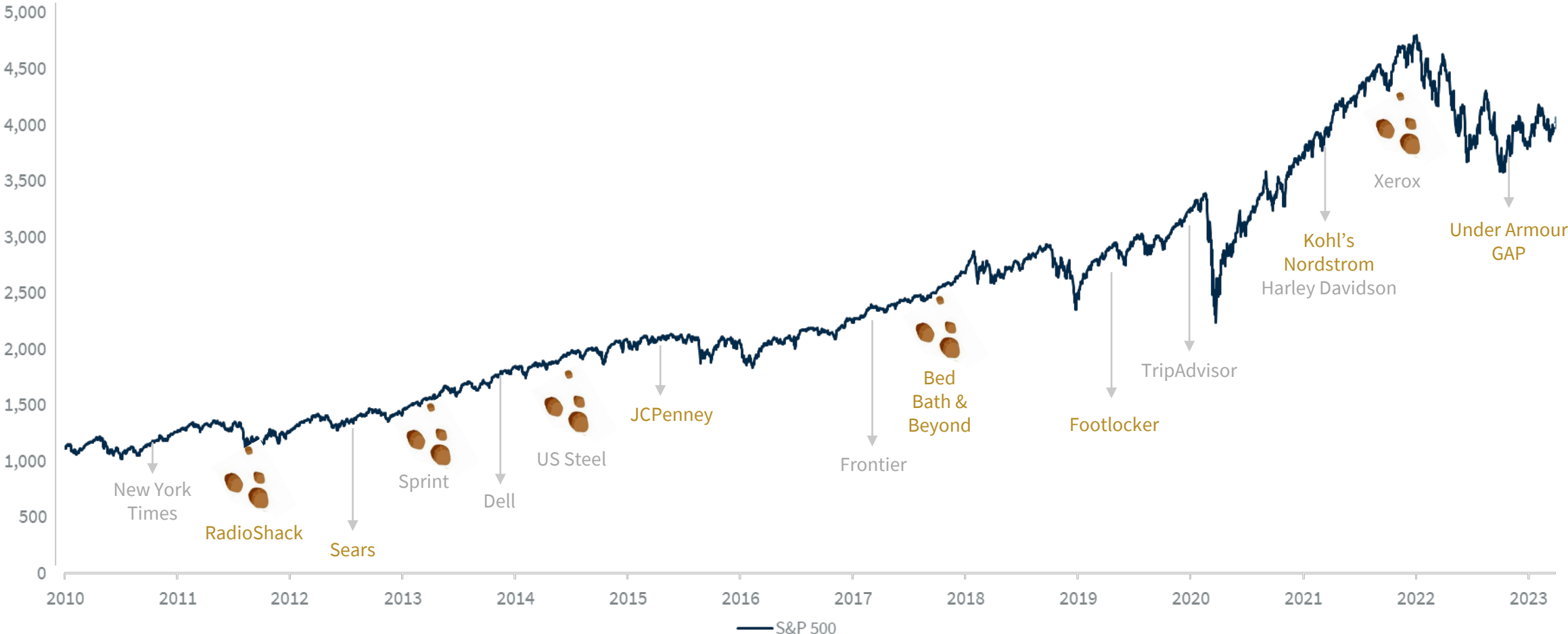
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# CHANGE IS INEVITABLE

## DIVERSIFICATION IS CRITICAL AND PART OF THE GROWTH IN THE S&P 500



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## LESSONS FROM THE ROLLING STONES

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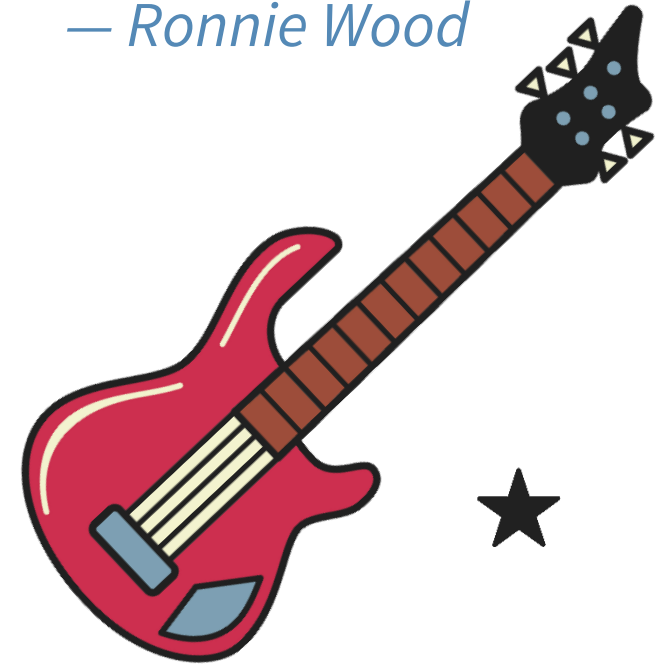
UNPRECEDENTED SIXTY YEARS OF TOURING (AND MORE ON THE HORIZON) AND SUCCESS

***“I’d rather die than be 45 and still singing Satisfaction.”***  
— Mick Jagger



***“Everyone talks about rock these days; the problem is they forget about the roll.”***  
— Keith Richards

***“You don't make solo albums to have hits.”***  
— Ronnie Wood





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*This presentation will discuss recent market and economic trends and impacts.*

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**RUSSELL 2000** | **Russell 2000 Total Return Index**: This index covers 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which ranks the 3000 largest US companies by market capitalization. The Russell 2000 represents approximately 10% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

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