



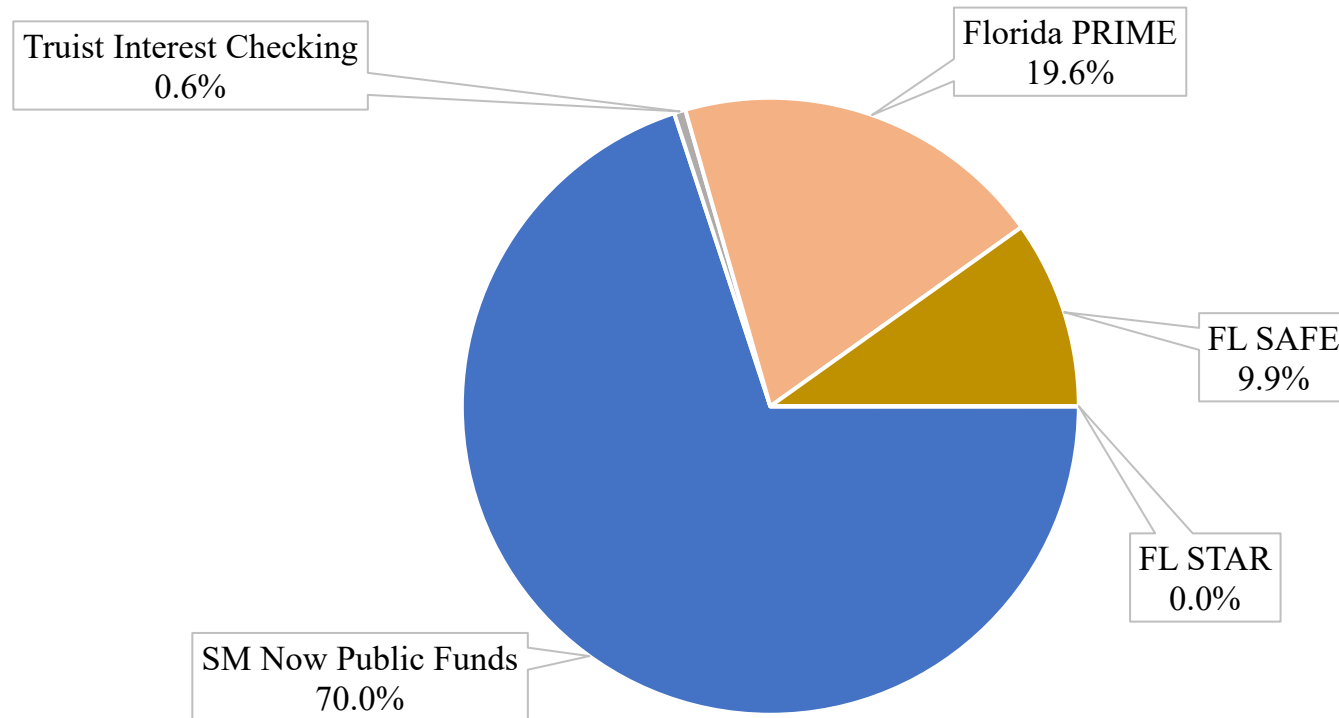
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Investment Report December 2023

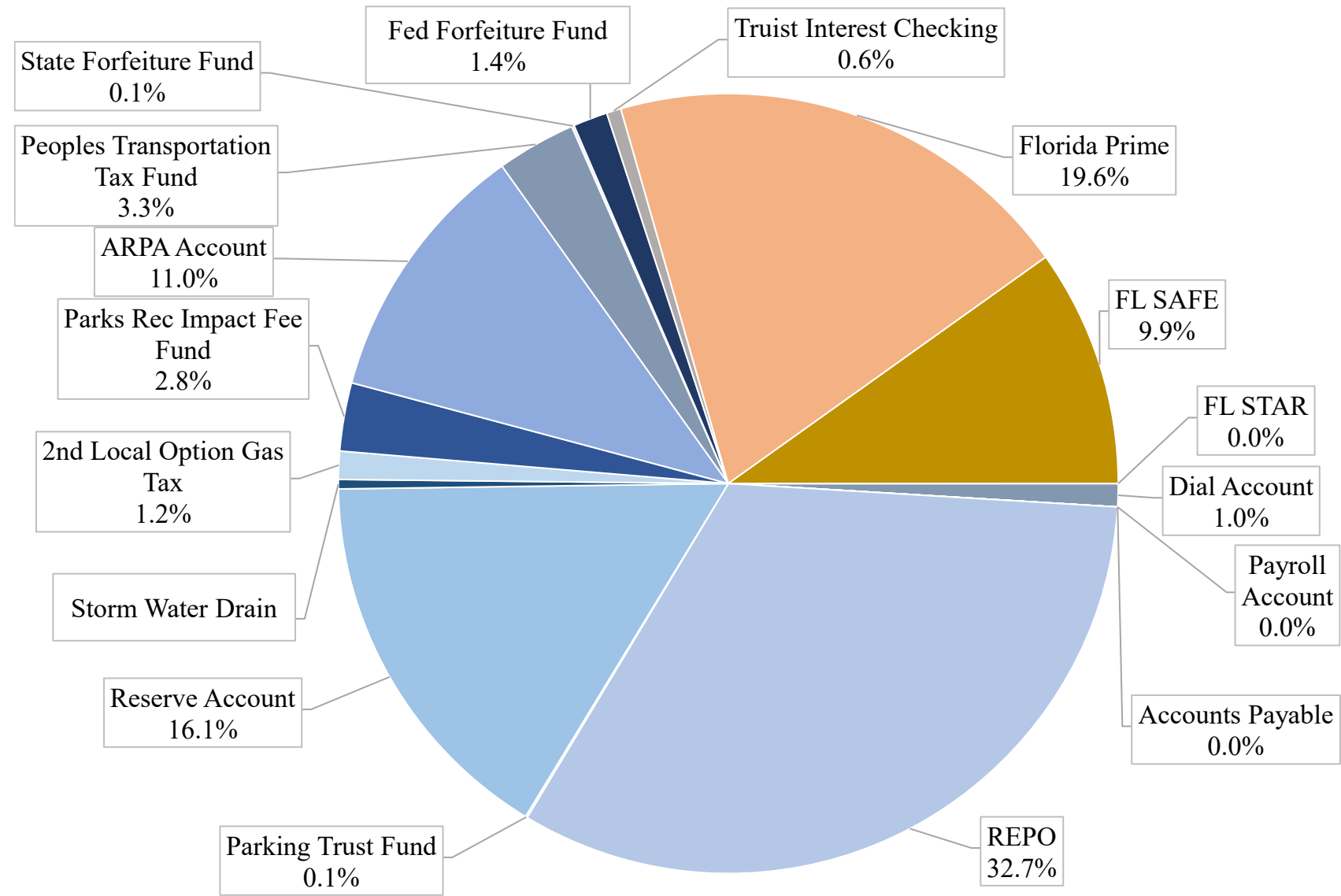


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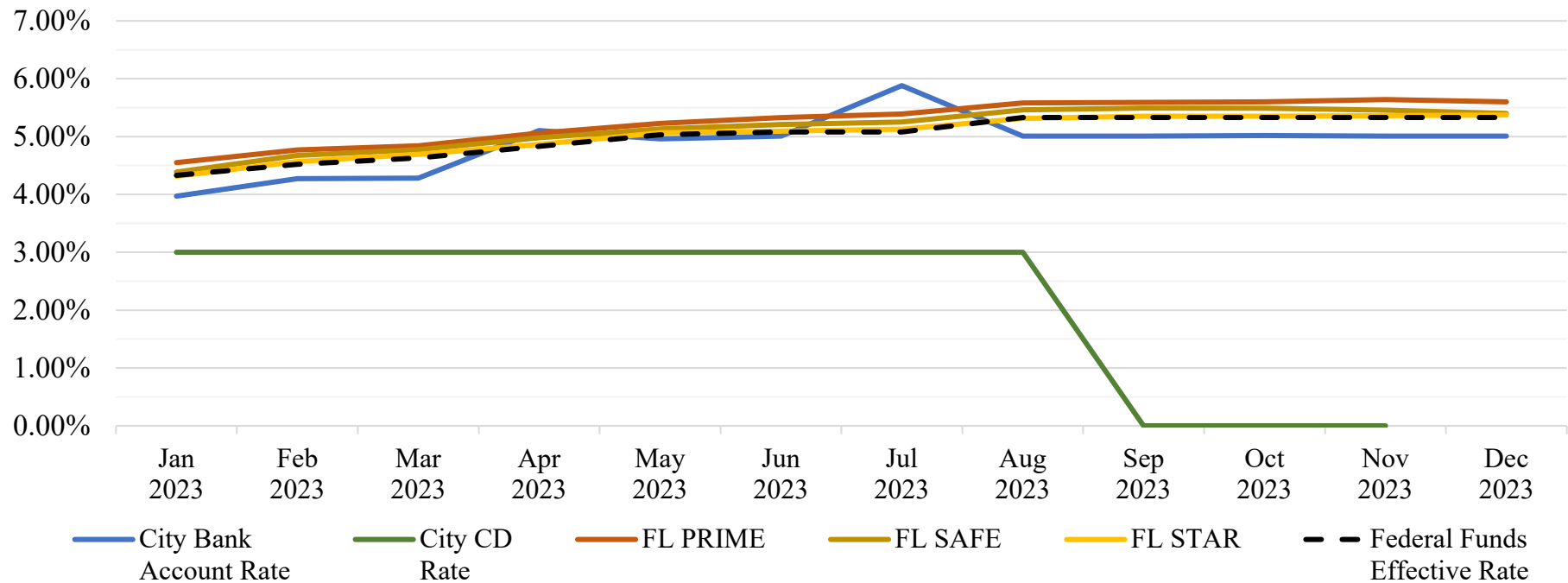
Type	Balance on Sep. 30	Balance on Dec. 31	Net Flow Quarter	Interest Paid Quarter
SM Now Public Funds	\$26,165,092.11	\$29,192,303.16	\$2,727,945.94	\$299,265.11
Truist Interest Checking	\$250,296.45	\$250,302.77	\$0.00	\$6.32
Florida PRIME	\$5,067,044.55	\$8,172,913.51	\$3,000,000.00	\$105,868.96
FL SAFE	\$4,058,603.72	\$4,114,606.13	\$0.00	\$56,002.41
FL STAR	\$520.94	\$528.16	\$0.00	\$7.22
Total	\$35,541,557.77	\$41,730,653.73	\$5,727,945.94	\$461,150.02



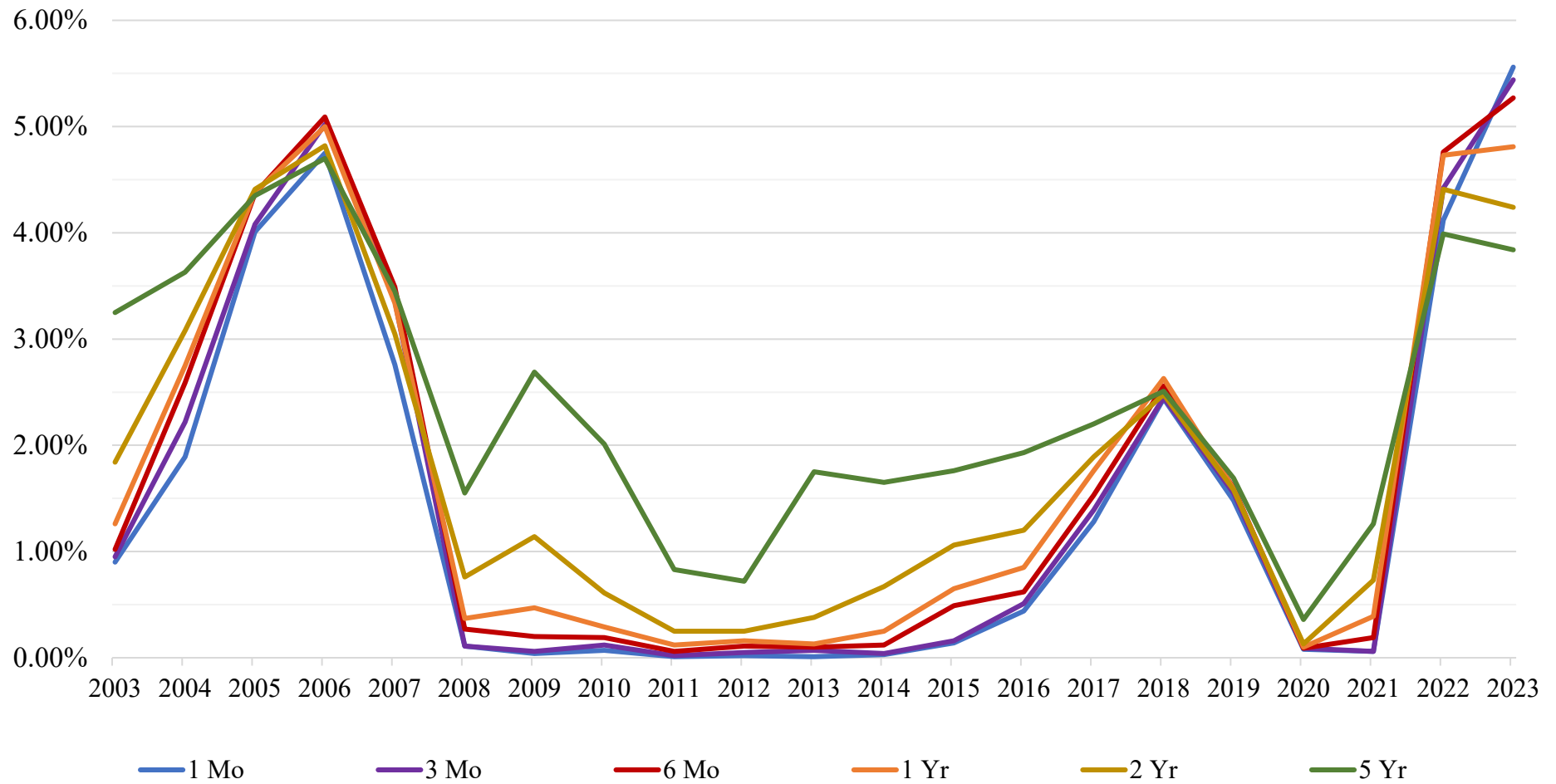
Name	Type	Balance on Sep. 30	Balance on Dec. 31	Net Flow Quarter	Interest Paid Quarter	Yield on Dec. 31
Dial Account	SM Now Public Funds	\$401,843.14	\$400,070.29	-\$6,651.09	\$4,878.24	5.01%
Payroll Account	SM Now Public Funds	\$9.79	\$67.23	\$49.92	\$7.52	5.03%
Accounts Payable	SM Now Public Funds	\$10.48	\$37.69	\$26.65	\$0.56	5.06%
REPO	SM Now Public Funds	\$10,587,762.12	\$13,633,055.42	\$2,936,411.80	\$108,881.50	5.01%
Parking Trust Fund	SM Now Public Funds	\$31,595.72	\$31,979.12	\$0.00	\$383.40	5.01%
Reserve Account	SM Now Public Funds	\$6,627,622.94	\$6,708,045.81	\$0.00	\$80,422.87	5.01%
Storm Water Drain Trust	SM Now Public Funds	\$554,851.33	\$162,034.03	-\$397,127.50	\$4,310.20	5.01%
2nd Local Option Gas Tax	SM Now Public Funds	\$465,567.64	\$485,427.82	\$14,099.84	\$5,760.34	5.01%
Parks Rec Impact Fee Fund	SM Now Public Funds	\$376,789.01	\$1,181,183.76	\$791,589.56	\$12,805.19	5.01%
ARPA Account	SM Now Public Funds	\$5,022,677.72	\$4,583,024.22	-\$497,154.29	\$57,500.79	5.01%
Peoples Transportation Tax Fund	SM Now Public Funds	\$1,680,639.14	\$1,367,952.99	-\$330,231.97	\$17,545.82	5.01%
State Forfeiture Fund	SM Now Public Funds	\$42,848.87	\$43,325.46	\$0.00	\$476.59	5.01%
Fed Forfeiture Fund	SM Now Public Funds	\$372,874.21	\$596,099.32	\$216,933.02	\$6,292.09	5.01%
Truist Interest Checking	Truist Interest Checking	\$250,296.45	\$250,302.77	\$0.00	\$6.32	0.01%
Florida Prime	Florida Prime	\$5,067,044.55	\$8,172,913.51	\$3,000,000.00	\$105,868.96	5.60%
FL SAFE	FL SAFE	\$4,058,603.72	\$4,114,606.13	\$0.00	\$56,002.41	5.402%
FL STAR	FL STAR	\$520.94	\$528.16	\$0.00	\$7.22	5.3732%
Total		\$35,541,557.77	\$41,730,653.73	\$5,727,945.94	\$461,150.02	5.13%



Month	City Bank Account Rate	City CD Rate	FL PRIME	FL SAFE	FL STAR	Federal Funds Effective Rate
January 2023	3.97%	3.00%	4.55%	4.39%	4.31%	4.33%
February 2023	4.27%	3.00%	4.77%	4.67%	4.57%	4.52%
March 2023	4.28%	3.00%	4.84%	4.77%	4.69%	4.63%
April 2023	5.11%	3.00%	5.06%	4.98%	4.87%	4.83%
May 2023	4.96%	3.00%	5.23%	5.13%	5.06%	5.03%
June 2023	5.01%	3.00%	5.33%	5.21%	5.10%	5.08%
July 2023	5.88%	3.00%	5.39%	5.25%	5.13%	5.08%
August 2023	5.01%	3.00%	5.58%	5.46%	5.31%	5.33%
September 2023	5.01%	----	5.59%	5.49%	5.35%	5.33%
October 2023	5.02%	----	5.60%	5.49%	5.35%	5.33%
November 2023	5.01%	----	5.64%	5.46%	5.36%	5.33%
December 2023	5.01%	----	5.60%	5.40%	5.37%	5.33%

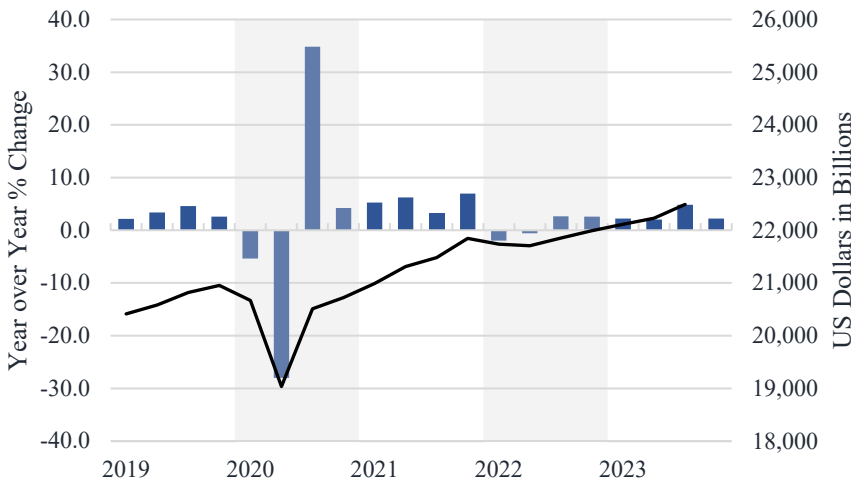


Year	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	2 Yr	5 Yr
2003	0.90%	0.95%	1.02%	1.26%	1.84%	3.25%
2004	1.89%	2.22%	2.59%	2.75%	3.08%	3.63%
2005	4.01%	4.08%	4.37%	4.38%	4.41%	4.35%
2006	4.75%	5.02%	5.09%	5.00%	4.82%	4.70%
2007	2.76%	3.36%	3.49%	3.34%	3.05%	3.45%
2008	0.11%	0.11%	0.27%	0.37%	0.76%	1.55%
2009	0.04%	0.06%	0.20%	0.47%	1.14%	2.69%
2010	0.07%	0.12%	0.19%	0.29%	0.61%	2.01%
2011	0.01%	0.02%	0.06%	0.12%	0.25%	0.83%
2012	0.02%	0.05%	0.11%	0.16%	0.25%	0.72%
2013	0.01%	0.07%	0.10%	0.13%	0.38%	1.75%
2014	0.03%	0.04%	0.12%	0.25%	0.67%	1.65%
2015	0.14%	0.16%	0.49%	0.65%	1.06%	1.76%
2016	0.44%	0.51%	0.62%	0.85%	1.20%	1.93%
2017	1.28%	1.39%	1.53%	1.76%	1.89%	2.20%
2018	2.44%	2.45%	2.56%	2.63%	2.48%	2.51%
2019	1.48%	1.55%	1.60%	1.59%	1.58%	1.69%
2020	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.13%	0.36%
2021	0.06%	0.06%	0.19%	0.39%	0.73%	1.26%
2022	4.12%	4.42%	4.76%	4.73%	4.41%	3.99%
December 31, 2023	5.56%	5.44%	5.27%	4.81%	4.24%	3.84%



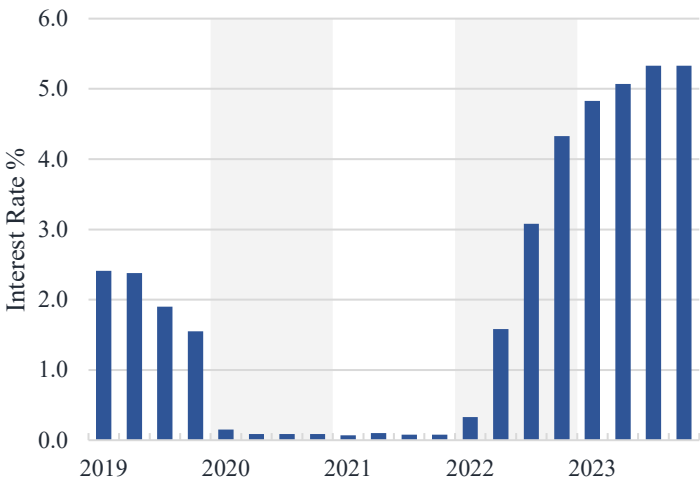
Tenor	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	2 Yr	5 Yr
December 31, 2023	5.56%	5.44%	5.27%	4.81%	4.24%	3.84%

Real Gross Domestic Product

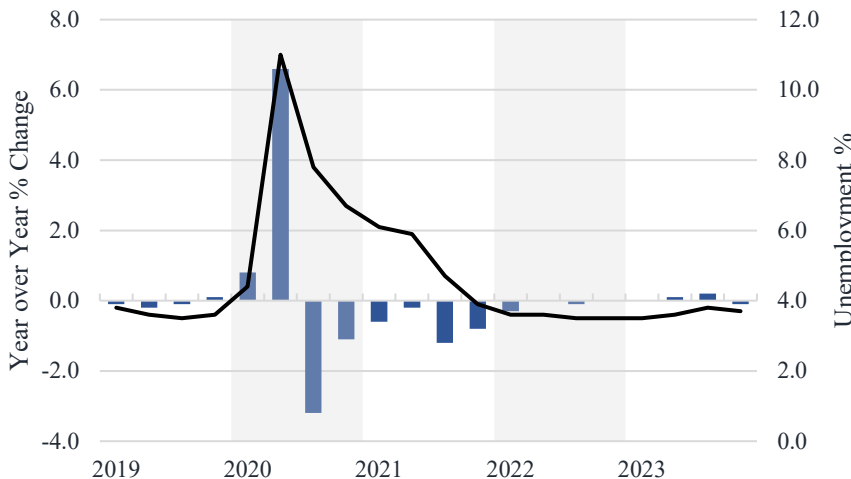


Current quarter GDP is estimated (Source: Atlanta Fed)

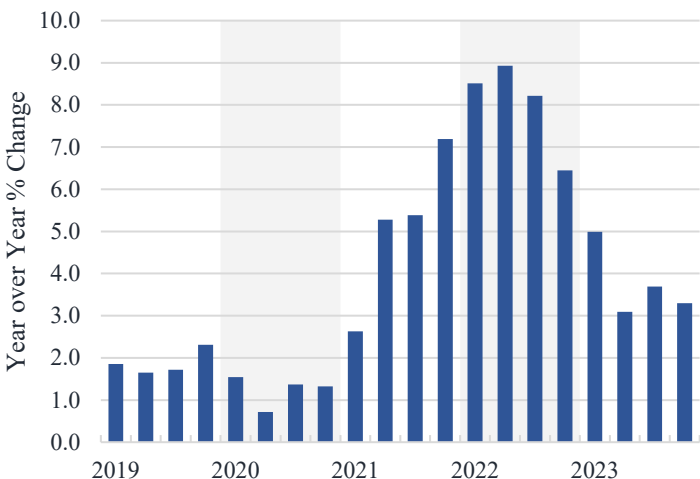
Federal Funds Rate



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Consumer Price Index





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Economic growth and the composition of GDP

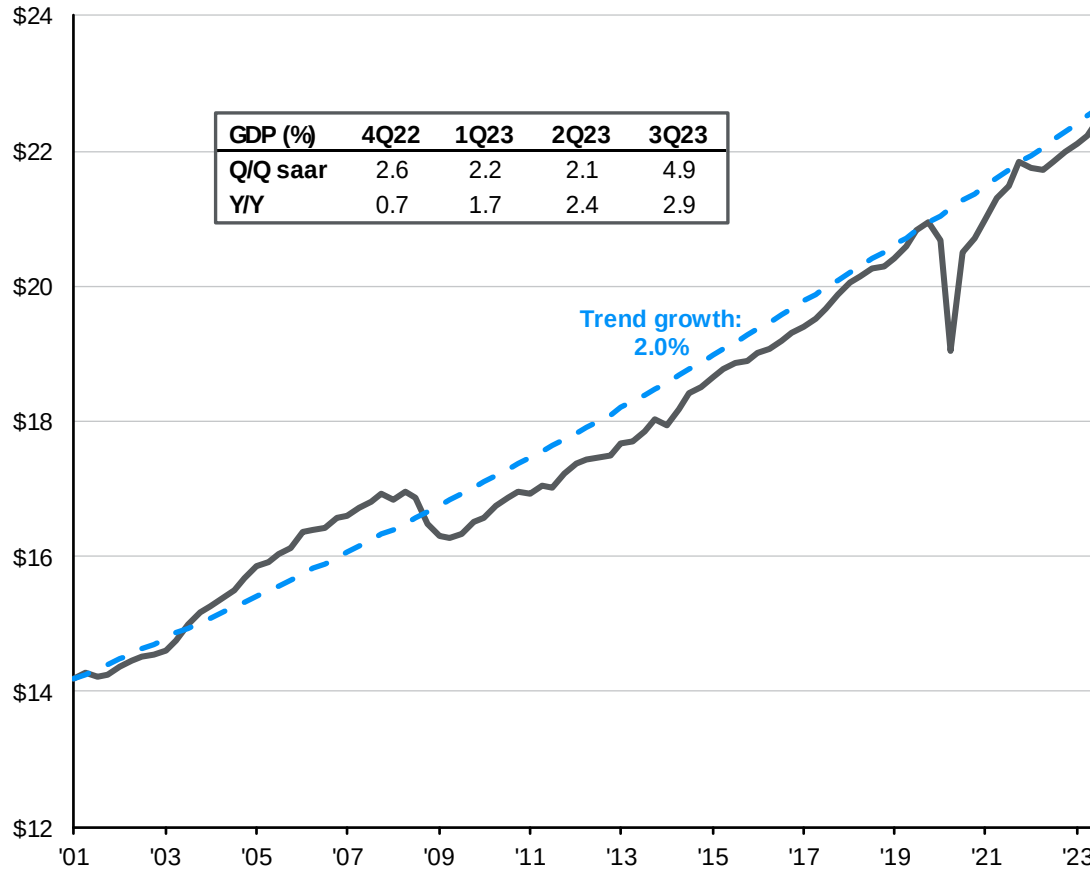
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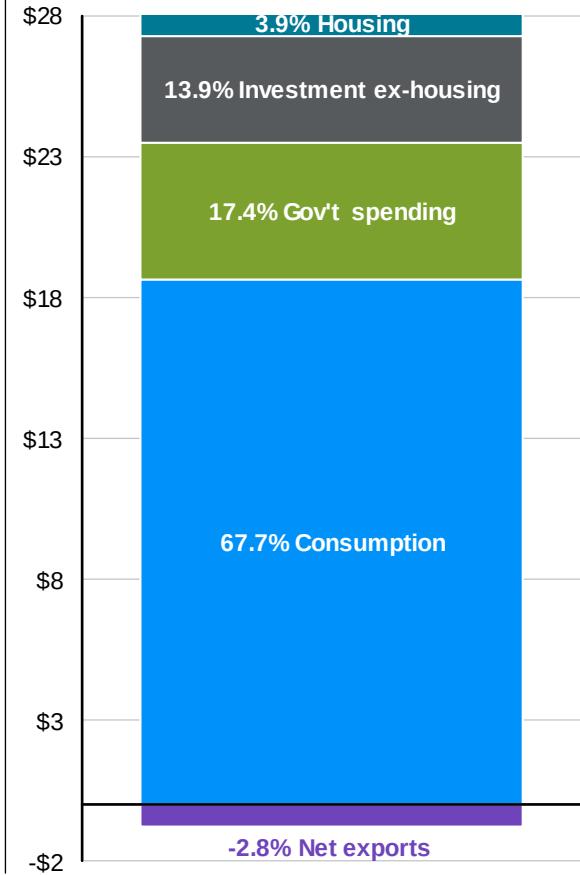
Real GDP

Trillions of chained (2017) dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates



Components of GDP

3Q23 nominal GDP, USD trillions



Source: BEA, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Trend growth is measured as the average annual growth rate from business cycle peak 1Q01 to business cycle peak 4Q19.
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Unemployment and wages

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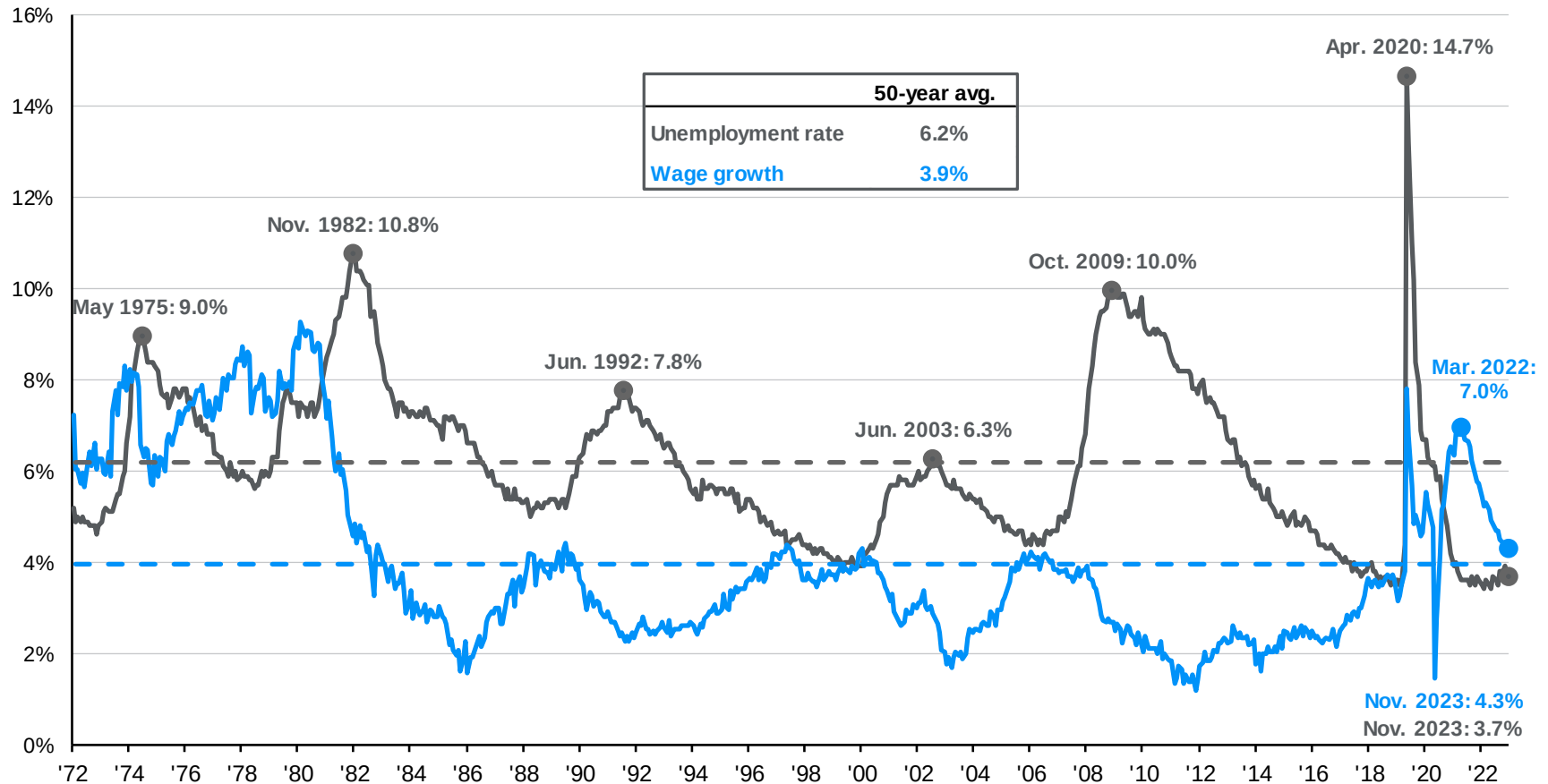
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Civilian unemployment rate and year-over-year wage growth

Private production and non-supervisory workers, seasonally adjusted, percent



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Private production and non-supervisory jobs represent just over 80% of total private nonfarm jobs.

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Sources of earnings growth and profit margins

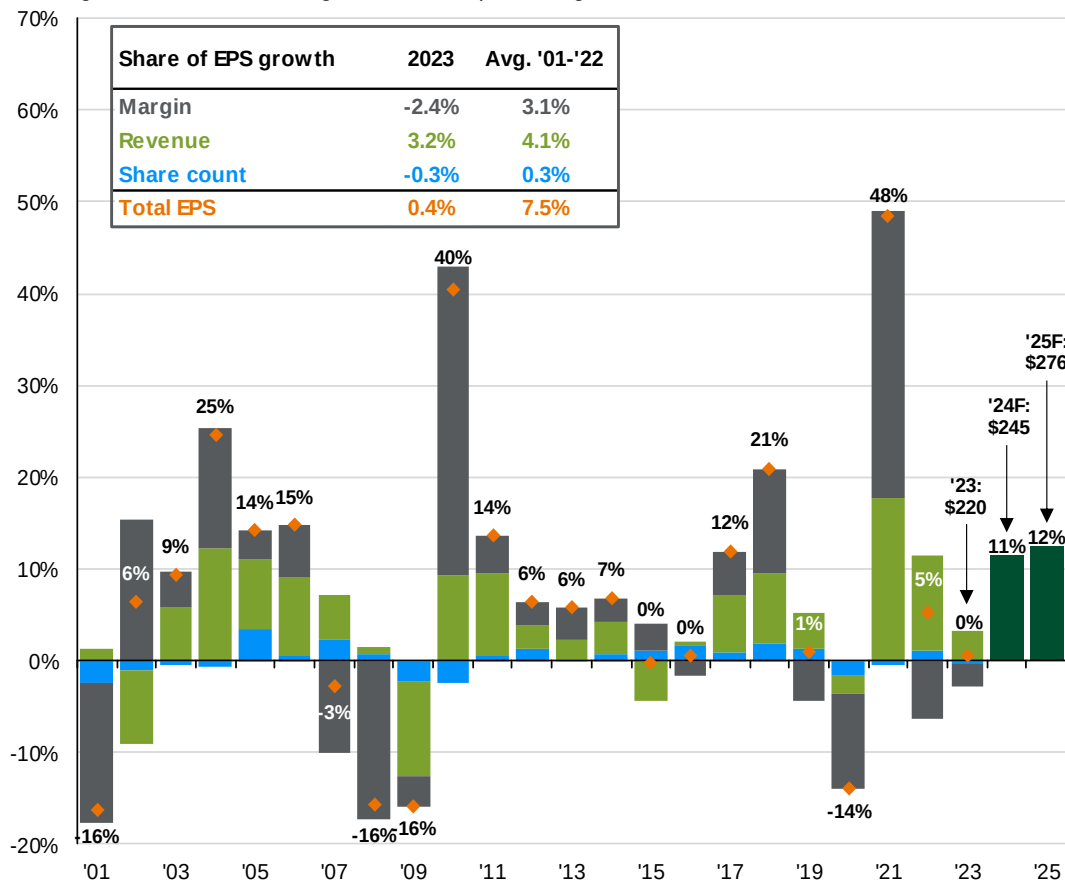
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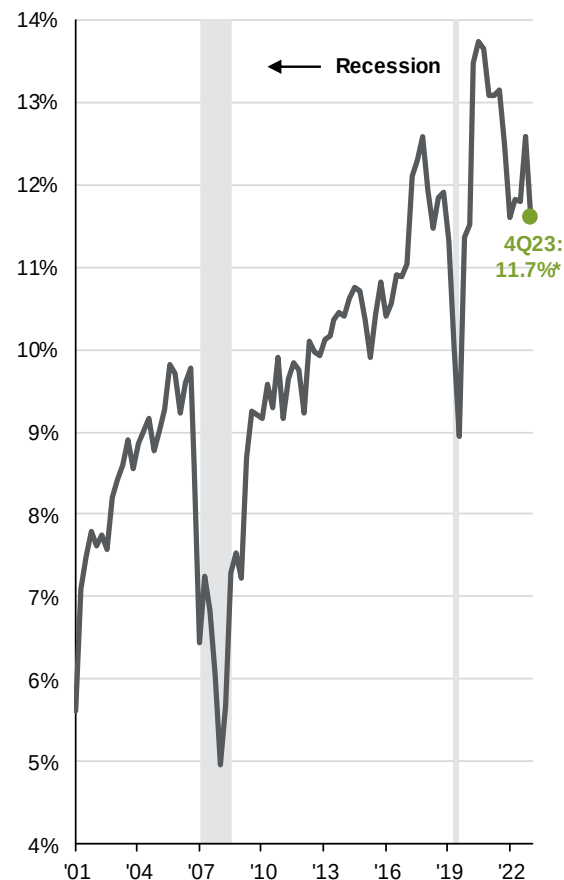
S&P 500 year-over-year pro-forma EPS growth

Annual growth broken into changes in revenue, profit margin and share count



S&P 500 profit margins

Quarterly earnings/sales



Source: Compustat, FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Historical EPS levels are based on annual pro-forma earnings per share. 2023 EPS growth is based on actual results and consensus analyst expectations for 4Q23. 2024 and 2025 EPS growth are based on consensus analyst estimates for each calendar year. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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Inflation components

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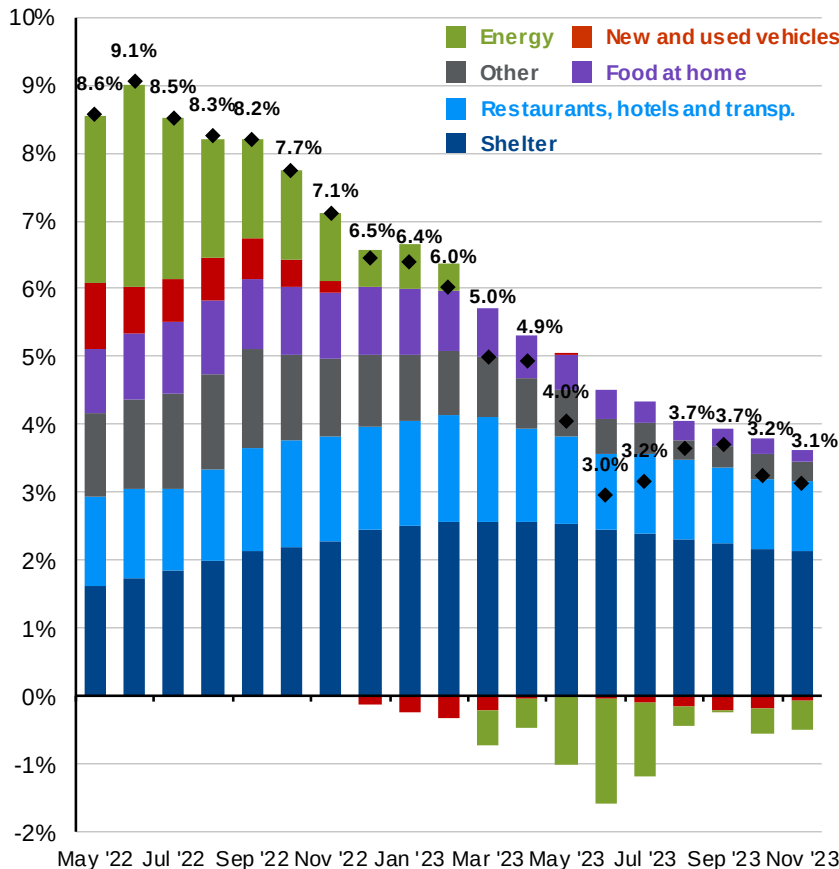
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Economy

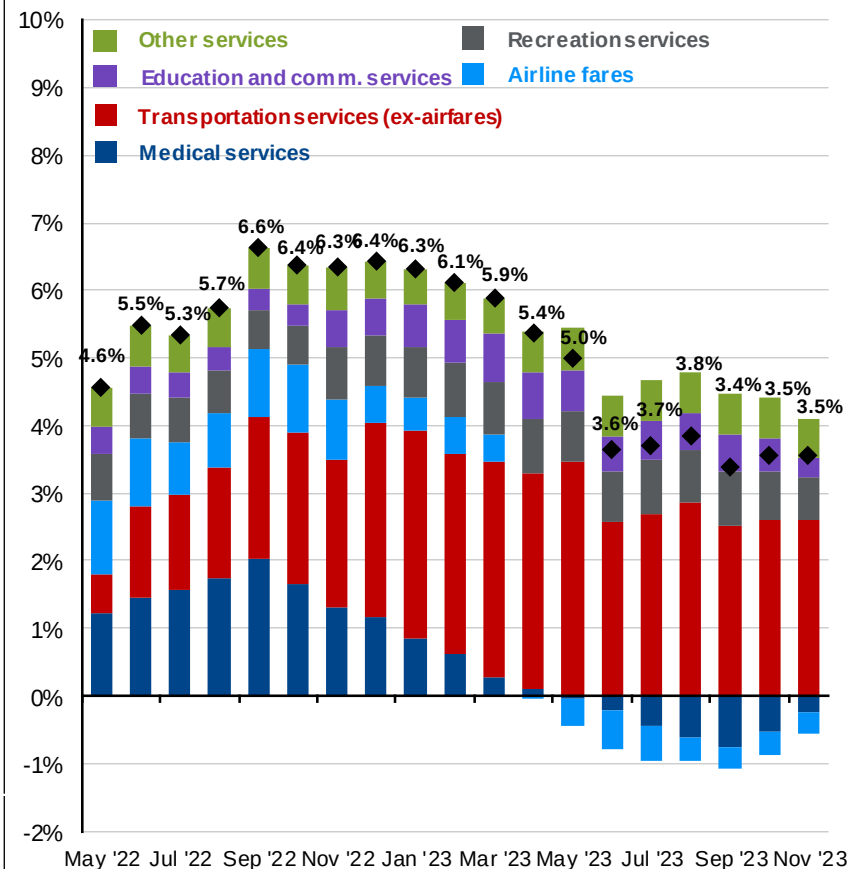
Contributors to headline CPI inflation

Contribution to y/y % change in CPI, non-seasonally adjusted



Contributors to core services ex-shelter CPI inflation*

Contribution to y/y % change in custom CPI index, non-seasonally adj.



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Contributions mirror the BLS methodology on Table 7 of the CPI report. Values may not sum to headline CPI figures due to rounding and underlying calculations. *Core services ex-shelter CPI is a custom index using CPI components created by J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Left) "Shelter" includes owners' equivalent rent and rent of primary residence; "Other" primarily reflects household furnishings, apparel, education and communication services, medical care services and other personal services. (Right) "Transportation services" primarily includes leased cars and trucks, motor vehicle insurance and motor vehicle maintenance and repair. Airline fares are broken out from transportation services.

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The Fed and interest rates

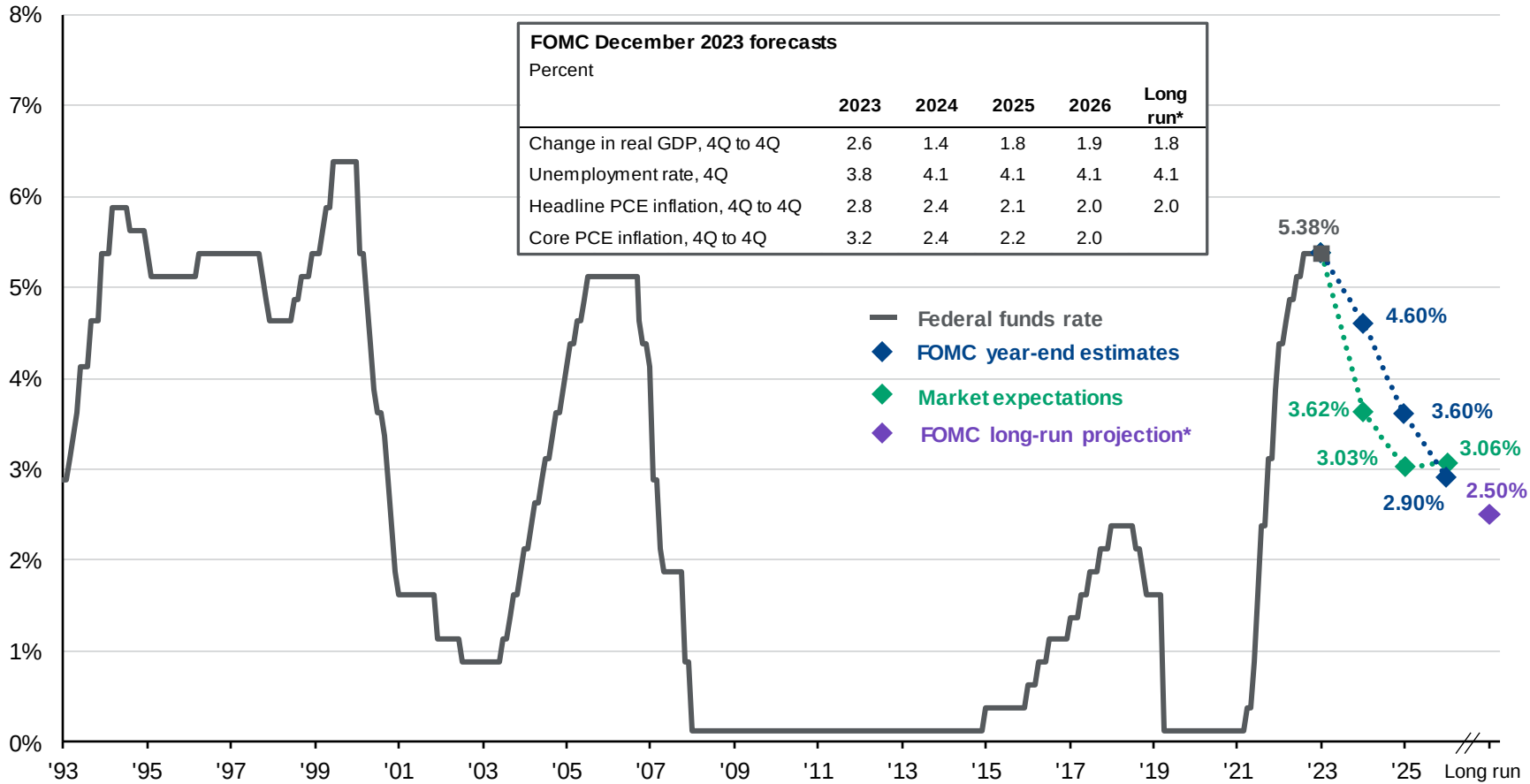
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Federal funds rate expectations

FOMC and market expectations for the federal funds rate



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Market expectations are based off of USD Overnight Index Swaps. *Long-run projections are the rates of growth, unemployment and inflation to which a policymaker expects the economy to converge over the next five to six years in absence of further shocks and under appropriate monetary policy. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of December 31, 2023.

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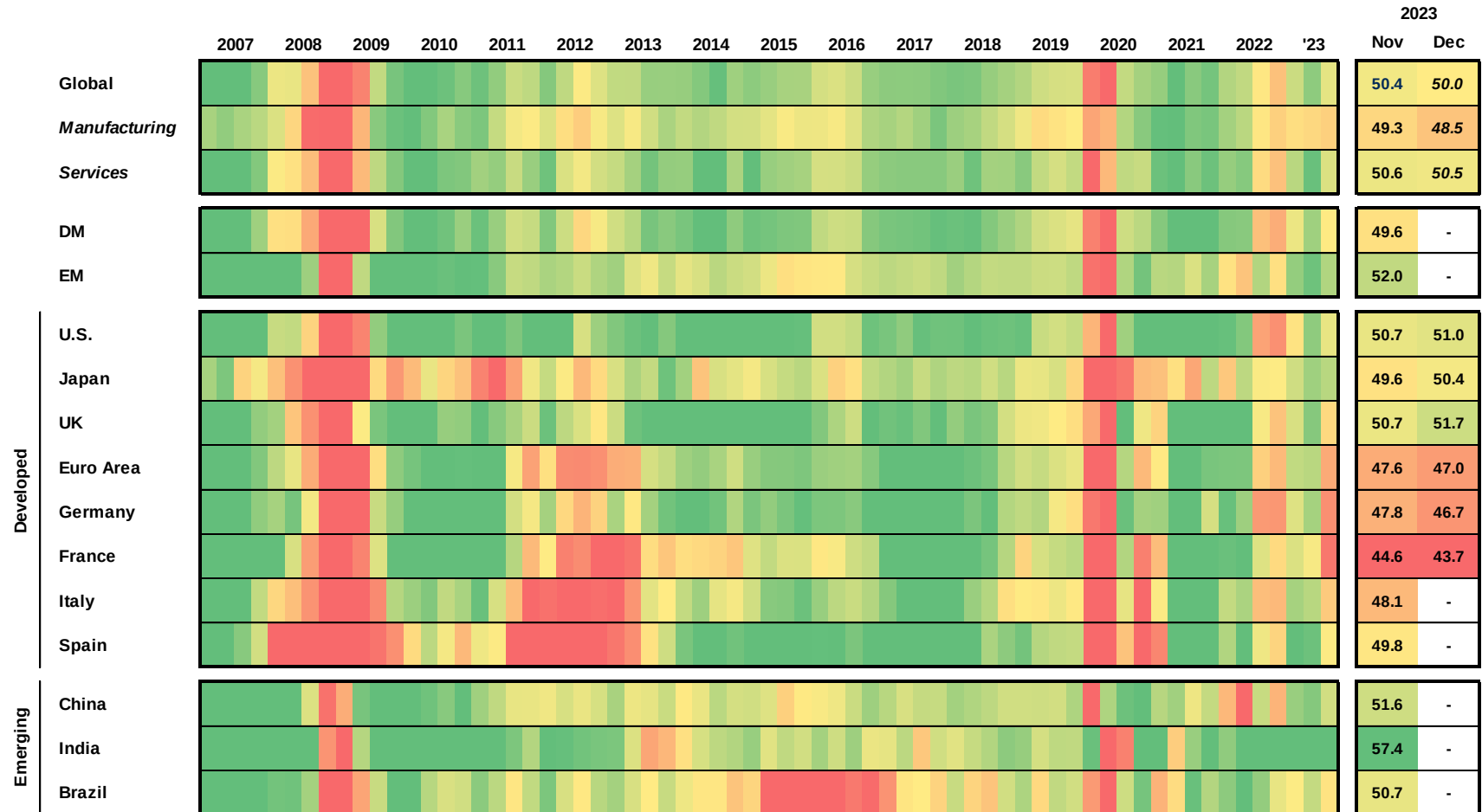
Global economic activity momentum

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Global Composite (manufacturing & services combined) Purchasing Managers' Index, quarterly



Source: J.P. Morgan Economic Research, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

The Composite PMI includes both manufacturing and services sub-indices. The Global, Manufacturing and Services figures for December are estimates by J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Heatmap colors are based on PMI relative to the 50 level, which indicates acceleration or deceleration of the sector, for the time period shown. Heatmap is based on quarterly averages, except for the two most recent figures, which are single month readings. Data for the U.S. are back-tested and filled in for 2007-2009. Data for Japan are back-tested and filled in for the first two quarters of 2007. DM and EM represent developed markets and emerging markets, respectively.

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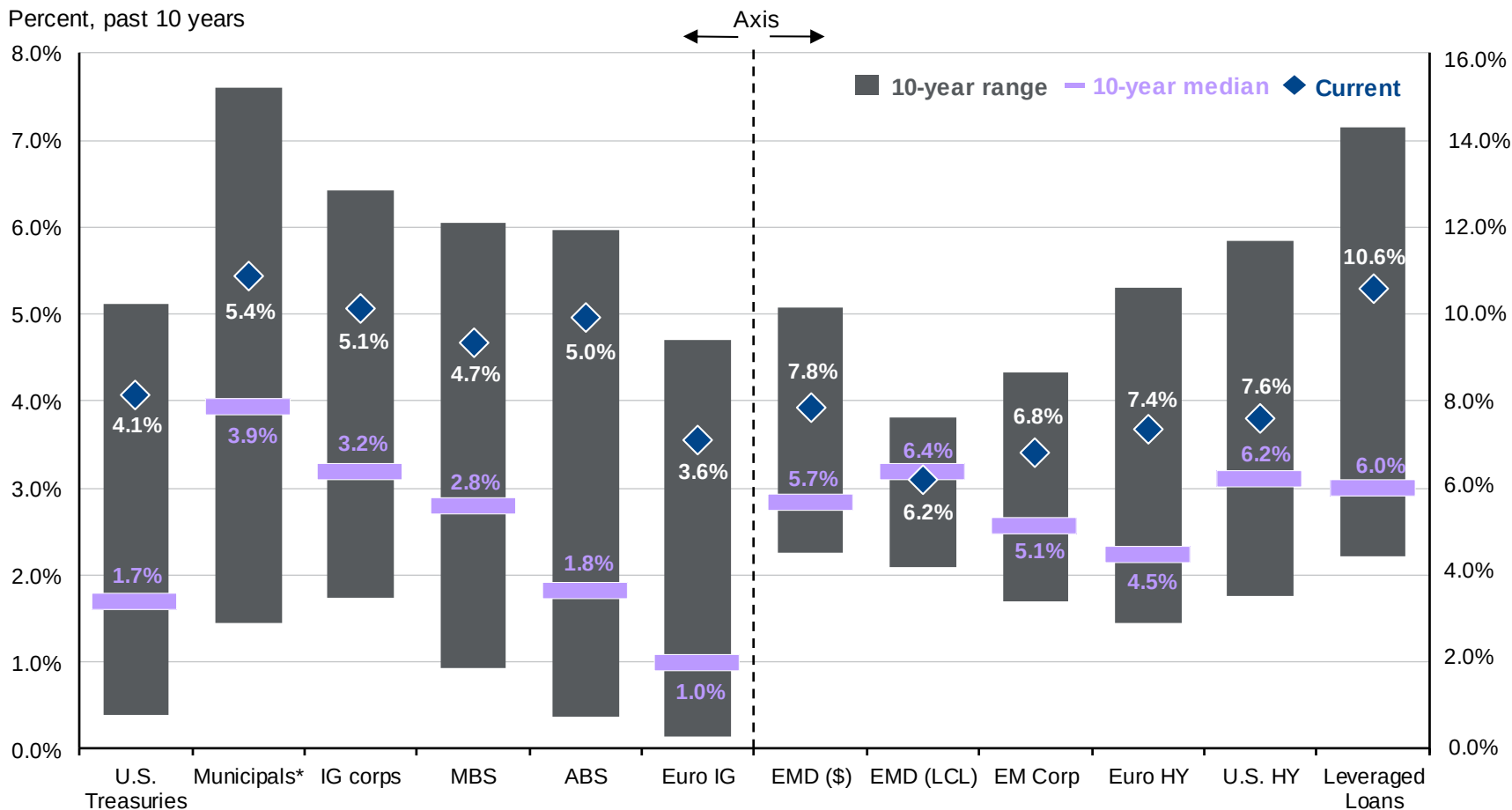


Fixed income valuations

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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%.

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S&P 500: Index concentration

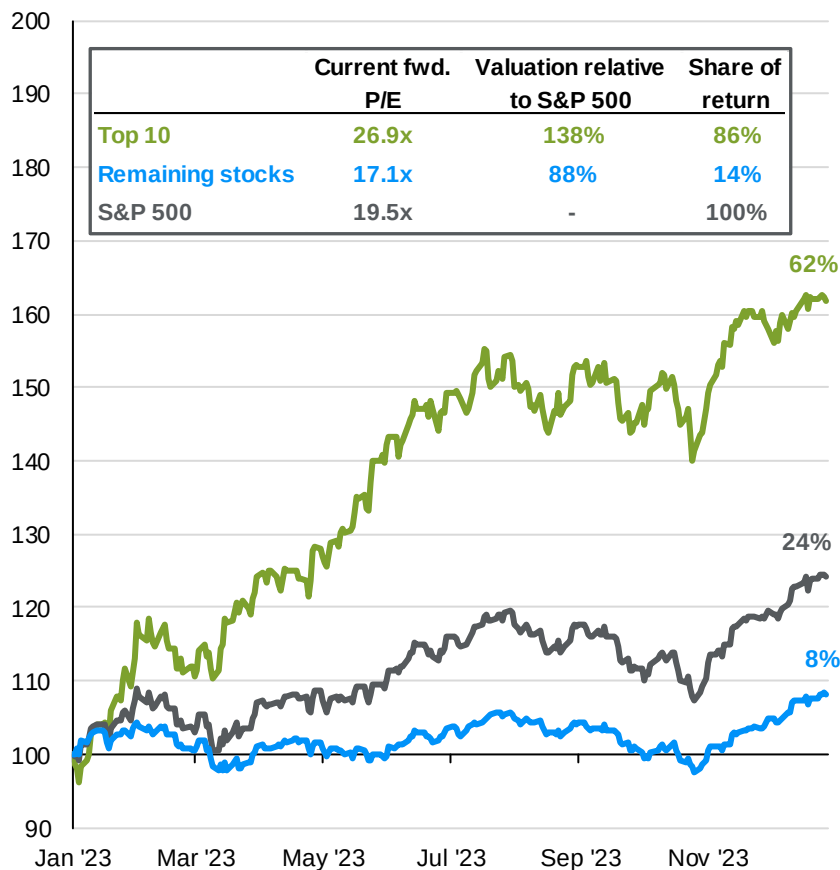
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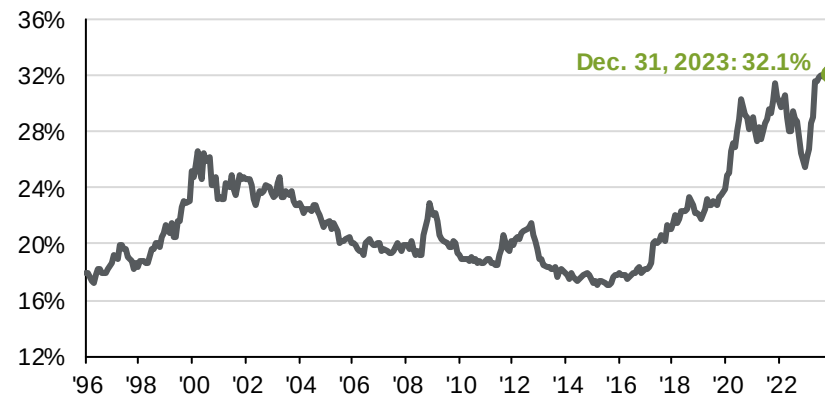
Performance of the top 10 stocks in the S&P 500

Indexed to 100 on 1/1/2023, price return, top 10 held constant



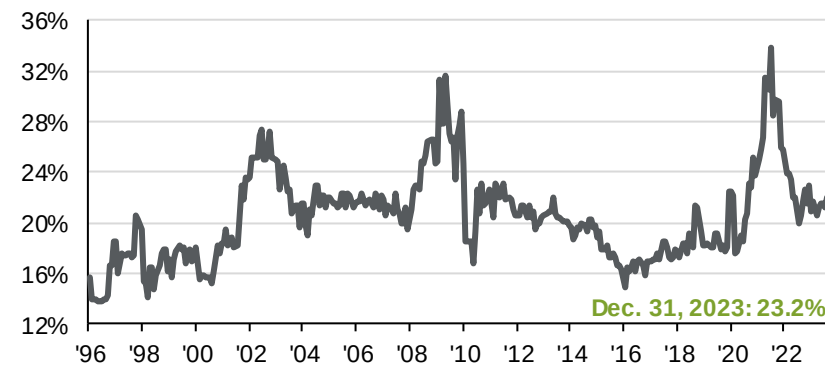
Weight of the top 10 stocks in the S&P 500

% of market capitalization of the S&P 500



Earnings contribution of the top 10 in the S&P 500

Based on last 12 months' earnings



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

(Left) The top 10 companies used for this analysis are held constant and represent the S&P 500's 10 largest index constituents at the start of 2023. The top 10 stocks are: AAPL, MSFT, AMZN, NVDA, GOOGL, BRK.B, GOOG, META, XOM, UNH, and TSLA. The remaining stocks represent the rest of the 494 companies in the S&P 500. (Right) The top 10 companies used for these two analyses are updated monthly and are based on the 10 largest index constituents at the beginning of each month. As of 12/31/2023, the top 10 companies in the index were AAPL (7.0%), MSFT (6.9%), AMZN (3.5%), NVDA (3.0%), GOOGL (2.1%), META (2.0%), GOOG (1.8%), TSLA (1.8%), BRK.B (1.6%), AVGO (1.2%) and JPM (1.2%).

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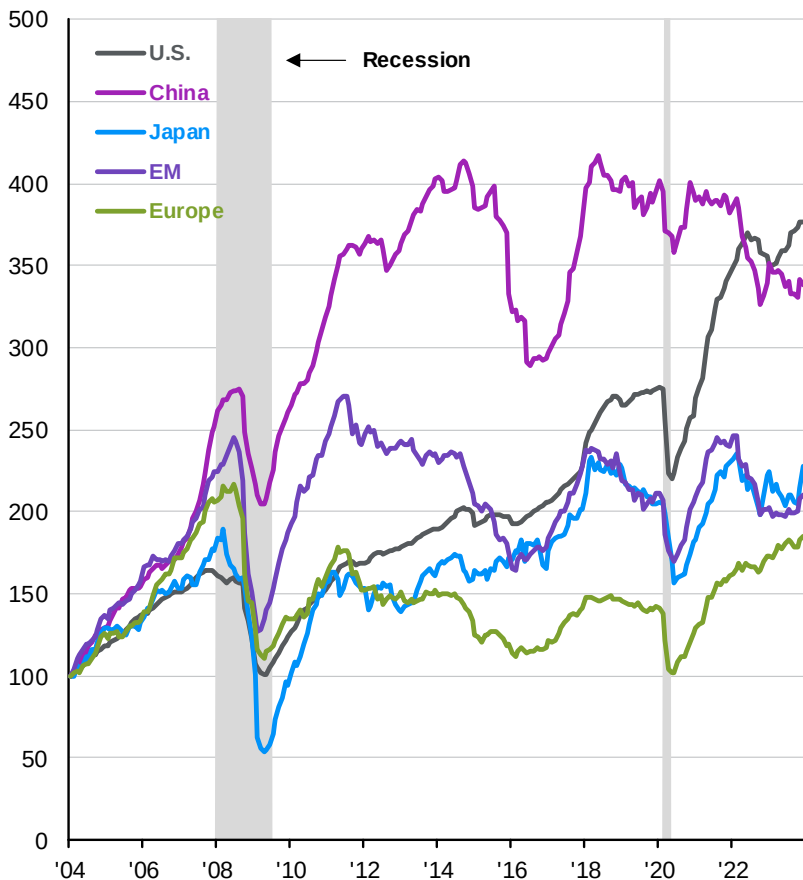


International equity earnings and valuations

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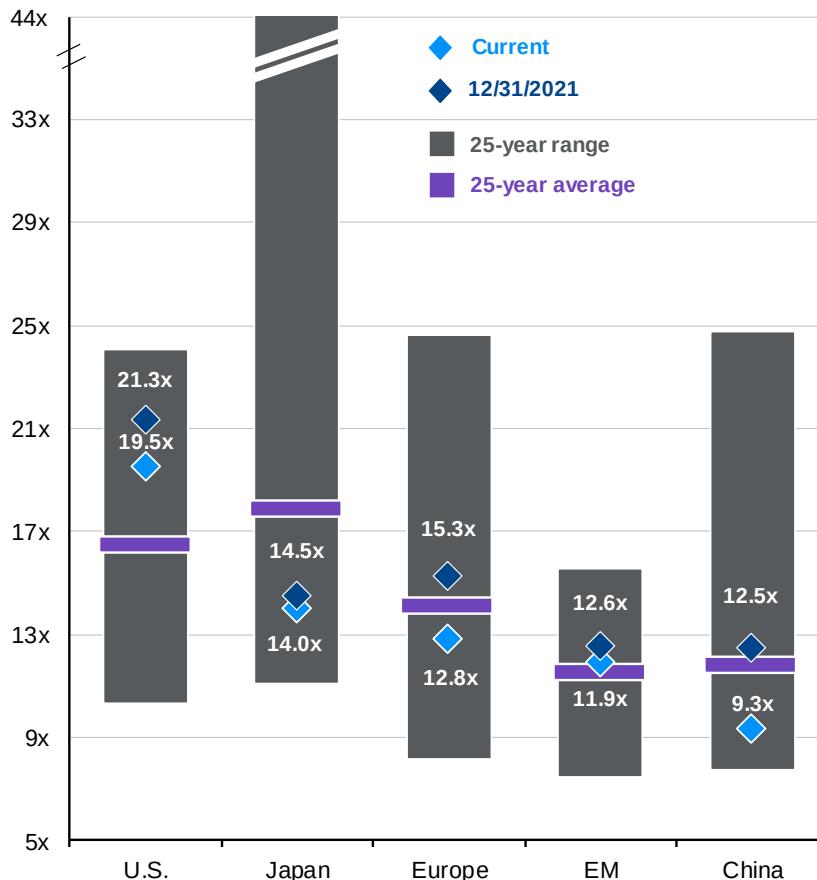
Global earnings estimates

Jan. 2004 = 100, next 12 months consensus estimates, U.S. dollars



Global valuations

Current and 25-year next 12 months price-to-earnings ratio



Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Next 12 months consensus estimates are based on pro-forma earnings and are in U.S. dollars. MSCI Europe includes the eurozone as well as countries not in the currency bloc, such as Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK (which collectively make up almost half of the overall index). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. (Right) The purple lines for EM and China show 20-year averages due to a lack of available data. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of December 31, 2023.



Alternative asset correlations, returns and yields

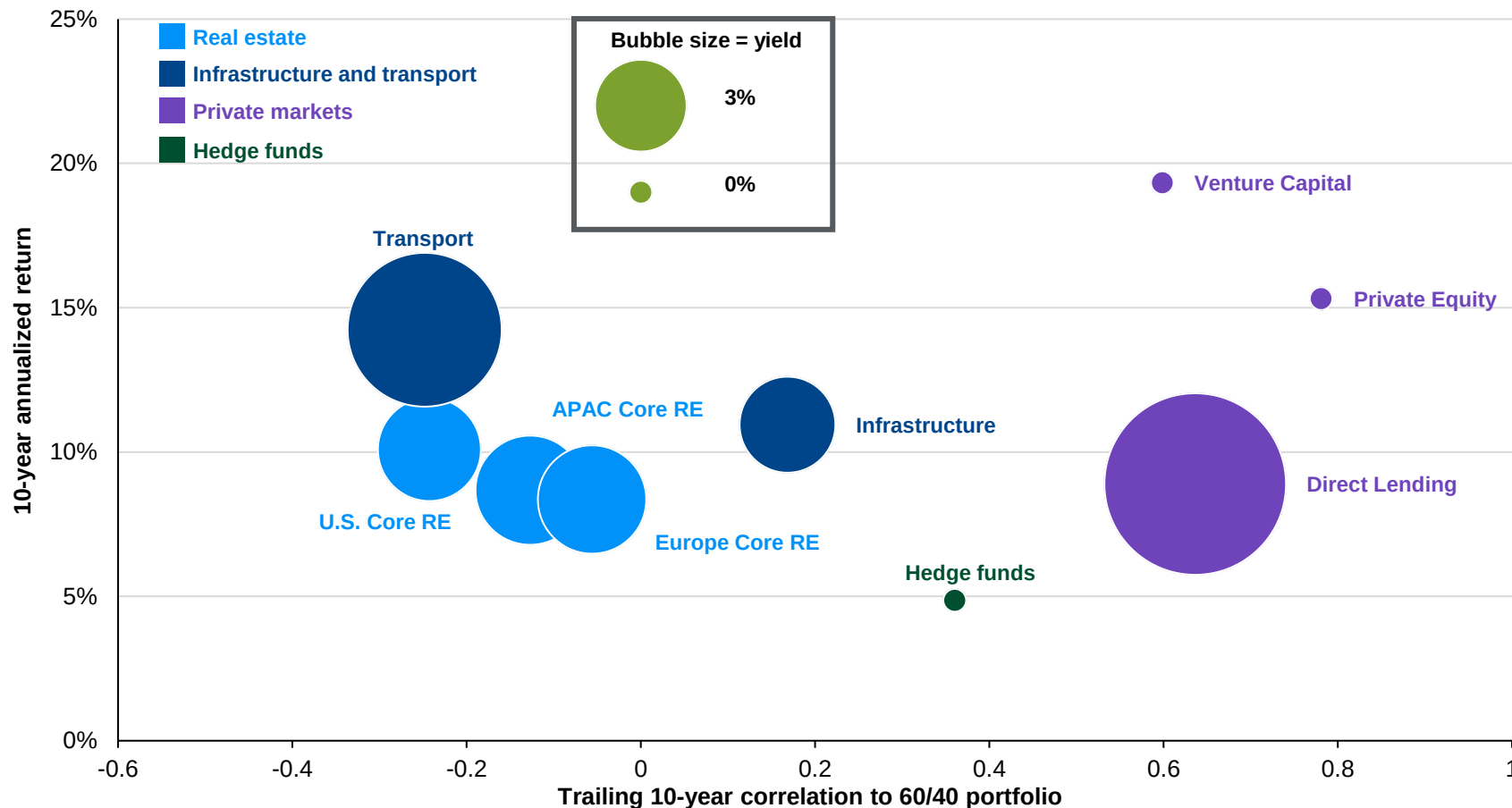
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Correlations, returns and yields

10-year correlations and 10-year annualized total returns, quarterly, 2013 - 2022



Source: Burgiss, Cliffwater, Gilberto-Levy, HFRI, MSCI, NCREIF, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Correlations are based on quarterly returns over the past 10 years through 2022. A 60/40 portfolio is comprised of 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Total Return Index. Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index. 10-year annualized returns are calculated from 2013 - 2022. Indices and data used for alternative asset class returns and yields are as described on pages 8,9, and 11 of the [Guide to Alternatives](#). Yields are based on latest available data as described on page 8 of the [Guide to Alternatives](#). This slide comes from our [Guide to Alternatives](#). [Guide to the Markets](#) - U.S. Data are as of December 31, 2023.



CD rates and other investment opportunities

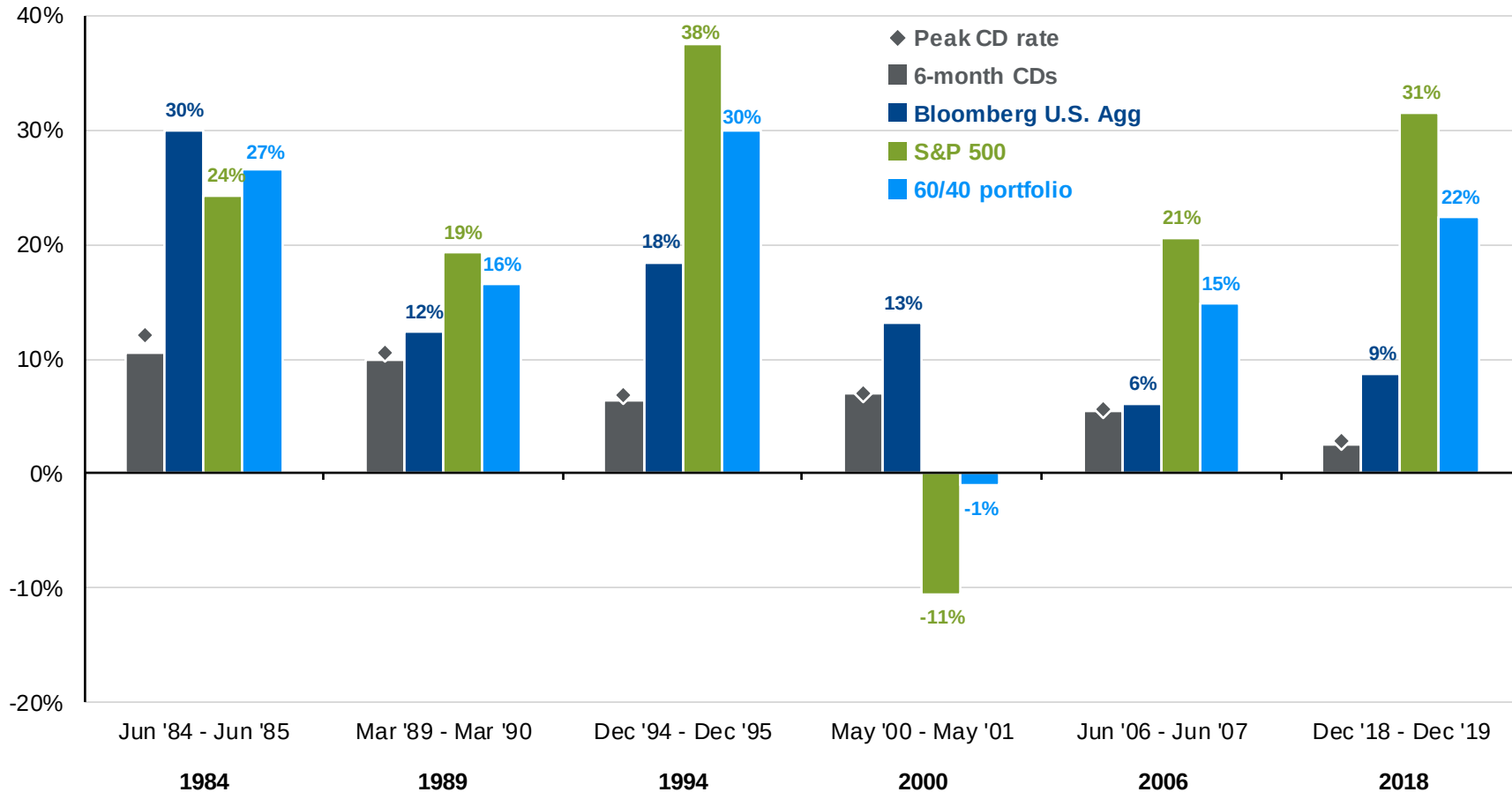
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Investment opportunities outside of CDs

Peak 6-month certificate of deposit (CD) rate during previous rate hiking cycles and subsequent 12-month total returns



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, Robert Shiller, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The 60/40 portfolio is 60% invested in S&P 500 Total Return Index and 40% invested in Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index. The S&P 500 total return figure from the 1984 period was calculated using data from Robert Shiller. The analysis references the month in which the month-end 6-month CD rate peaked during previous rate hiking cycles. CD rate data prior to 2013 are sourced from the Federal Reserve, whereas data from 2013 to 2023 are sourced from Bloomberg. CD subsequent 12-month return calculation assumes reinvestment at the prevailing 6-month rate when the initial CD matures. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of December 31, 2023.

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All indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

Equities:

The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip U.S. stocks.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

The **MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

The **MSCI Europe Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe.

The **MSCI Pacific Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region.

The **Russell 1000 Index®** measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index®** measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 1000 Value Index®** measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 2000 Index®** measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

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The **Russell 3000 Index®** measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization.

The **Russell Midcap Index®** measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.

The **Russell Midcap Growth Index®** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The **Russell Midcap Value Index®** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. The index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. The **S&P 500 Index** focuses on the large-cap segment of the market; however, since it includes a significant portion of the total value of the market, it also represents the market.

Fixed income:

The **Bloomberg 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** includes all publicly issued zero-coupon US Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non convertible.

The **Bloomberg Global High Yield Index** is a multi-currency flagship measure of the global high yield debt market. The index represents the union of the US High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indices. The high yield and emerging markets sub-components are mutually exclusive. Until January 1, 2011, the index also included CMBS high yield securities.

The **Bloomberg Municipal Index** consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to 30 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market.

The **Bloomberg US Dollar Floating Rate Note (FRN) Index** provides a measure of the U.S. dollar denominated floating rate note market.

The **Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index consisting of publicly issued US Corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that are rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB or higher) by at least two ratings agencies, have at least one year to final maturity and have at least \$250 million par amount outstanding. To qualify, bonds must be SEC-registered.

The **Bloomberg US High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included.

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The **Bloomberg US TIPS Index** consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Global Index (EMBI)** includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

The **J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index** is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.

The **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index Broad Diversified (CEMBI Broad Diversified)** is an expansion of the **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI)**. The CEMBI is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of U.S. dollar denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (EMBI Global Diversified)** tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds. The index limits the exposure of some of the larger countries.

The **J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified** tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments, whose debt is accessible by most of the international investor base.

The **U.S. Treasury Index** is a component of the U.S. Government index.



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Other asset classes:

The **Alerian MLP Index** is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for the asset class.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** and related sub-indices are composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc

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The **CS/Tremont Hedge Fund Index** is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The Index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.

The **HFRI Monthly Indices (HFRI)** are equally weighted performance indexes, utilized by numerous hedge fund managers as a benchmark for their own hedge funds. The HFRI are broken down into 4 main strategies, each with multiple sub strategies. All single-manager HFRI Index constituents are included in the HFRI Fund Weighted Composite, which accounts for over 2200 funds listed on the internal HFR Database.

The **NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index** is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.

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Definitions:

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