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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

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Quarterly Market Commentary

Third Quarter 2023 – October 18, 2023

Maybe that adage about things turning on a *dime* should be adjusted for inflation along with everything else these days. Because, at least where the market is concerned, it seems every *quarter* can turn on you.

As we reported last July, there had been plenty of news that could have dampened year-to-date returns at the time. And yet, most disciplined investors had instead been richly rewarded for sticking with their appropriate investment allocations while most markets fueled “surprisingly strong growth.”

In many respects, market conditions haven’t changed all that much since then. We’re still grappling with economic concerns over interest rates, inflation, and recessionary conditions. U.S. government showdowns continue to loom large, as does an array of ongoing global threats. The price of oil is still problematic. Student loans and union unrest remain unsettled.

So, why the turn of returns? Third quarter results didn’t exactly take a nosedive; many returns remained positive year-to-date. But comparing recent results to the growth spurt just prior, analysts have been describing current market conditions with words like “blunting,” “sputters,” “[retrenchment](#),” “run out of steam,” and “sideways performance.”

Should we get out our umbrellas? Essentially, there are two paths we could take.

We could react to the latest forecasts: Many third-quarter forecasts are calling for rain. Following suit, investors who become lulled by the drumbeat of quarter-end sentiments tend to ask predictive questions: *What if worse does come to worst? What if it doesn’t? Which “experts” are reading the right tea leaves?*

Unfortunately, only hindsight offers dependable answers to these sorts of questions, long after the information would be useful to trade on. This is why true experts warn us against getting mired in market moods:

“Perhaps the thing that ‘expertise’ or 40 years of studying something really can certify is when I don’t know, but I know for sure nobody else does either! So, buckle your seatbelt and brace yourself for uncertainty.”

— John Cochrane, [The Grumpy Economist](#)

“There are more ways to arrange a 52-card deck than there are atoms on Earth, which means that every time you shuffle a deck of cards, the same order of cards has probably never been seen in human history and may never be seen again.”

Note to self: The global economy has many more than 52 variables.”

— Bob Seawright, [The Better Letter](#)

“I am here today to cross the swamp, not to fight all the alligators.”

— Rosamund Stone Zander,
The Art of Possibility

We could keep our eye on our destination, rather than tangle with current events. None of us can possibly know what’s coming next. We prefer asking questions about matters we can expect to control: Does your mix reflect *your* financial goals and risk tolerances? Are you effectively diversified among and within a sensible mix of investments? Have there been any changes in your life that may alter your investment plan?

From our perspective, every enigmatic shift in market sentiment underscores exactly why these sorts of questions remain our best defense and offense against the market’s quarterly, dime-changing whims.

As the fourth quarter unfolds and the holiday season approaches, we look forward to helping you maintain your all-weather portfolio through year-end, and beyond.

How else can we free you to achieve that which brings meaning into your life? Please let us know.

Regards,







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Allodium Investment Consultants

Quarterly Market Summary



















Index returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q3 2023	STOCKS				BONDS	
	-3.25%	-4.10%	-2.93%	-6.49%	-3.23%	-0.78%
						
Since Jan. 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.2%	1.5%	2.4%	2.1%	0.9%	0.9%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1

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Long-Term Market Summary

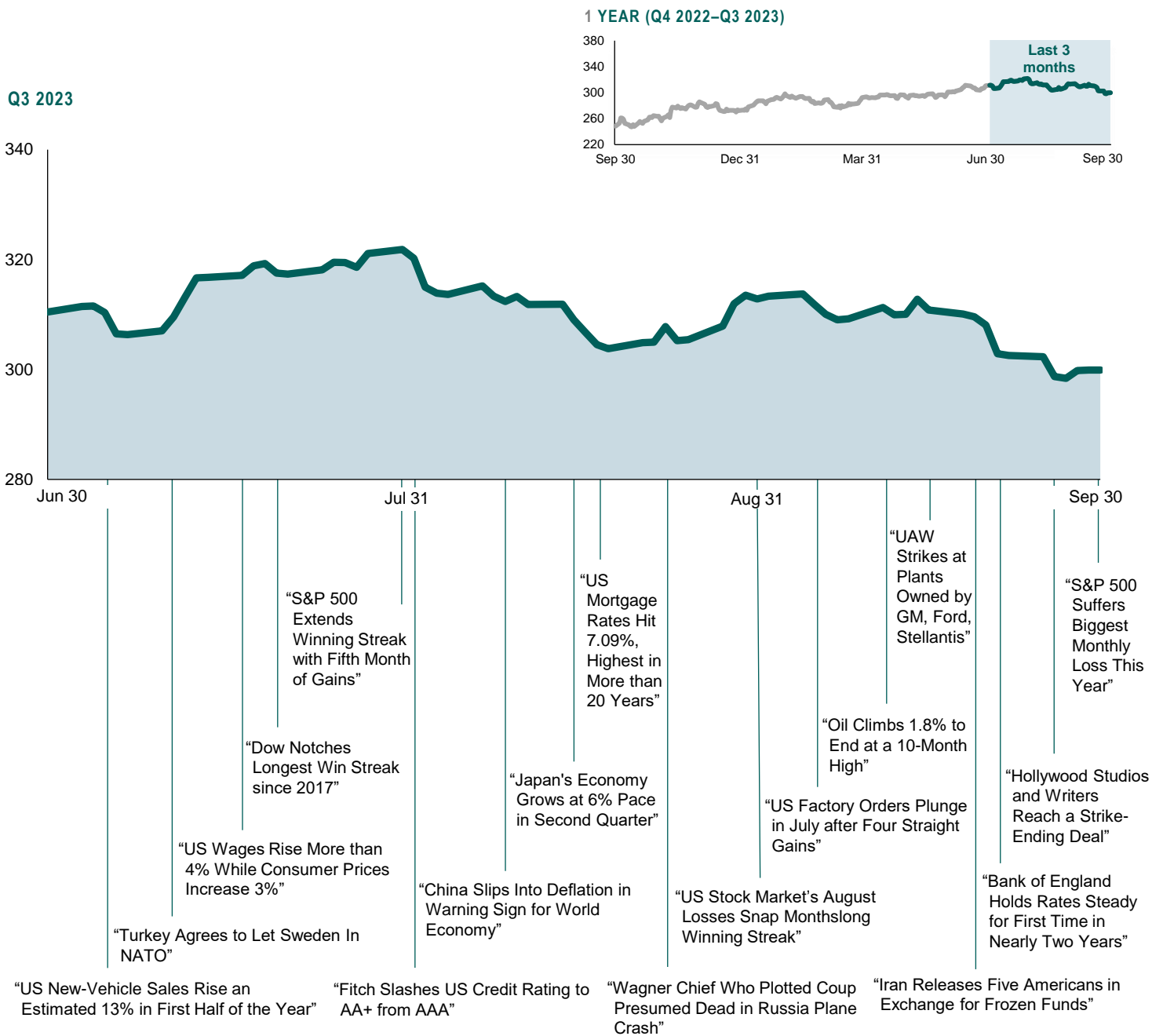
Index returns as of September 30, 2023

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	20.46%	24.00%	11.70%	2.03%	0.64%	2.99%
						
5 Years						
	9.14%	3.44%	0.55%	0.01%	0.10%	0.83%
						
10 Years						
	11.28%	3.84%	2.07%	3.12%	1.13%	2.30%
						

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q3 2023

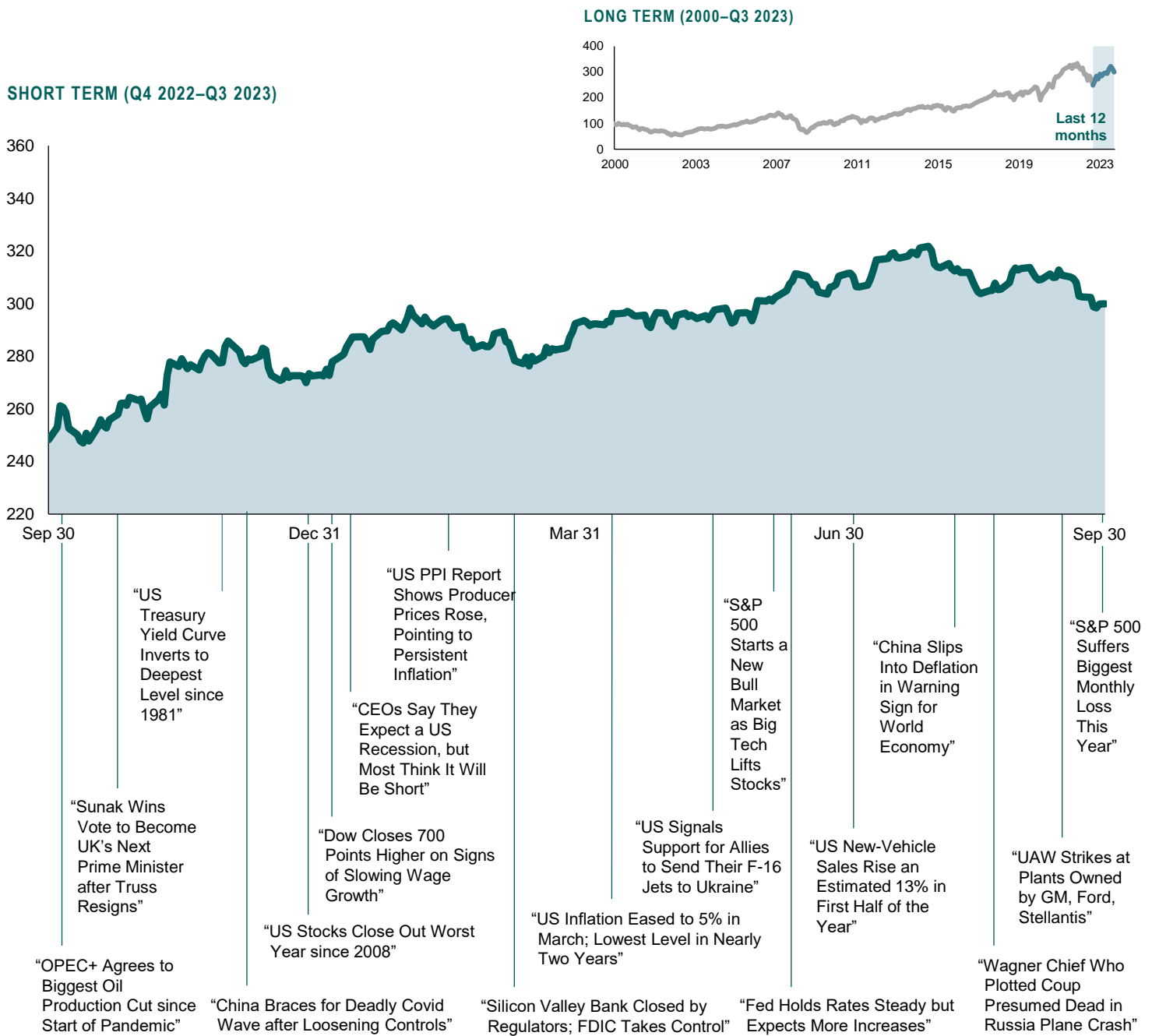


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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months



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US Stocks

Third quarter 2023 index returns

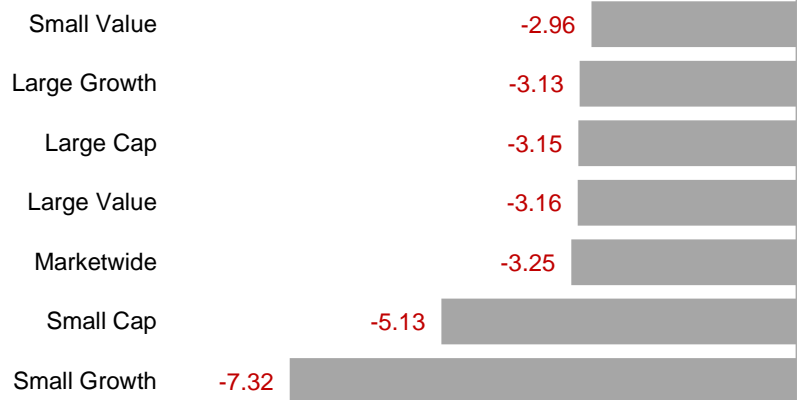
The US equity market posted negative returns for the quarter and outperformed non-US developed markets but underperformed emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth within large caps and outperformed within small caps.

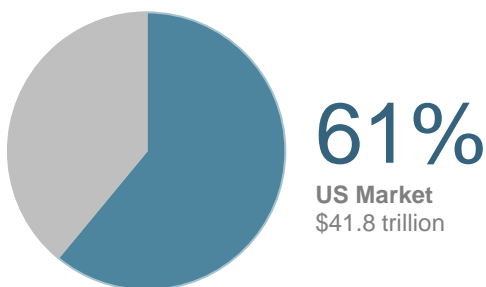
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization—US



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Small Value	-2.96	-0.53	7.84	13.32	2.59	6.19
Large Growth	-3.13	24.98	27.72	7.97	12.42	14.48
Large Cap	-3.15	13.01	21.19	9.53	9.63	11.63
Large Value	-3.16	1.79	14.44	11.05	6.23	8.45
Marketwide	-3.25	12.39	20.46	9.38	9.14	11.28
Small Cap	-5.13	2.54	8.93	7.16	2.40	6.65
Small Growth	-7.32	5.24	9.59	1.09	1.55	6.72

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International Developed Stocks

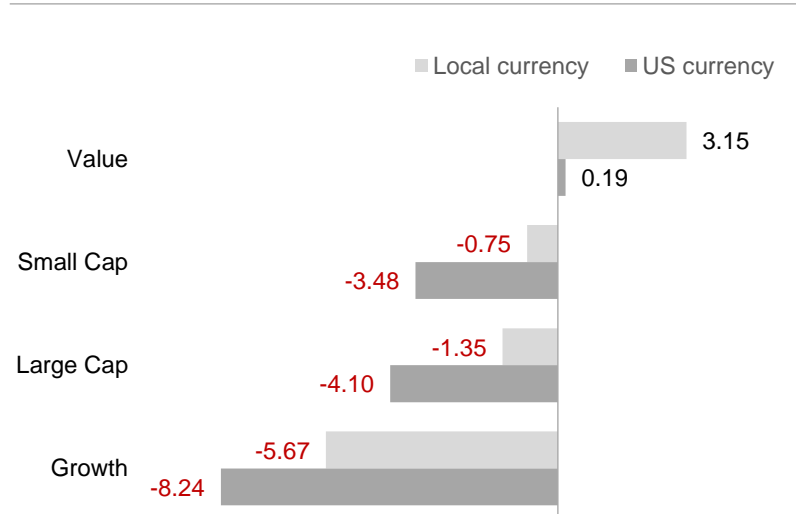
Third quarter 2023 index returns

Developed markets outside of the US posted negative returns for the quarter and underperformed both US and emerging markets.

Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization— International Developed

28%

International
Developed Market
\$19.1 trillion



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Value	0.19	9.13	28.89	11.64	3.05	3.05
Small Cap	-3.48	1.83	17.32	1.85	1.28	4.13
Large Cap	-4.10	6.73	24.00	6.07	3.44	3.84
Growth	-8.24	4.38	19.27	0.47	3.37	4.36

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Emerging Markets Stocks

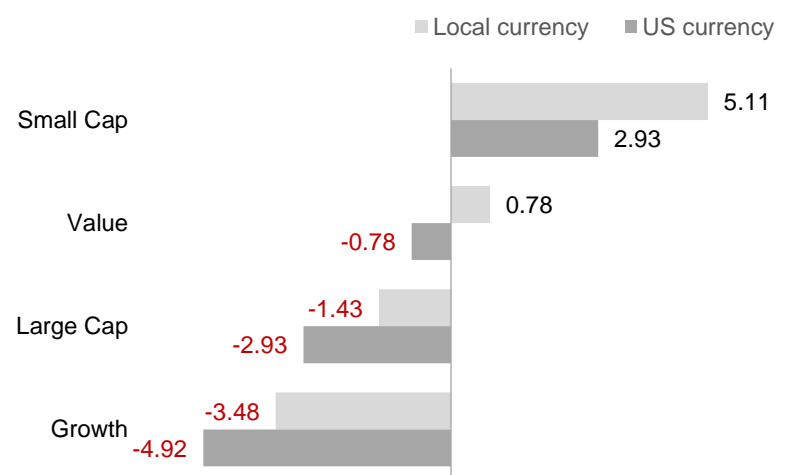
Third quarter 2023 index returns

Emerging markets posted negative returns for the quarter and outperformed both US and non-US developed markets.

Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

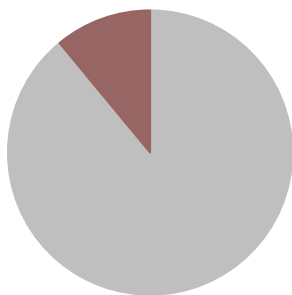
Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization— Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging
Markets
\$7.6 trillion



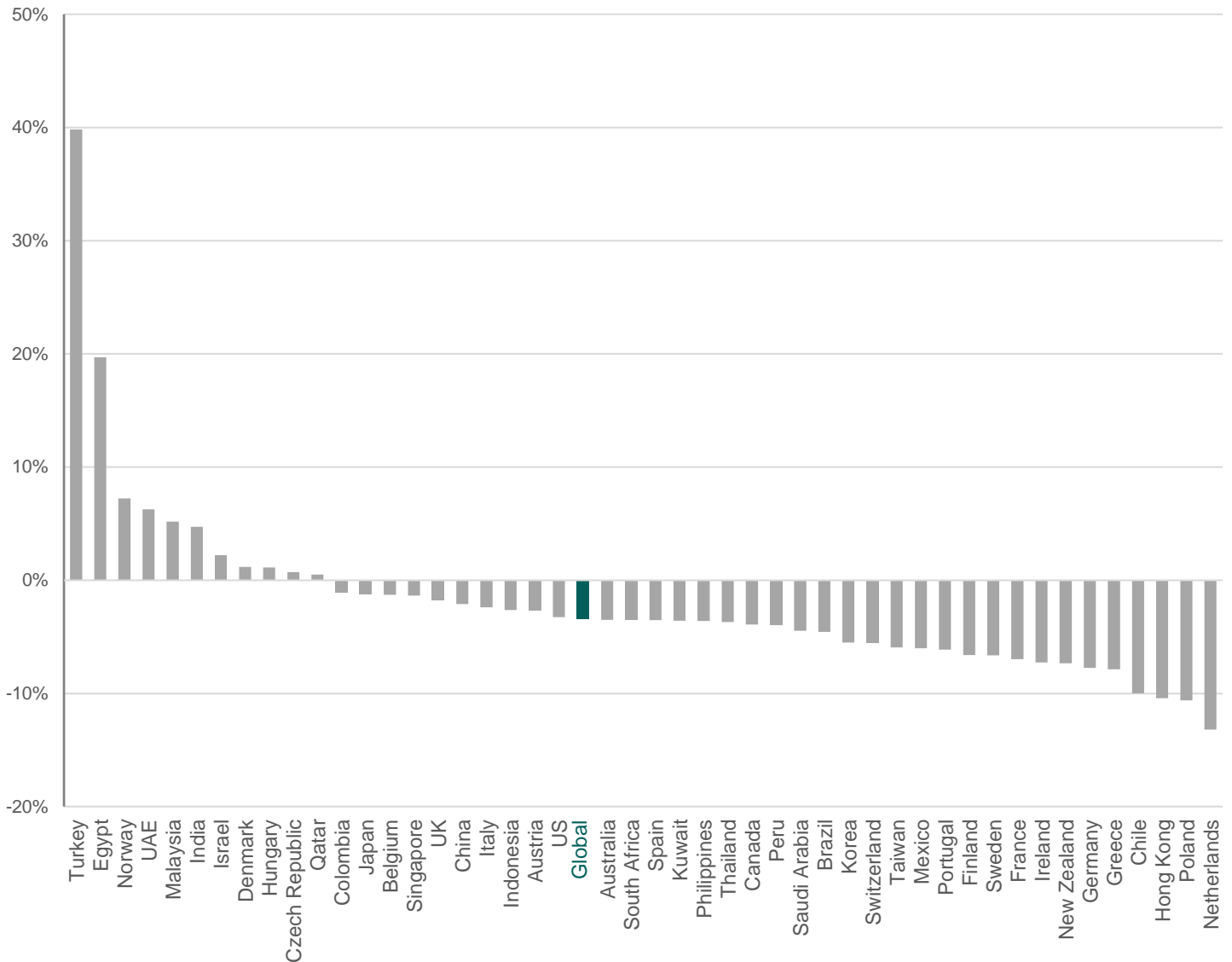
Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Small Cap	2.93	13.74	23.06	10.61	6.45	4.57
Value	-0.78	5.70	16.03	4.40	0.38	1.21
Large Cap	-2.93	1.82	11.70	-1.73	0.55	2.07
Growth	-4.92	-1.76	7.71	-7.19	0.63	2.83

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Country Returns

Third quarter 2023 index returns



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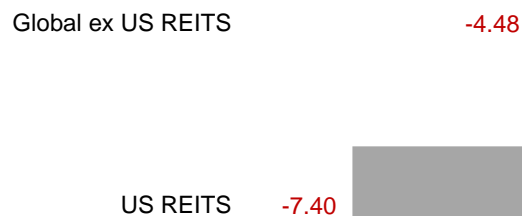
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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Third quarter 2023 index returns

US real estate investment trusts underperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

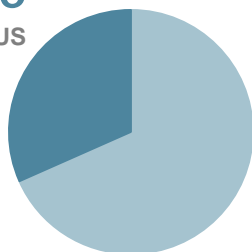
Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks

32%

Global ex US
\$390 billion
285 REITs
(25 other countries)



68%

US
\$844 billion
107 REITs

Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Global ex US REITs	-4.48	-8.16	2.30	-2.67	-3.22	0.41
US REITs	-7.40	-2.05	2.61	6.12	1.56	5.28

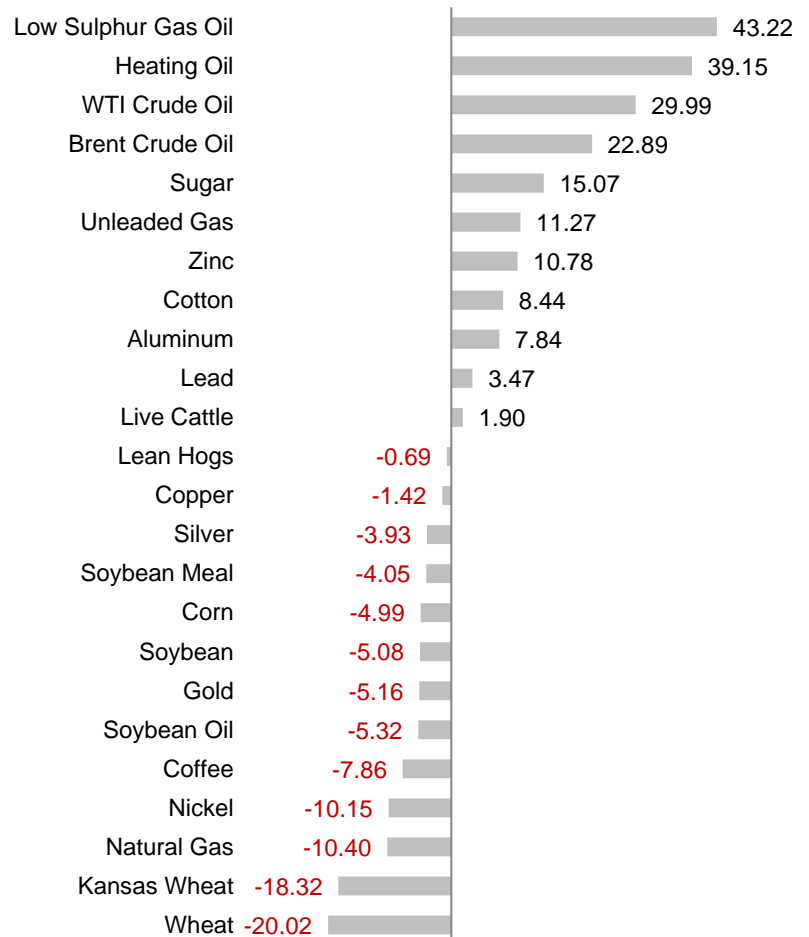
Commodities

Third quarter 2023 index returns

The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned +4.71% for the third quarter of 2023.

Low Sulphur Gas Oil and Heating Oil were the best performers, returning +43.22% and +39.15% during the quarter, respectively. Wheat and Kansas Wheat were the worst performers, returning -20.02% and -18.32% during the quarter, respectively.

Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Commodities	4.71	-3.44	-1.30	16.23	6.13	-0.75

Fixed Income

Third quarter 2023 index returns

Interest rates increased across all bond maturities in the US Treasury market for the quarter.

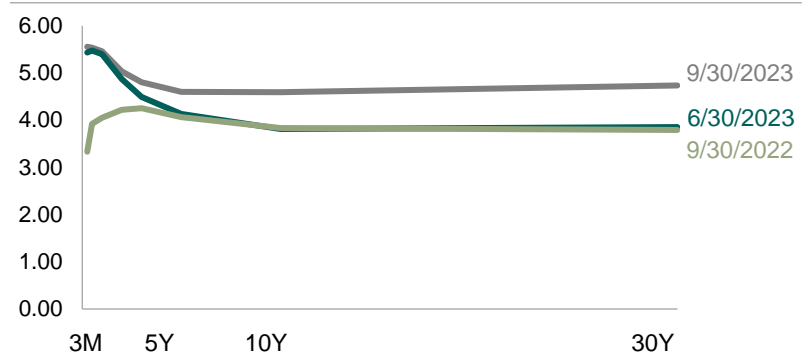
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield increased 31 basis points (bps) to 5.55%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield increased 6 bps to 5.46%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note increased 16 bps to 5.03%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note increased 47 bps to 4.60%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 78 bps to 4.59%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 88 bps to 4.73%.

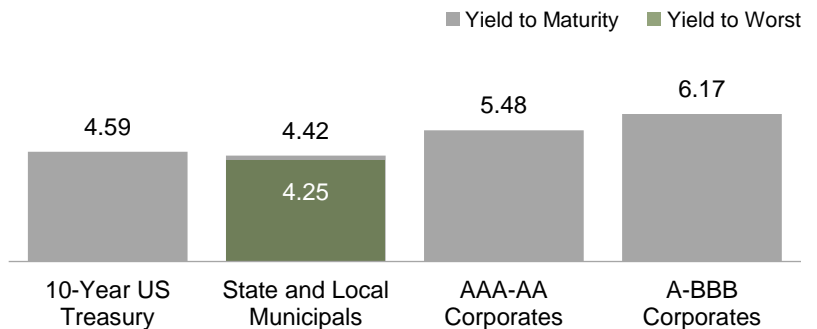
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +0.17% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned -0.81%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +0.25% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned -0.96%.¹

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were -0.94% and -2.96%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned -4.10% while revenue bonds returned -4.04%.²

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields Across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.31	3.60	4.47	1.70	1.72	1.11
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	1.21	2.90	3.68	0.60	1.46	1.00
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.56	2.10	2.68	-1.05	1.03	1.15
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	0.46	5.86	10.28	1.76	2.96	4.24
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-1.01	-0.15	3.68	-3.80	-0.84	-1.00
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	-2.60	-0.78	1.25	-1.98	2.12	1.74
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-3.23	-1.21	0.64	-5.21	0.10	1.13
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-3.95	-1.38	2.66	-2.30	1.05	2.29
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-11.79	-8.50	-9.04	-15.66	-2.78	0.75

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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Global Fixed Income

Third quarter 2023 yield curves

With the exception of the UK and Australia, interest rates generally increased across global developed markets for the quarter. In the UK, short- to intermediate-term rates decreased. In Australia, ultrashort-term rates decreased.

Realized term premiums were generally negative across global developed markets.

In Japan, ultrashort-term nominal interest rates were negative. In the UK, Germany, Canada, and Australia, the short-term segment of the yield curve was inverted.

Changes in Yields (bps) since 06/30/2023

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	3.4	49.2	81.2	86.5	89.4
UK	-39.4	-36.3	1.7	31.2	43.4
Germany	14.7	18.7	42.1	54.6	60.4
Japan	6.0	26.1	36.2	41.9	36.3
Canada	15.6	61.8	76.7	75.2	73.7
Australia	-11.0	20.5	42.8	47.8	49.7

