

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE HOUSE VIEWS

5.1.2023

Macroeconomic Environment

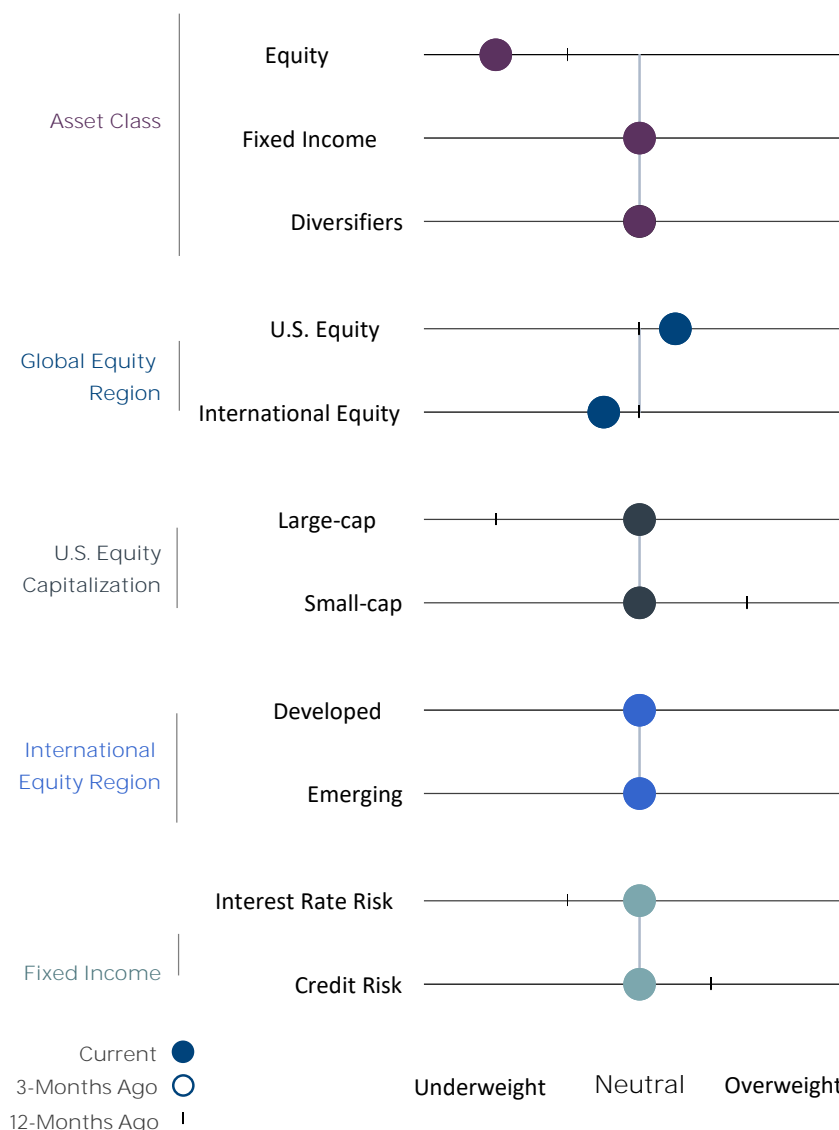
U.S. Equity Valuations	Increasing dispersion with market rotation elevating mega-cap growth valuations
Corporate Earnings	2023 estimates have stabilized following solid Q1 2023 results
Policy Backdrop	Delicate balancing act between fighting inflation pressures and protecting the banking system
Consumer Sentiment	Improved from 2022 bottom, still near all-time lows
Volatility	Significant decline in April despite continued debt-ceiling uncertainty

Market Outlook

The recent market outperformance of mega-cap stocks likely reflect investor concerns about an economic slowdown and potential rate cuts later this year in response
Likely range-bound with elevated volatility until the forward path for economic activity, corporate earnings, and the banking system begins to clear
Political polarization will create an intense debt-ceiling debate, providing financial media with more anxiety-inducing headline material

Positioning Themes

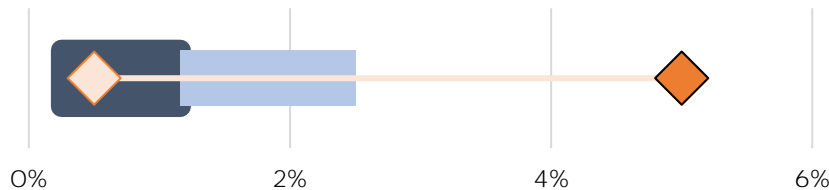
Asset Class	Recent market gains have dulled our interest to add risk back to portfolios
U.S. Equity	Maintaining a slightly lower overall beta with a modest value tilt in large-cap stocks and a quality growth tilt in small-cap stocks
Int'l Equity	Evaluating options to possibly eliminate underweight exposure and further reduce our growth tilt for a more balanced position
Fixed Income	Short-term, quality bond positions provide flexibility to capitalize on market volatility
Alternatives	Cautious as risks are rising; may present targeted opportunities



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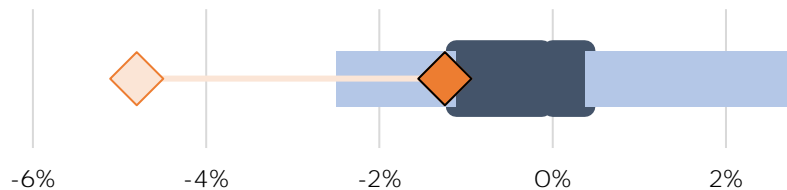
Policy Environment

Fed Funds Rate



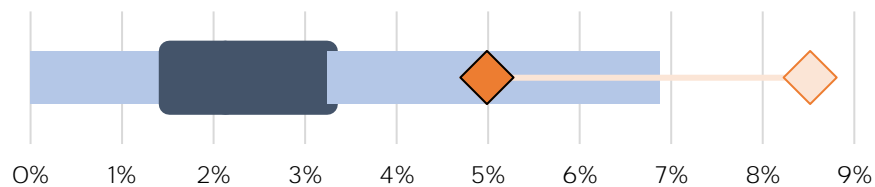
The Fed may pause on rate hikes in the second half to assess the impact of its policy moves and recent banking system turmoil.

Fiscal Policy GDP Impact



Rising interest expense, inflation-indexed expenses, and a polarized political environment likely to limit fiscal policy support.

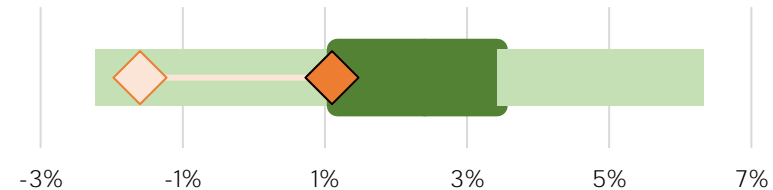
Inflation (CPI-U, YoY%)



Base effects should continue to support falling inflation, but wage inflation may slow the YoY decline.

Economic Fundamentals

Real GDP Growth



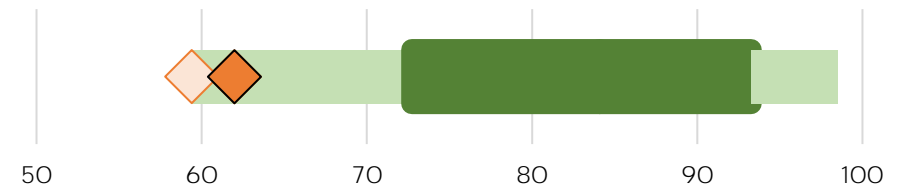
Real GDP growth has weakened as businesses cut spending, yet remains positive due to the strength of the consumer.

Employment/Population, 25-54

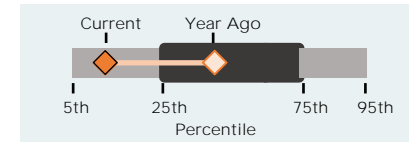


Official survey statistics remain near all-time highs, but evidence of weaker underlying conditions is mounting.

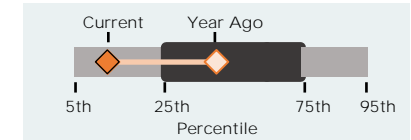
Consumer Sentiment



Sentiment has improved modestly as food and gas prices have come down but remains well below longer-term averages.

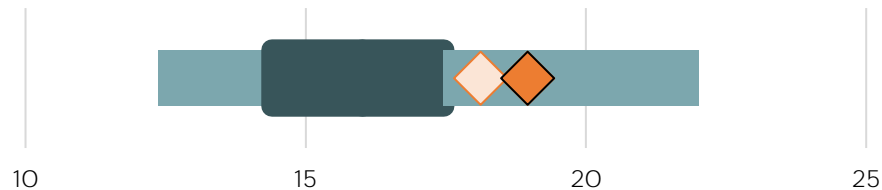


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Valuations

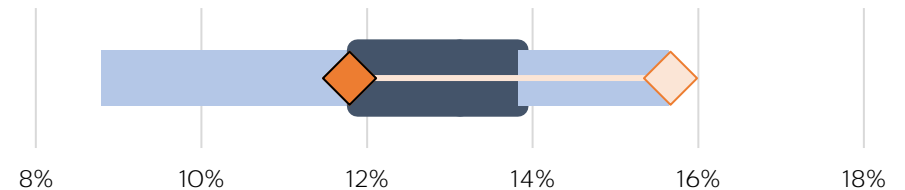
U.S. Price/Earnings (Forward)



Investors must reconcile earnings uncertainty with elevated valuations amid a rotation into tech giants. Dispersion increasing.

Financial Conditions

U.S. Operating Margins

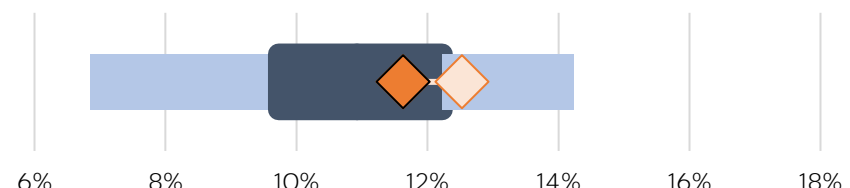


Despite cost-cutting measures, corporate profitability is weakening amid high input costs and gradually waning demand.

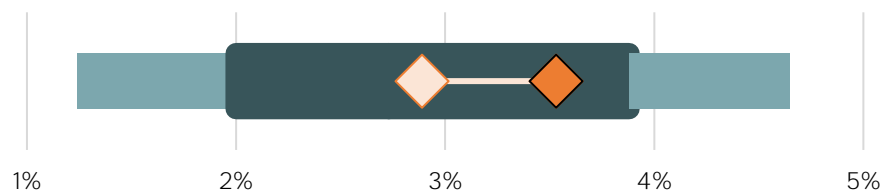
International Price/Earnings (Forward)



International Operating Margins

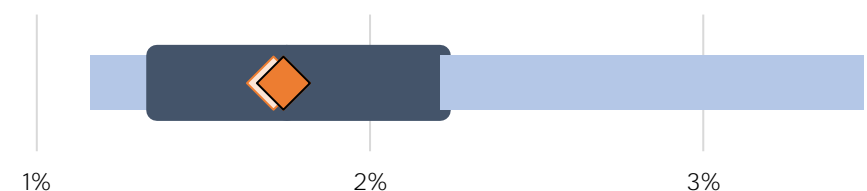


10-year Treasury Yield



Yields have pulled back as investors anticipate a reversal in the Fed's monetary policy.

Credit Spreads



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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	Inflation (CPI-U, YoY%)	Apr 2003	Mar 2023
	Real GDP Growth	Q2-2003	Q1-2023
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	Consumer Sentiment	Apr 2003	Mar 2023
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	Int'l Price/Earnings (Forward)	Mar 2006	Apr 2023
	10-year Treasury Yield	Apr 2003	Apr 2023
	U.S. Operating Margins	Apr 2003	Apr 2023
	International Operating Margins	Apr 2003	Apr 2023
	Credit Spreads	Apr 2003	Apr 2023

