

US Equity Views

Higher rates, lower valuation: Reducing S&P 500 year-end 2022 target to 3600 and exploring scenarios for 2023

The expected path of interest rates is now higher than we previously assumed, which tilts the distribution of equity market outcomes below our prior forecast.

The S&P 500 index actually reached our previous year-end target of 4300 in mid-August, but the rate complex has subsequently shifted dramatically. The higher interest rate scenario that we now incorporate into our valuation model supports a P/E of 15x (vs. prior forecast of 18x) and implies a year-end (3-month) S&P 500 target of 3600 (-5%) and 6-month and 12-month forecasts of 3600 (-5%) and 4000 (+6%).

Equity valuations have closely tracked real interest rates until recently. Real yields have soared from 0.4% to 1.3% during the past month and could reach 1.5% by year-end. For context, real yields were *negative* 1% at the start of the year when the S&P 500 index hit an all-time high of 4800 and traded at a P/E of 21x. The tightest yield gap between equities and rates since the pandemic further tilts the balance of risks to the downside.

The outlook is unusually murky. The forward paths of inflation, economic growth, interest rates, earnings, and valuations are all in flux more than usual with a wider distribution of potential outcomes. Based on our client discussions, a majority of equity investors have adopted the view that a hard landing scenario is inevitable and their focus is on the timing, magnitude, and duration of a potential recession and investment strategies for that outlook.

We previously published that in a recession falling S&P 500 EPS could cause the index to decline to 3150 (-17%). A 11% drop in EPS would be consistent with modestly negative real GDP growth and the 13% median EPS drop during prior recessions. Under a “hard landing” scenario, the yield gap would rise and the 3-, 6-, and 12-month S&P 500 targets would be 3400 (-10%) / 3150 (-17%) / 3750 (-1%).

In the near term, investor focus will soon turn from valuation to earnings. The surprisingly high August inflation reading was a pivotal event for macro investors regarding the path of Fed hikes. The analogue for stock investors is 3Q earnings season where record high profit margins will be under scrutiny.

Recommended investment strategies. Elevated uncertainty argues for defensive positioning. Surging rates means short duration (GSTHSDUR) will outperform long duration (GSTHLDUR). Own stocks with “Quality” attributes such as strong balance sheets, high returns on capital, and stable sales growth (GSTHQUAL).

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S&P 500 index: The path ahead in 2022 and 2023

The range of potential paths of the equity market is much wider than usual because the various forecast drivers are themselves unusually unstable. The recursive process between growth, inflation, Fed tightening, and asset prices should continue. The unemployment rate is low by historical standards and consumer incomes and spending are likely to increase in 2023. But strong growth means inflation could prove more persistent and require even more Fed tightening than is currently priced, ultimately pushing asset prices lower.

Most portfolio managers believe that in order to corral inflation the Fed will have to hike rates sufficiently high that it will result in a US recession at some point during 2023. Given the crosswinds and multiple alternative outcomes, we summarize the key assumptions underpinning our baseline “soft landing” and alternative “hard landing” scenarios.

Exhibit 1: Path of the S&P 500



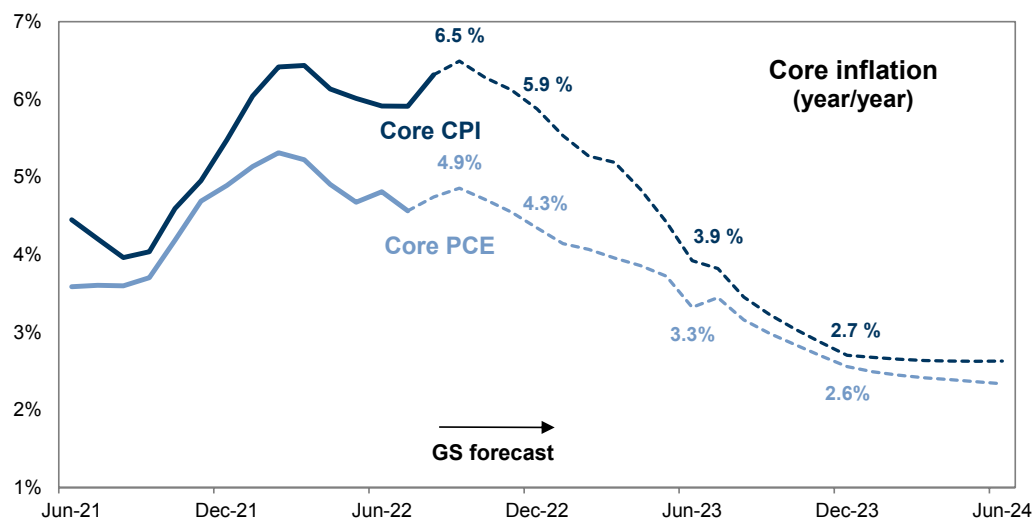
Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 2: Goldman Sachs US Portfolio Strategy S&P 500 forecasts

	Soft landing			Hard landing		
	YE 2022	Mid-2023	YE 2023	YE 2022	Mid-2023	YE 2023
GS EPS						
2023	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$200	\$200	\$200
Growth vs. 2022	3 %	3 %	3 %	(11)%	(11)%	(11)%
2024	243	243	243	230	230	230
Growth vs. 2023	4 %	4 %	4 %	15 %	15 %	15 %
Market pricing of NTM EPS	\$234	\$238	\$243	\$230	\$220	\$225
Growth rate	3 %	4 %	4 %	2 %	3 %	12 %
Real 10-yr UST yield	1.5%	1.7%	1.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%
Real yield gap	499 bp	499 bp	484 bp	631 bp	701 bp	575 bp
%ile rank since 1990	61 %	61 %	63 %	25 %	10 %	41 %
Implied NTM P/E	15.4 x	15.1 x	16.4 x	14.7 x	14.3 x	16.7 x
%ile rank since 1990	52 %	46 %	67 %	41 %	35 %	70 %
S&P 500 level	3600	3600	4000	3400	3150	3750
Change from current	(5)%	(5)%	6 %	(10)%	(17)%	(1)%

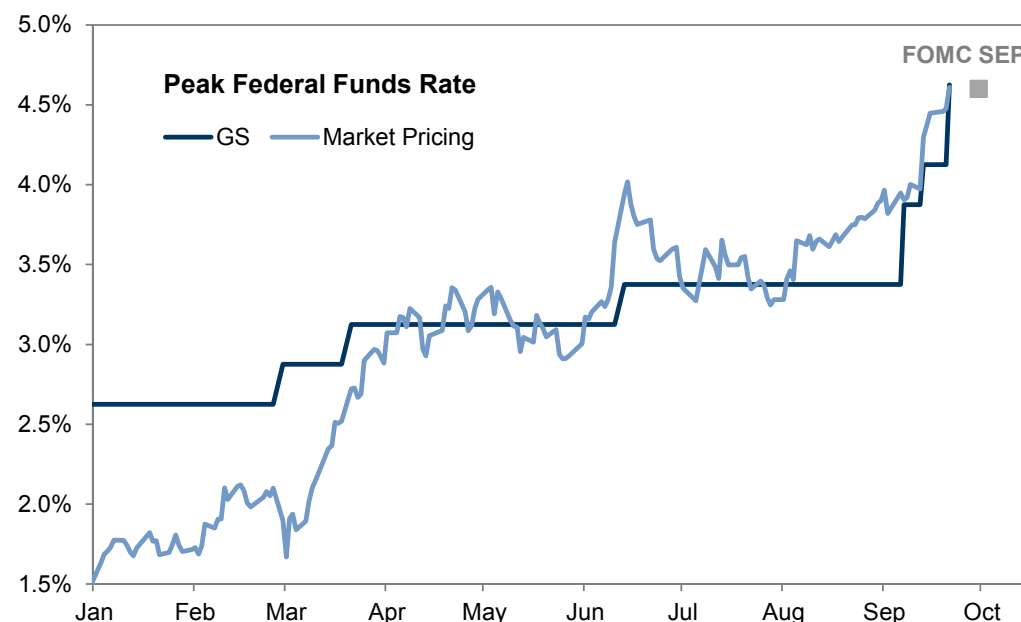
Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Inflation has proved more persistent than expected and is unlikely to show clear signs of easing in the near term. Inflation reaccelerated in August, piercing equity investor hopes of peak inflation and peak Fed hawkishness. On a year/year basis, core CPI inflation rose to 6.3% in August and our economists expect core PCE inflation to similarly rise to 4.7%. While goods inflation has showed signs of easing, the broad-based strength in wage-sensitive services categories, such as shelter and food away from home, has added to the Fed's challenge.

Exhibit 3: Inflation is likely to stay elevated into year-end

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Persistent inflation has led to even higher expectations for Fed tightening. In May, when we lowered our year-end price target from 4700 to 4300, the futures market was pricing a peak fed funds rate of 3.25%. Today, the market is pricing a peak fed funds rate of 4.6%. Following the Fed's 75 bp hike at its September meeting, our economists now forecast the FOMC will raise the policy rate by 75 bp in November, 50 bp in December, and 25 bp in February for a peak funds rate of 4.5%-4.75%.

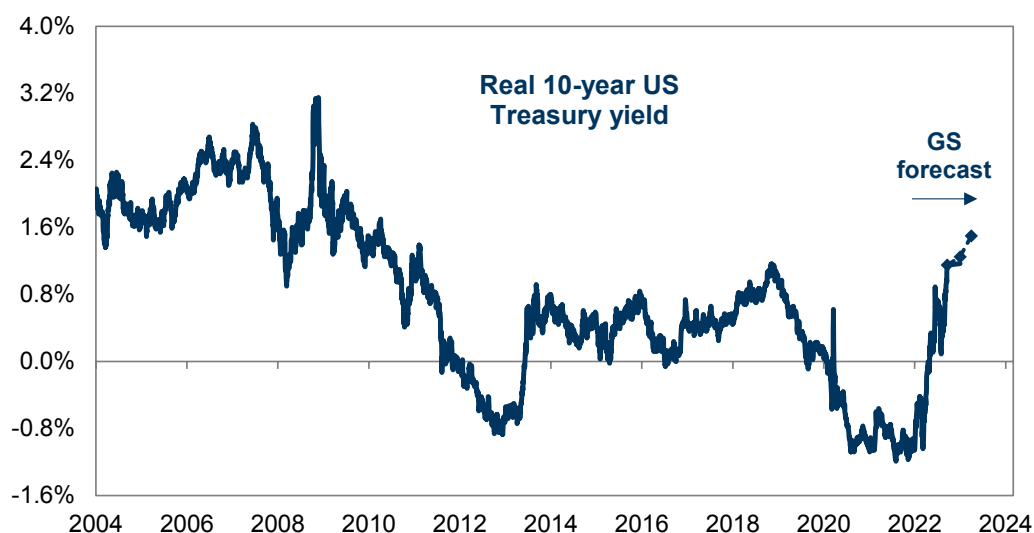
Exhibit 4: Sharp repricing in the peak federal funds rate

Source: FRB, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

The hawkish Fed pivot has pushed real 10-year US Treasury yields up by 240 bp YTD and risks are tilted towards higher rates. The real 10-year US Treasury yield has surged from -1.1% at the start of the year to +1.3%, the highest level since 2011. Our

rates strategists recently revised their forecasts higher and expect the real 10-year US Treasury yield to end 2022 at 1.25% before reaching a peak of 1.5%.

Exhibit 5: Risks to real interest rates are tilted to higher for longer

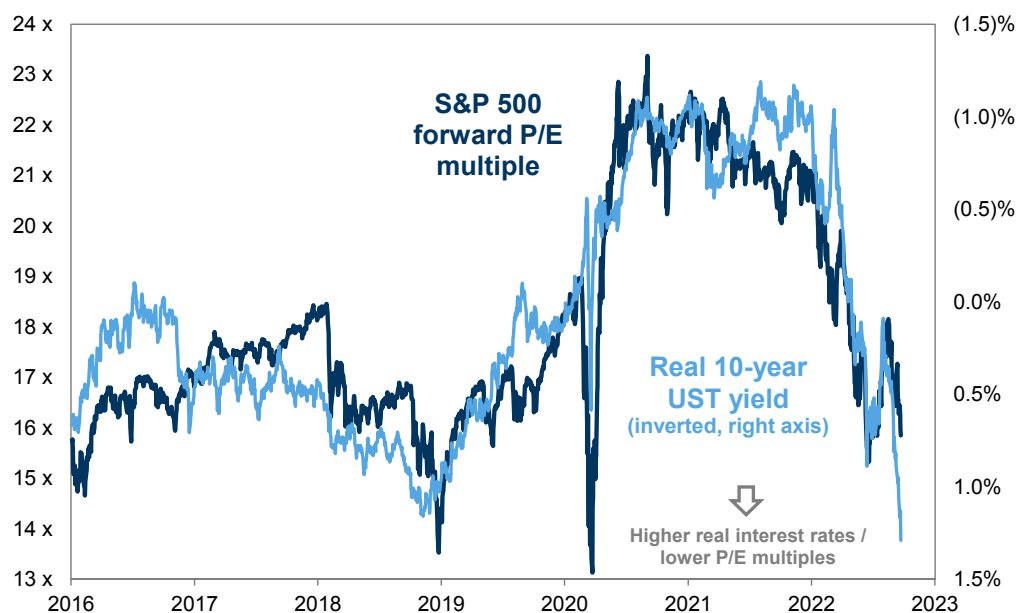


Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Equity valuations have declined alongside higher real rates, but by less than the recent relationship would have implied, all else equal. The relationship between equities and rates is dynamic. The drivers of changes in real yields determine the impact on equity valuations. The increasing weight of high-growth technology companies in the index has also increased its duration and rate sensitivity.

Equity valuations and real yields have moved in lockstep for the past few years.

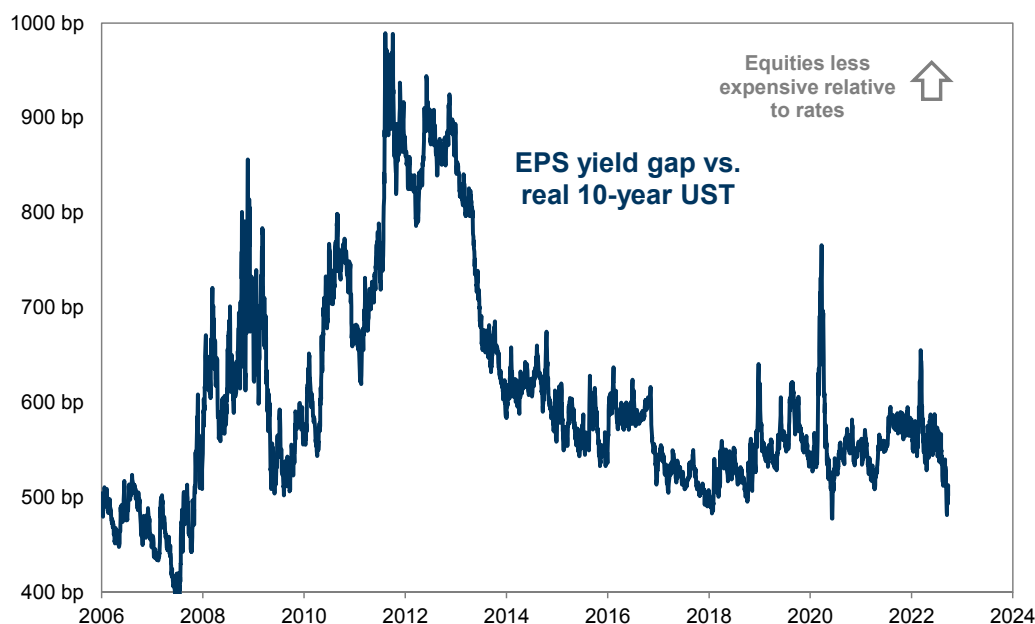
Changes in real yields have largely reflected the shift in Fed policy rather than growth expectations recently. The S&P 500 forward P/E multiple has collapsed from 21x at the start of the year when real rates were negative to 16x today when real rates are positive. However, in the past few weeks, the relationship has dislocated; equity valuations have declined from their recent peak but still trade above the level implied by the recent relationship with real rates. Based solely on the recent relationship with real yields, the S&P 500 index should trade at a multiple of 14x rather than the current multiple of 16x.

Exhibit 6: Valuation and real rates have recently dislocated, posing a risk to equities

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

The yield gap ("ERP") has already compressed to the lows from the last cycle despite concerns about Fed tightening leading to a recession, creating a vulnerable backdrop for equities.

We model the real yield gap, defined as the difference between the earnings yield and the real 10-year US Treasury yield, as a function of four variables: Growth expectations, consumer confidence, policy uncertainty, and the size of the Fed balance sheet. Resilient investor growth expectations as well as improving long-term inflation expectations and confidence help explain some narrowing of the yield gap. However, the yield gap compression has far surpassed the level implied by our macro model. Equities appear priced for an optimistic outcome given the likely path of data in the near term. The yield gap currently equals roughly 500 bp, compared with nearly 600 bp in June, and is close to the levels from 2020 (emerging from the pandemic) and 2017 (tax cuts).

Exhibit 7: The yield gap has compressed to cycle lows despite a challenging macro backdrop

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Given this balance of risks, we lower our year-end 2022 S&P 500 price target to 3600. We maintain our 2023 S&P 500 EPS estimate of \$234, representing modest growth of 3% vs. 2022. Our earnings estimates are 3% below bottom-up consensus (\$241) and in coming months we expect negative revisions to consensus estimates. Our reduced price target is entirely driven by higher interest rates and therefore lower valuation. We previously assumed real rates would end 2022 at roughly 0.5%, compared with our revised assumption of 1.5%. We assume a similar yield gap of 499 bp (vs. 495 bp previously). The higher interest rate environment means that our implied year-end P/E multiple is cut from 18x to 15x. By year-end 2023, as inflation data are more clearly improving in a soft landing scenario, we expect the yield gap can narrow modestly and the multiple will expand to 16x.

Exhibit 8: Scenario analysis of 2022 S&P 500 price and valuation

Year-end 2022		NTM P/E and index level					
Assumes expected 2023 EPS of \$234		10-year real UST yield					
		0.50%	1.00%	1.50%	2.00%	2.50%	
NTM yield gap	Current	450 bp	20x 4700	18x 4250	17x 3900	15x 3600	14x 3350
		500 bp	18 4250	17 3900	15 3600	14 3350	13 3100
		550 bp	17 3900	15 3600	14 3350	13 3100	13 2950
		600 bp	15 3600	14 3350	13 3100	13 2950	12 2750

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 9: Scenario analysis of 2023 S&P 500 price and valuation

Year-end 2023		NTM P/E and index level				
Assumes expected 2024 EPS of \$243		10-year real UST yield				
		0.50%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	2.00%
NTM yield gap	450 bp	20x 4850	18x 4400	17x 4250	17x 4050	15x 3750
	485 bp	19 4550	17 4150	16 4000	16 3850	15 3550
	550 bp	17 4050	15 3750	15 3600	14 3450	13 3250
	600 bp	15 3750	14 3450	14 3350	13 3250	13 3050

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Risks to the outlook are skewed to the downside even after our forecast revision.

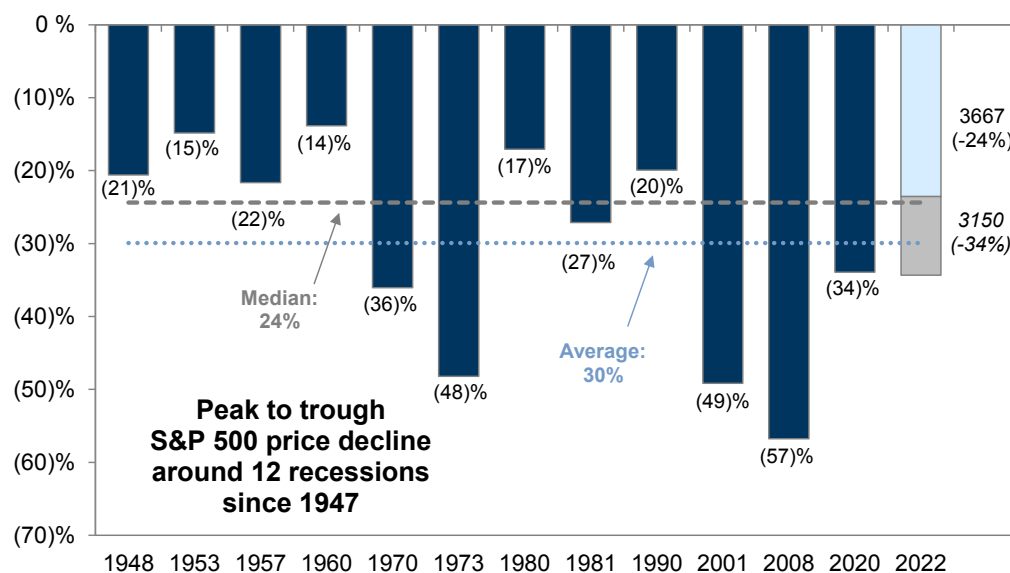
What is good news for economic growth is not necessarily good news for the Fed's inflation mandate and the equity market. If the expected rebound in real income and

spending growth drives a rebound in economic growth, it could require more Fed tightening to keep economic growth below trend. The prospect of additional Fed hikes poses upside risks to real yields and downside risk to equity valuations and the tightening could tip the economy into recession.

In a recession, we forecast earnings will fall and the yield gap will widen, pushing the index to a trough of 3150. Our economists assign a 35% probability of recession in the next 12 months and note that any recession would likely be mild given the lack of major financial imbalances in the economy. As we previously outlined, in the event of a moderate recession, our top-down model indicates EPS would fall by 11% to \$200. However, prices move faster than analyst estimates, so we assume the market prices earnings of \$220, halfway between consensus today and our recession earnings. Our 2024 EPS estimate assumes a 15% recovery in EPS to \$230 which is similar to prior post-recession profit rebounds. From a valuation perspective, we assume real rates would fall to 0% as the Fed moves to cut rates and our yield gap model suggests a widening to 700 bp. The implied forward P/E multiple of the index would equal 14x.

For context, a 34% peak-to-trough decline in the S&P 500 index during a recession would only be slightly worse than the historical average of 30%. We see two risks that would create a more dramatic sell-off in equities during a recession. First, if inflation concerns were to limit the degree of monetary or fiscal policy support and interest rates did not fall, it could lead to even lower valuations or even larger economic and earnings growth declines than we model. Second, concentrated sector weakness, such as Information Technology in 2001 and Financials in 2008, could lead to an even sharper earnings and price decline.

Exhibit 10: S&P 500 typically falls by 30% from peak to trough in recessions



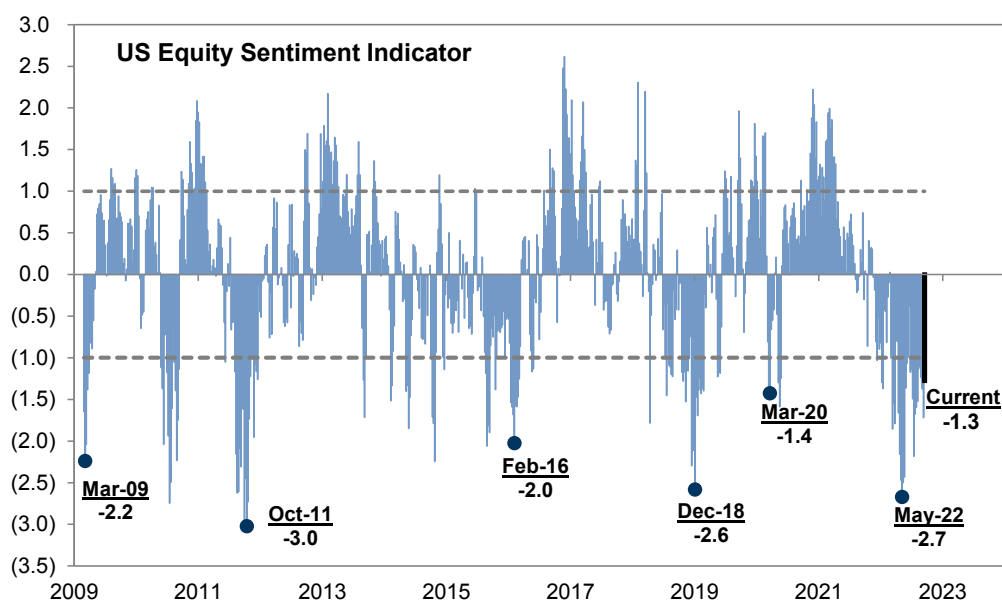
Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

A year-end rally to 4300 is possible if inflation shows clear signs of easing. Longer term inflation expectations have declined in recent months alongside falling gas prices, easing investor concern about de-anchoring. If realized inflation is surprisingly soft in

upcoming meetings, it could catalyze modestly lower real rates and higher equity valuations. This dynamic occurred in August, as hope for a Fed pivot took hold and the S&P 500 reached 4305.

A near-term rally alongside encouraging inflation data would be exacerbated by light equity investor positioning and attractive seasonality. Equity investor positioning remains bearish. Our Sentiment Indicator currently stands at 1.3 standard deviations light. In particular, non-dealer futures positions are net short. In addition, S&P 500 returns are typically strongest during the fourth quarter, as investors seek to maximize returns heading into year-end. This seasonality may be especially important in 2022 as the uncertainty from US midterm elections fades. Furthermore, the recently passed tax law includes a 1% excise tax on corporate cash used to repurchase shares starting in January. On the margin, companies have an incentive to accelerate planned repurchases into 4Q to avoid this incremental cost. Taken together, light positioning and attractive seasonality create the risk of sharp, outsized rallies on the back of incrementally positive inflation news.

Exhibit 11: Equity investor positioning remains in light territory



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

However, upside is ultimately capped around 4300 because any sustained rally would ease financial conditions and require additional Fed tightening to tame inflation. Our economists' framework for Fed policy centers on financial conditions. Equity valuations are a key component of their Financial Conditions Index. Rising equity valuations would ease financial conditions and be stimulative to economic growth, thereby working against the Fed's stated goal of keeping economic growth below potential to tame inflation.

Investment strategies

1. Higher real rates. Equity investors should own Short Duration equities

(GSTHSDUR) relative to Long Duration equities (GSTHLDUR). Stocks with cash flows weighted heavily towards the distant future are more sensitive to changes in the discount rate via higher interest rates. Historically, short duration equities outperform long duration peers as real rates rise. However, in recent weeks, long duration stocks have been surprisingly resilient in the face of higher real rates (Exhibit 12). Given the balance of risk is skewed towards higher rates for longer, we recommend investors own Short Duration (GSTHSDUR) vs. Long Duration (GSTHLDUR). We rebalance both baskets in this report.

Exhibit 12: Short duration equities typically outperform as real rates rise

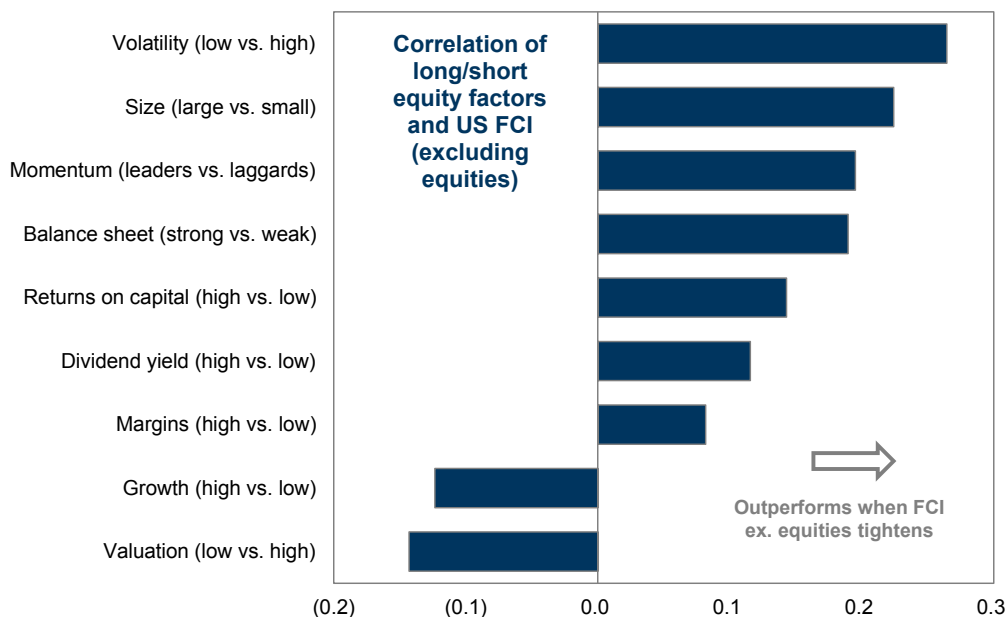


Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

2. Tightening financial conditions. Equity investors should own Quality stocks

(GSTHQUAL). Lower equity prices and higher interest rates will continue to tighten financial conditions. Historically, when financial conditions tighten, equity investors reward companies with “quality” attributes that are able to withstand the challenging macro environment (Exhibit 13). We recommend investors own our Quality basket (GSTHQUAL). The basket contains stocks with the highest “quality” scores in each sector. Stocks with high quality scores have a combination of strong balance sheets, histories of stable sales and earnings growth, above-average ROE, and low historical drawdown risk.

Exhibit 13: Quality factors typically outperform as FCI tightens



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Basket Constituents

Exhibit 14: Constituents of our Short Duration basket (GSTHSDUR)

bold indicates new constituents

Ticker	Company	Market Cap (bn)	YTD Return	Sales Growth 2022	Sales Growth 2023	EPS 2022	NTM EV/ Sales	Equity duration (years)
Consumer Discretionary								
M	Macy's Inc	\$ 4	(36)%	33 %	3 %	\$ 4.2	0 x	13.5
GM	General Motors Company	55	(36)	4	20	6.8	1	14.8
KSS	Kohl's Corp.	3	(41)	18	(4)	3.4	1	15.3
MAT	Mattel, Inc.	7	(3)	19	8	1.5	2	15.4
PVH	PVH Corp.	3	(51)	22	(1)	8.1	1	15.8
TOL	Toll Brothers, Inc.	5	(40)	22	8	9.4	1	17.2
Consumer Staples								
ACI	Albertsons Companies, Inc.	14	(12)	4	5	2.9	0	17.4
WBA	Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	29	(34)	(4)	0	4.9	1	17.8
KHC	Kraft Heinz Company	42	(1)	(1)	(0)	2.7	2	18.2
BG	Bunge Limited	14	(3)	43	15	12.8	0	18.4
Energy								
OVV	Ovintiv Inc	12	44	42	35	10.0	1	20.0
DTM	DT Midstream, Inc.	5	20	NM	7	3.6	9	20.2
OXY	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	58	118	46	44	10.7	3	20.5
Health Care								
QDEL	QuidelOrtho Corp.	5	(44)	2	126	12.3	1	6.3
VTRS	Viatis, Inc.	11	(31)	49	(8)	3.4	2	11.5
MRNA	Moderna, Inc.	49	(50)	2199	19	26.5	3	12.1
THC	Tenet Healthcare Corp.	6	(32)	10	(1)	6.5	1	13.7
ABC	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	29	6	12	9	11.1	0	16.0
ENOV	Enovis Corp.	3	(36)	26	(59)	2.3	2	19.3
REGN	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	73	8	89	(25)	41.9	6	19.4
UHS	Universal Health Services, Inc.	6	(27)	9	5	10.0	1	19.5
Industrials								
R	Ryder System, Inc.	4	(11)	15	24	14.9	1	18.3
GTS	Gates Industrial Corp. plc	3	(33)	24	4	1.2	2	19.4
UNVR	Univar Solutions Inc.	4	(17)	15	20	3.4	1	19.4
BLDR	Builders FirstSource, Inc.	9	(34)	131	11	15.4	1	19.6
UHAL	AMERCO	10	(28)	23	7	58.0	2	19.7
Information Technology								
HPE	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.	\$ 16	(18)%	3 %	1 %	\$ 2.0	1 x	16.5
WDC	Western Digital Corp.	11	(47)	6	(5)	5.5	1	17.5
INTC	Intel Corp.	117	(43)	(4)	(12)	2.2	2	18.2
ARW	Arrow Electronics, Inc.	6	(29)	20	8	22.1	0	18.7
AVT	Avnet, Inc.	4	(7)	18	11	6.9	0	18.8
DXC	DXC Technology Co.	6	(14)	(9)	(10)	3.5	1	19.0
MU	Micron Technology, Inc.	55	(46)	22	1	7.0	2	19.1
AMD	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	120	(48)	68	60	4.3	3	19.2
WU	Western Union Company	5	(17)	5	(12)	1.8	2	19.6
SNX	TD SYNEX Corp.	9	(21)	35	82	11.6	0	19.8
FIS	Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	49	(25)	11	6	7.1	4	20.1
COHR	Coherent Corp.	5	(40)	17	37	3.7	1	20.1
QRVO	Qorvo, Inc.	9	(46)	17	(5)	9.2	2	20.3
GPN	Global Payments Inc.	33	(10)	15	5	9.5	5	20.3
MKSI	MKS Instruments, Inc.	6	(50)	27	9	10.5	1	20.4
Materials								
CLF	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7	(34)	284	15	4.2	1	6.8
VVV	Valvoline, Inc.	5	(25)	26	9	2.0	2	9.8
Communication Services								
FYBR	Frontier Communications Parent, Inc.	6	(21)	(8)	(10)	1.1	2	4.6
DISH	DISH Network Corp.	5	(51)	15	(6)	2.6	2	11.6
LUMN	Lumen Technologies, Inc.	9	(28)	(5)	(10)	1.6	2	15.7
PARA	Paramount Global	14	(27)	13	7	2.3	1	16.6
T	AT&T Inc.	116	(8)	(2)	(24)	2.5	2	18.3
Utilities								
NRG	NRG Energy, Inc.	10	1	197	7	7.8	1	9.3
PGC	PG&E Corp.	26	7	12	8	1.1	3	18.5
GSTHSDUR median								
		\$ 9	(28)%	17 %	6 %	\$ 5.2	1 x	18.3
Russell 1000 median								
		14	(19)	10	5	4.8	3	22.1

Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 15: Constituents of our Long Duration basket (GSTHLDUR)

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Ticker	Company	Market Cap (bn)	YTD Return	Sales Growth 2022	Sales Growth 2023	EPS 2022	NTM EV/ Sales	Equity duration (years)
Consumer Discretionary								
CVNA	Carvana Co.	\$ 3	(87)%	129 %	20 %	\$(8.7)	1 x	29.7
PTON	Peloton Interactive, Inc.	3	(75)	29	(12)	(5.4)	1	26.7
H	Hyatt Hotels Corp.	4	(11)	46	87	0.6	2	25.0
GME	GameStop Corp.	8	(28)	14	5	(1.4)	1	24.5
BKNG	Booking Holdings Inc.	72	(25)	61	54	97.2	4	23.8
HD	Home Depot, Inc.	278	(33)	15	4	16.5	2	23.8
Consumer Staples								
CL	Colgate-Palmolive Company	63	(11)	6	3	3.0	4	23.6
LW	Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	11	24	5	14	2.5	3	23.5
FRPT	Freshpet Inc	2	(59)	33	36	(1.0)	2	23.4
OLPX	Olaplex Holdings, Inc.	8	(59)	NM	37	0.5	9	23.3
Energy								
NFE	New Fortress Energy Inc.	10	104	316	68	2.0	5	24.2
PDCE	PDC Energy, Inc.	6	27	39	107	16.5	2	23.8
EQT	EQT Corp.	17	111	31	27	4.9	2	23.7
Health Care								
MRTX	Mirati Therapeutics Inc.	4	(51)	438	(86)	(13.7)	25	35.8
TDOC	Teladoc Health, Inc.	5	(69)	86	18	(61.2)	2	30.0
NTRA	Natera, Inc.	5	(48)	60	31	(5.8)	4	27.1
SRPT	Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.	10	22	30	31	(6.8)	8	25.0
RARE	Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical, Inc.	3	(48)	30	15	(8.3)	7	24.7
GH	Guardant Health, Inc.	5	(46)	30	24	(6.3)	10	24.3
EXAS	Exact Sciences Corp.	6	(53)	18	14	(4.3)	3	24.1
ALNY	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	25	22	71	27	(7.4)	17	24.1
Industrials								
CPA	Copa Holdings, S.A.	2	(12)	89	91	6.3	NM	26.1
LYFT	Lyft, Inc.	5	(63)	36	27	0.4	1	25.8
UBER	Uber Technologies, Inc.	60	(27)	57	81	(4.6)	2	25.2
ALK	Alaska Air Group, Inc.	6	(17)	73	56	4.5	1	24.8
PLUG	Plug Power Inc.	15	(10)	(600)	83	(1.0)	9	24.1

Ticker	Company	Market Cap (bn)	YTD Return	Sales Growth 2022	Sales Growth 2023	EPS 2022	NTM EV/ Sales	Equity duration (years)
Information Technology								
BILL	Bill.com Holdings, Inc.	\$ 15	(44)%	123 %	83 %	\$ 0.0	12 x	25.8
AFRM	Affirm Holdings, Inc.	5	(79)	NM	38	(2.8)	4	25.1
SMAR	Smartsheet, Inc.	4	(56)	43	37	(0.5)	4	24.6
WOLF	Wolfspeed Inc	15	7	(10)	32	(0.2)	11	24.2
SNOW	Snowflake, Inc.	57	(47)	NM	69	0.1	18	24.2
NCNO	nCino Inc	4	(35)	NM	46	(0.2)	8	24.2
FOUR	Shift4 Payments, Inc.	2	(20)	64	34	1.3	4	24.0
NEWR	New Relic, Inc.	4	(48)	16	17	(0.1)	3	23.9
MDB	MongoDB, Inc.	14	(60)	47	39	(0.3)	9	23.9
ESTC	Elastic NV	7	(39)	42	30	(0.3)	5	23.8
NET	Cloudflare Inc	17	(53)	52	48	0.0	15	23.8
ENPH	Enphase Energy, Inc.	41	66	78	63	4.1	14	23.8
PANW	Palo Alto Networks, Inc.	51	(8)	27	27	2.8	7	23.8
ZS	Zscaler, Inc.	25	(47)	59	49	0.9	14	23.8
CRWD	CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.	36	(17)	67	55	1.3	13	23.7
Materials								
MP	MP Materials Corp	6	(30)	147	65	1.5	10	23.3
SHW	Sherwin-Williams Company	55	(39)	9	10	8.6	3	23.3
Communication Services								
SPOT	Spotify Technology SA	18	(59)	17	5	(1.8)	1	23.5
FWONA	Liberty Media Series A Formula One	28	(9)	87	23	0.4	5	23.3
ZI	Zoominfo Technologies Inc	17	(35)	57	45	0.8	12	23.1
LBRDK	Liberty Broadband Corp.	13	(46)	1848	(2)	7.8	22	23.0
TWTR	Twitter, Inc.	32	(5)	37	4	1.2	6	23.0
Utilities								
AES	AES Corp.	17	7	15	1	1.6	4	23.3
BEPC	Brookfield Renewable Corp.	7	9	9	9	(0.3)	10	22.9
GSTHLDUR median		\$ 10	(34)%	42 %	31 %	\$ 0.1	5 x	24.0
Russell 1000 median		14	(19)	10	5	4.8	3	22.1

Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 16: Constituents of our High Quality basket (GSTHQUAL)

Company	Ticker	Market Cap (\$ bil)	Altman Z-Score	P/E (NTM)	2023E		ROE LTM	Quality Score	
					EPS Growth	Div Yield			
Communication Services (10% of the Basket)									
Alphabet Inc.	GOOGL	\$ 1,336	10.5	19x	16 %	0.0%	29 %	95	
Charter Communications	CHTR	66	0.8	11	14	0.0	42	84	
Comcast Corp.	CMCSA	154	1.5	10	6	3.1	15	79	
T-Mobile US Inc.	TMUS	182	1.3	31	167	0.0	11	78	
Interpublic Grp of Cos.	IPG	11	1.5	11	(1)	4.2	29	77	
Basket Median								79	
Sector Median								50	
Consumer Discretionary (12% of the Basket)									
Pool Corp.	POOL	\$ 14	7.3	19x	(1)%	1.1%	70 %	98	
O'Reilly Automotive	ORLY	48	4.0	22	12	0.0	NM	98	
Home Depot Inc.	HD	310	7.0	18	5	2.5	NM	96	
Dollar General	DG	57	3.5	20	11	0.9	38	91	
Tractor Supply	TSCO	22	5.7	20	9	1.8	55	91	
Dollar Tree Inc.	DLTR	32	3.4	20	14	0.0	22	79	
Basket Median								93	
Sector Median								54	
Consumer Staples (6% of the Basket)									
Church & Dwight	CHD	\$ 20	4.6	26x	8 %	1.3%	22 %	93	
McCormick & Co.	MKC	20	2.3	26	9	1.9	17	91	
Monster Beverage	MNST	48	26.0	33	28	0.0	19	89	
Basket Median								91	
Sector Median								52	
Energy (4% of the Basket)									
Coterra Energy Inc.	CTRA	\$ 23	3.5	6x	(13)%	9.0%	32 %	59	
EOG Resources Inc.	EOG	69	4.5	7	2	2.5	26	59	
Basket Median								59	
Sector Median								49	
Financials (12% of the Basket)									
First Republic Bank	FRC	\$ 28	NM	17x	12 %	0.7%	13 %	88	
Intercontinental Exchange	ICE	58	NM	19	7	1.5	10	86	
MSCI Inc.	MSCI	39	NM	41	13	1.0	NM	82	
Moody's Corp.	MCO	55	NM	30	16	0.9	73	82	
Truist Financial	TFC	64	NM	9	9	4.3	12	77	
Raymond James Financial	RJF	23	NM	12	23	1.3	18	74	
Basket Median								82	
Sector Median								49	
Health Care (14% of the Basket)									
IDEXX Laboratories	IDXX	\$ 31	14.0	41x	20 %	0.0%	NM	94	
Thermo Fisher Scientific	TMO	222	4.3	25	6	0.2	20	91	
ResMed Inc.	RMD	34	14.9	37	12	0.8	24	90	
UnitedHealth Group	UNH	495	4.2	23	15	1.3	25	86	
West Pharmaceutical Svc.	WST	23	17.4	34	8	0.2	30	80	
STERIS Plc	STE	21	3.4	23	7	0.9	7	79	
Charles River Laboratories Intl	CRL	11	2.5	19	13	0.0	18	79	
Basket Median								86	
Sector Median								48	
Industrials (8% of the Basket)									
Fastenal Co.	FAST	\$ 29	17.4	27x	4 %	2.4%	33 %	90	
Cintas Corp.	CTAS	44	8.8	35	8	1.1	35	88	
Verisk Analytics	VRSK	30	5.1	32	8	0.6	29	88	
Copart Inc.	CPRT	28	19.8	25	8	0.0	26	87	
Basket Median								88	
Sector Median								54	
Information Technology (28% of the Basket)									
Accenture Plc	ACN	\$ 182	7.1	25x	11 %	1.3%	33 %	92	
CDW Corp.	CDW	24	3.4	17	8	1.1	NM	91	
Cadence Design Systems	CDNS	47	20.0	43	12	0.0	30	91	
EPAM Systems Inc.	EPAM	24	18.5	39	30	0.0	20	89	
Jack Henry & Associates	JKHY	14	11.9	39	6	1.0	27	88	
Synopsys Inc.	SNPS	51	10.3	36	16	0.0	20	88	
Amphenol Corp.	APH	45	5.1	25	5	1.1	28	85	
Paychex Inc.	PAYX	45	5.6	30	8	2.5	44	84	
Tyler Technologies	TYL	16	4.9	50	9	0.0	8	82	
Broadridge Financial Solutions	BR	20	3.4	24	9	1.7	NM	82	
ANSYS Inc.	ANSS	22	9.6	32	11	0.0	11	79	
Cognizant Tech Solutions	CTSH	34	6.5	14	9	1.7	19	74	
Broadcom Inc.	AVGO	209	3.7	13	8	3.2	46	74	
Akamai Technologies	AKAM	14	3.4	17	9	0.0	14	74	
Basket Median								84	
Sector Median								55	
Materials (2% of the Basket)									
Sherwin-Williams	SHW	\$ 63	3.4	25x	21 %	1.0%	73 %	96	
Basket Median								96	
Sector Median								53	
Real Estate (2% of the Basket)									
American Tower	AMT	\$ 122	NM	57x	(9)%	2.1%	53 %	85	
Basket Median								85	
Sector Median								42	
Utilities (2% of the Basket)									
Evergy Inc.	EVERG	\$ 16	NM	19x	6 %	3.3%	9 %	84	
Basket Median								84	
Sector Median								50	
High Quality Stock <GSTHQUAL> Median									
			5.0	24x	9 %	1.0%	26 %	86	
S&P 500 Median									
			3.4	17	9	1.7	18	51	

Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

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