

# Q1 2023 in Review

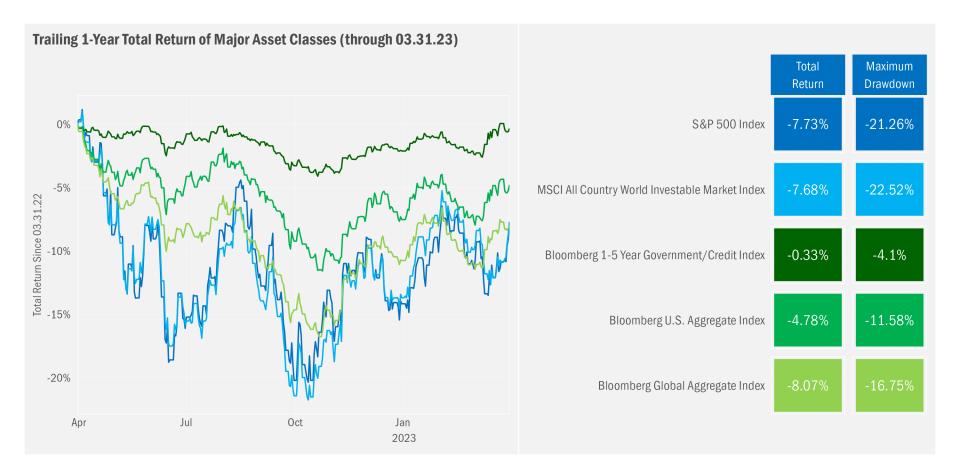
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### **Global Market Overview**



Experiencing heightened volatility as a result, investors struggled with intransient inflation and policy makers' efforts to tame it. Still, stock and bond markets remain well off troughs set last fall



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#### **Global Equity Market Overview**



Developed markets traded places for much of 2022, but a divergence in December saw domestic stocks take the lead. Emerging market stocks lagged in the latest quarter

Percent total return, annualized for periods greater than 1 year					
	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Global	6.95	-7.68	15.64	6.58	7.95
World ex. U.S.	6.56	-5.84	12.20	2.35	4.28
U.S.	7.37	-8.47	18.79	10.59	11.85
Int'l Developed Markets	7.95	-2.66	12.83	3.12	5.10
Emerging Markets	3.94	-10.74	9.18	-0.58	2.13

**Trailing Broad Equity-Market Performance** 

From 03.31.13 to 03.31.23. Total return data are annualized for periods greater than 1 year. SOURCE: SRCM using data from Bloomberg

#### Notable events of the prior three months include:

- 03.08: Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) announces the need to fortify its balance sheet via an equity offering; Silvergate Capital announces it will cease operations
- 03.10: SVB fails
- 03.12: Signature Bank is seized; the Federal Reserve, Treasury and FDIC establish programs seeking to calm bank depositors (and markets)

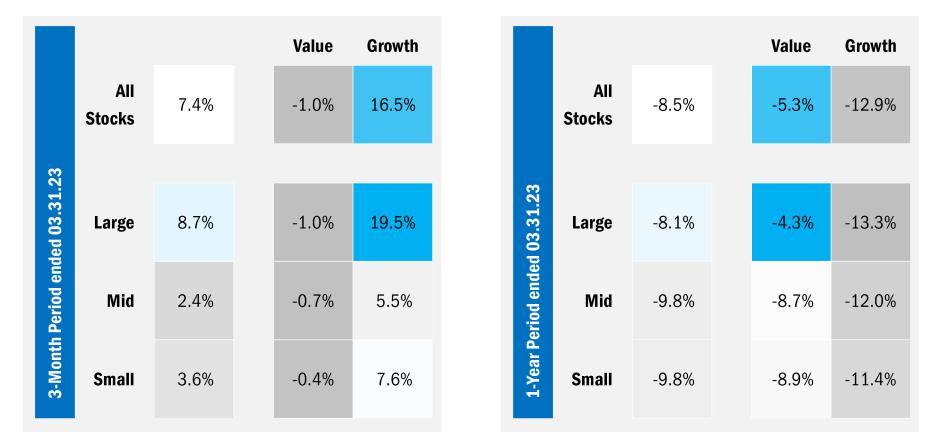
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Last year saw Value stocks strongly outperform their Growth peers, but the new year brought with it a resurgence in more expensive names. Small-cap stocks have struggled in this more uncertain environment

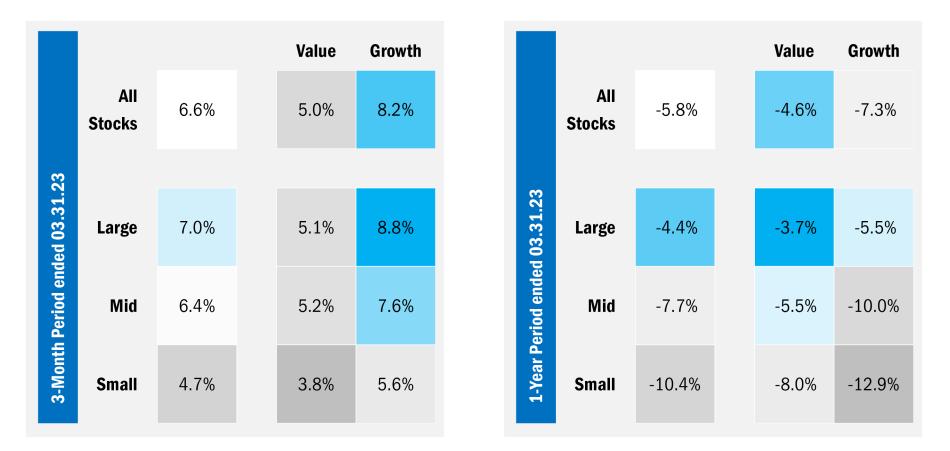


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#### **Core Factors: International Stocks**



A similar "Growth beat Value, while Small-cap names struggled" story played out abroad last quarter as well after a much better year for Value in 2022

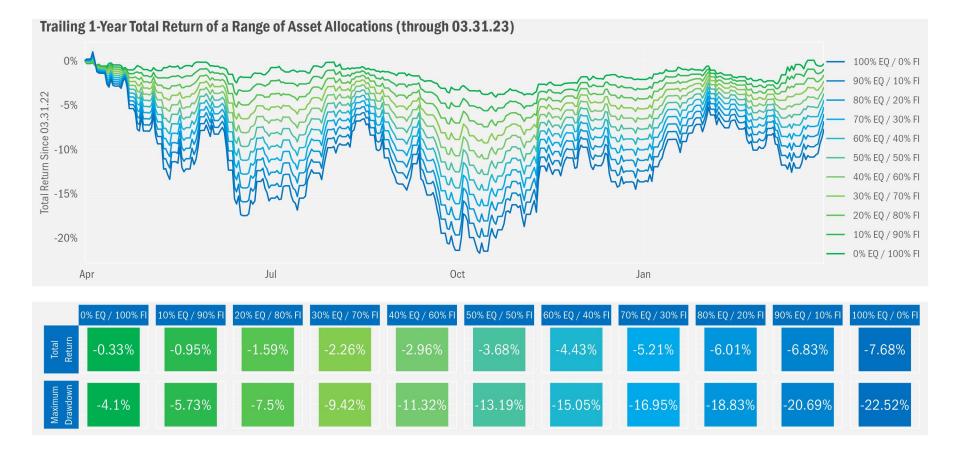


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### **Range of Returns for Different Asset Allocations**



The prior twelve months saw the risk side of the return/risk coin dominate relative returns, with comparative performance reflective of the greater equity market drawdowns



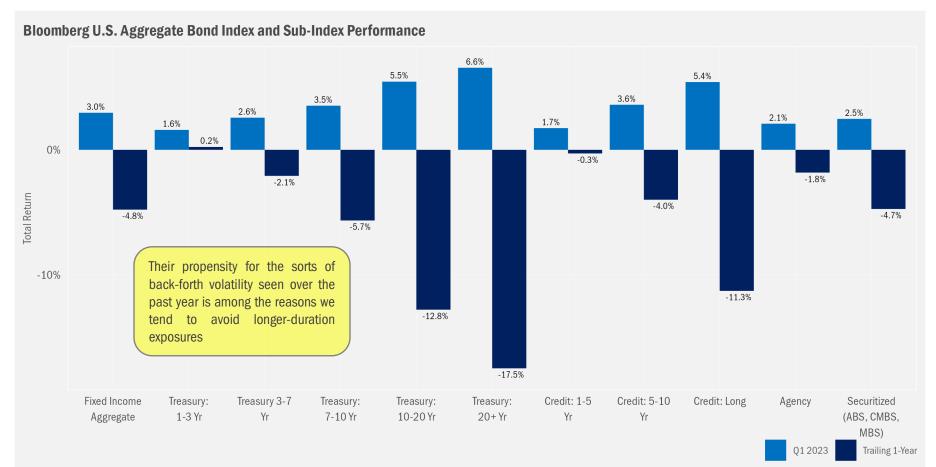
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#### **Fixed Income: Broad-Market Returns**

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While longer-duration bonds suffered the most in 2022, the first quarter of 2023 reversed a good portion of those losses as rates fell on account of heightened concerns regarding the impacts of tighter monetary policy. Corporate bonds lagged on account of the growing potential for recession

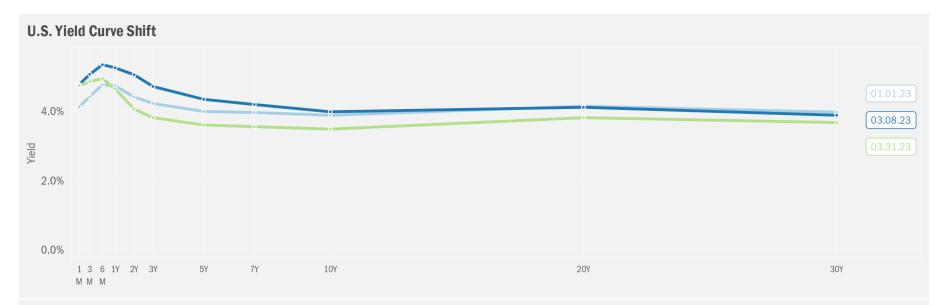


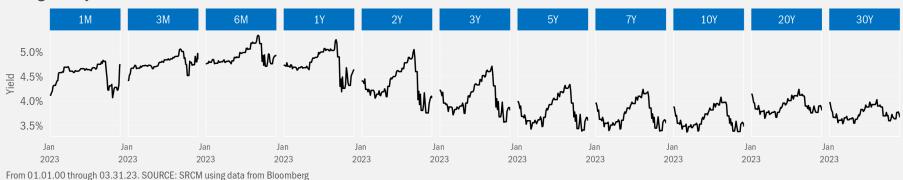
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#### **Interest Rates: U.S. Treasury Rates**



Interest rates were erratic over the quarter as investors adjusted expectations for future Federal Reserve policy against incoming inflation and employment data. The (so far mini) banking crisis prompted an about-face regarding the likelihood of a "higher for longer" rate regime



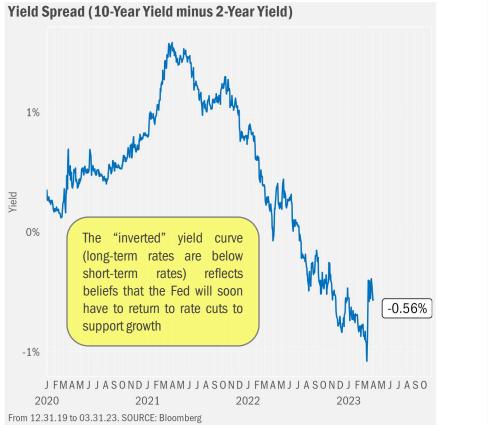


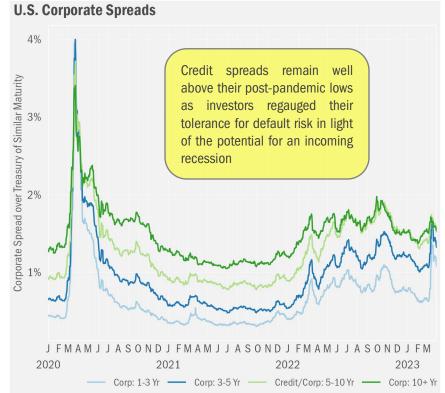
#### **Change in Key Rates Over the Period**

#### **Interest Rates: Spreads**

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Spreads can be indicative of investors beliefs regarding the potential for a macroeconomic downturns. Termspreads (the difference in yields on long-term and short-term bonds) seem to show higher conviction than credit spreads (corporate bond, versus Treasury yields) that a recession is forthcoming





From 12.31.19 to 03.31.23. Spread is measured as difference between yields on corporate and Treasury bonds of similar maturity. SOURCE: SRCM using data from Bloomberg

#### **Macroeconomic Trends**

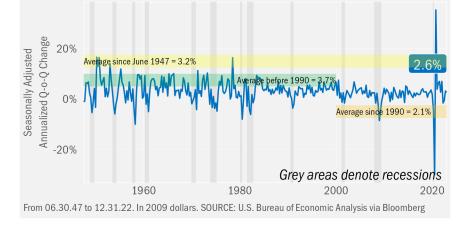


The U.S. dollar remains near the strongest it's been in nearly 20 years **U.S. Dollar Index** 

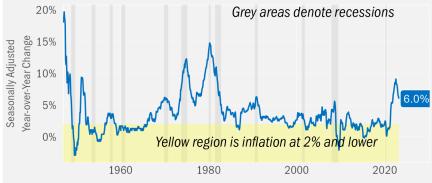


From 03.31.67 to 03.31.23. The U.S. Dollar Index indicates the general int'l value of the USD as an average of the exchange rates between the USD and major world currencies.

## Latest data show an economy still humming despite tighter monetary policy **Real U.S. GDP**



Inflation has begun to see the turnaround once thought quick to come Inflation: U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditure Core Price Index



From 12.31.46 to 02.28.23. Year-over-year change in non-seasonally adjusted Consumer prices (CPI) as measured by prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis via Bloomberg

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Domestic (U.S.) fixed income (Fixed Income Aggregate): The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. Components of the index include Treasury, Corporate, Agency and Securitized bonds. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 1-5 Year Government/Credit Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that includes investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities with maturities between 1 and 5 years.

Global equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large-, mid- and small-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The index is comprehensive, covering approximately 99% of the global equity investment opportunity set. May be referred to as "global", "global equity" and/or "global stocks". "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

International equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI ex USA Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large-, mid- and small-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets countries (excluding the United States) and 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the global equity opportunity set outside the U.S. May be referred to as "World ex. U.S.", "international equity", "international stocks" and/or "All Stocks" in a section specifically describing only international stocks. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

International large-cap equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI ex USA Large Cap Index captures large-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets countries (excluding the United States) and 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 70% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as international large-cap stocks, "World ex. U.S. Large-Cap", and/or "Large" in a section specifically describing only international stocks. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

International mid-cap equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI ex USA Mid Cap Index captures mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (excluding the United States) and 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 15% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as international mid-cap stocks, "World ex. U.S. Mid-Cap", and/or "Mid" in a section specifically describing only international stocks. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

International small-cap equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI ex. USA Small Cap Index captures small-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets countries (excluding the United States) and 23 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 14% of the global equity opportunity set outside the U.S. May be referred to as international small-cap stocks, "World ex. U.S. Small-Cap", and/or "Small" in a section specifically describing only international stocks. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

Developed markets equity (stocks): The MSCI EAFE Investable Market Index (IMI), is an equity index which captures large-, mid- and small-cap representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the United States and Canada. The index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as "Developed Markets". "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

Emerging markets (EM) equity (stocks): The MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market (IMI) Index captures large, mid and small cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as "Emerging Markets". "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

Domestic (U.S.) equity: The MSCI U.S. Investable Market 2500 Index is designed to measure the performance of the large-, mid- and small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market. The index represents approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the U.S. equity market. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below. May be referred to as "All Stocks" in a section specifically describing only U.S. stocks.

Domestic (U.S.) large-cap equity: The MSCI U.S. Large Cap 300 Index is designed to measure the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity market. The index represents approximately 71% of the free floatadjusted market capitalization in the U.S. equity market. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below. May be referred to as "Large" in a section specifically describing only U.S. stocks.

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Domestic (U.S.) mid-cap equity: The MSCI U.S. Mid Cap 450 Index is comprised of the next largest 450 companies in terms of market capitalization of the U.S. equity market and designed to measure the performance of the mid-cap segment. The index represents approximately 16% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the U.S. equity market. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below. May be referred to as "Mid" in a section specifically describing only U.S. stocks.

Domestic (U.S.) small-cap equity: The MSCI U.S. Small Cap 1750 Index is comprised of the remaining smallest 1,750 companies in the U.S. Investable Market 2500 Index of the U.S. equity market and designed to measure the performance of the small-cap segment. The index represents approximately 11.5% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the U.S. equity market. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below. May be referred to as "Small" in a section specifically describing only U.S. stocks.

MSCI Value and Growth Indexes: The value investment style characteristics for MSCI index construction are defined using the following variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield. The growth investment style characteristics are defined using the following variables: long-term forward earnings per share (EPS) growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate, long-term historical EPS growth trend and long-term historical sales per share growth trend. The objective of the MSCI Value and Growth Indexes design is to divide constituents of an underlying market capitalization index into a value index and a growth index, each targeting 50% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the underlying index. The market capitalization of each constituent should be fully represented in the combination of the value index and the growth index, and, at the same time, should not be double-counted. One security may, however, be represented in both the value index and the growth index at a partial weight.

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