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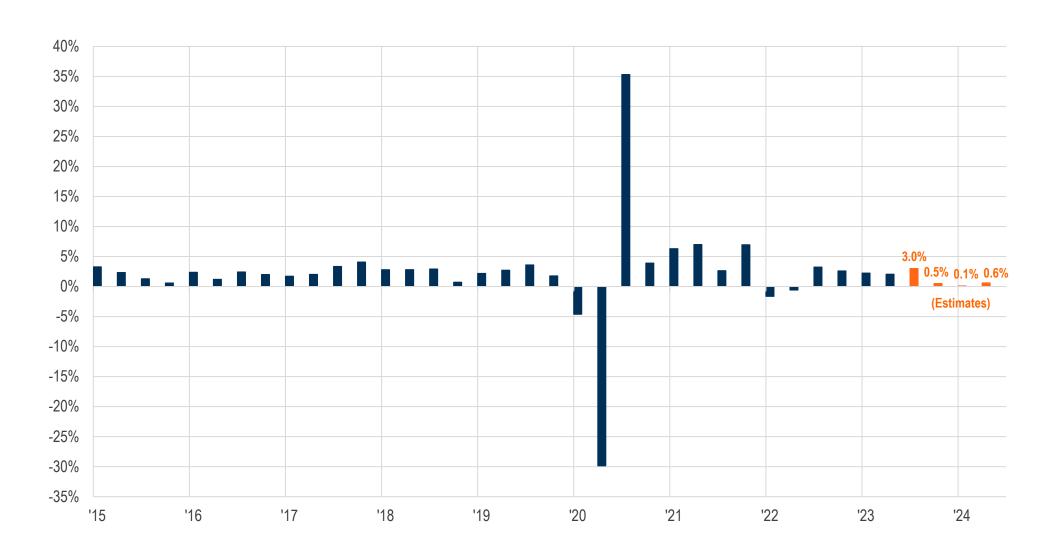
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# U.S. GDP: QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER CHANGE (SAAR)



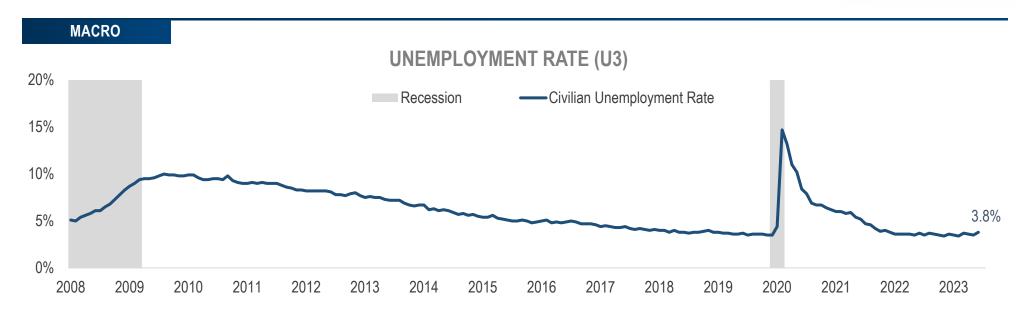
### **MACRO**



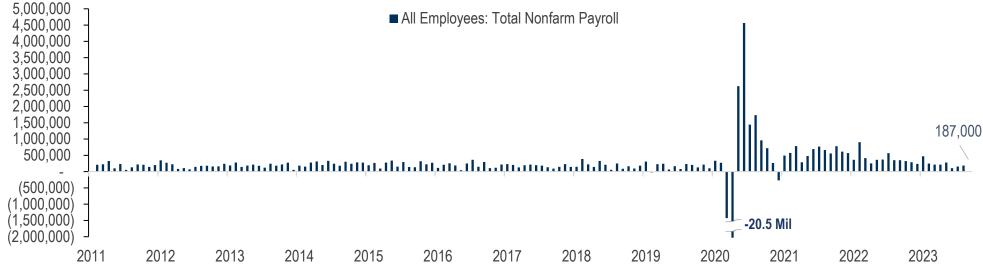
Source: Haver Analytics (historical), Bloomberg (consensus estimates). Q1 2015 to Q2 2023 are actual, Q3 2023 to Q2 2024 are consensus estimates. GDP percent change is on a quarter over quarter seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) basis. There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. Gross domestic product (GDP) is the monetary value of all finished goods and services made within a country during a specific period.

## **U.S. LABOR MARKET**





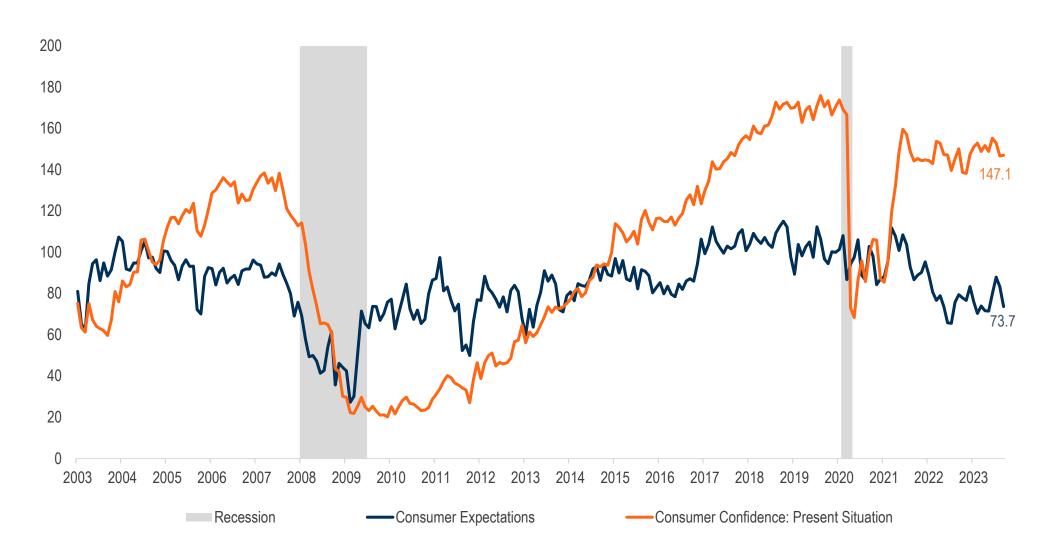
# CHANGE IN TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLLS



Source: Haver Analytics. Unemployment data from March 2008 to August 2023 (latest data available). Unemployment Rate: 16+ years, seasonally adjusted. Payroll data from January 2011 to May 2023 (latest data available). Seasonally adjusted. April 2020 uses a broken axis since it has an extreme value.



### **MACRO**

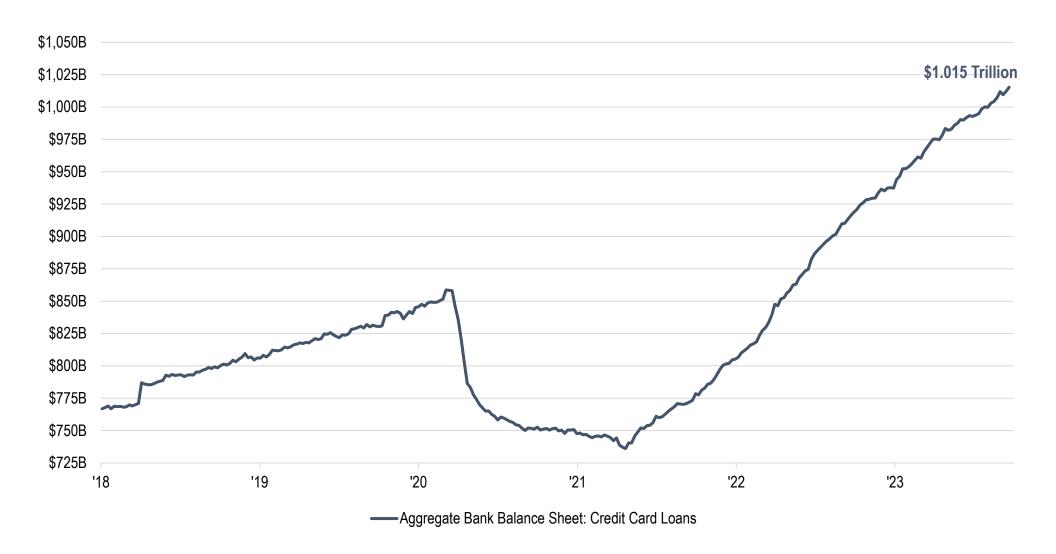


Source: The Conference Board/Haver Analytics. Data from January 2003 to September 2023. The Consumer Confidence Index is a survey, administered by The Conference Board, that measures how optimistic or pessimistic consumers are regarding their expected financial situation. The Consumer Confidence Index started in 1967 and is benchmarked to 1985 = 100.

## **CREDIT CARD BALANCES**



### **MACRO**



Source: Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED). Weekly data from 1/3/2018 to 9/20/2023. Billions of U.S. dollars, seasonally adjusted. Includes consumer loans: credit cards and other revolving plans, all commercial banks.



### **MACRO**

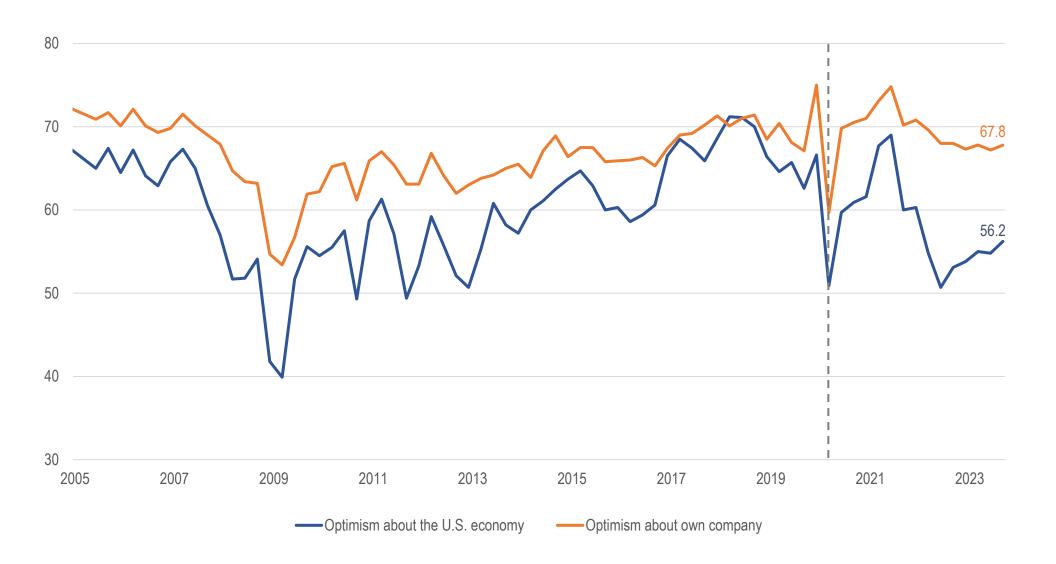


Source: Haver Analytics. Data from January 2015 to September 2023. ISM Manufacturing Index measures manufacturing activity based on a monthly survey, conducted by Institute for Supply Management (ISM), of purchasing managers at more than 300 manufacturing firms. An index reading of more than 50 indicates expansion while a reading of below 50 suggests a contraction of the manufacturing sector.

## THE CFO SURVEY: OPTIMISM INDEXES



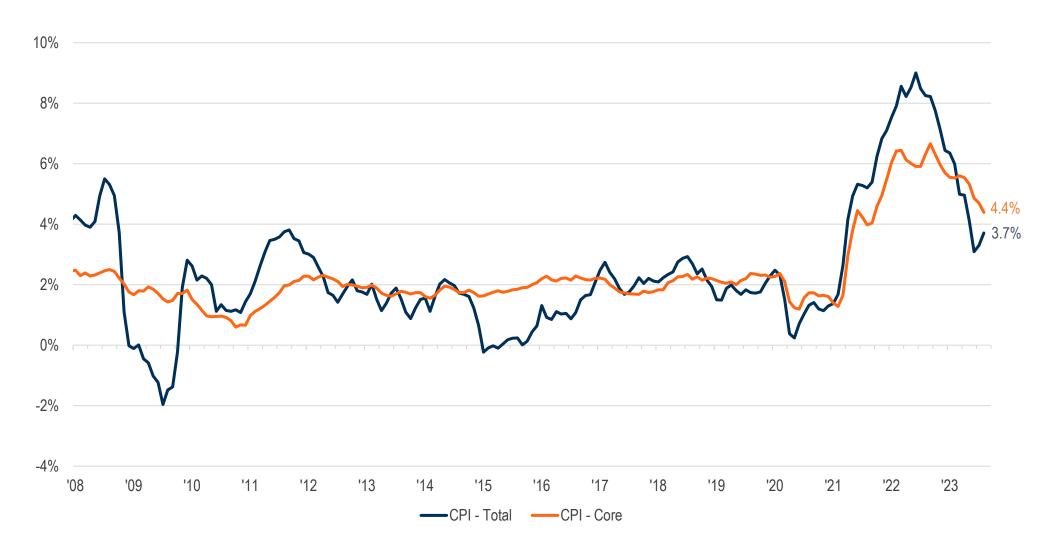
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Source: Duke University, FRB Atlanta and FRB Richmond, The CFO Survey. March 2004 – September 2023.



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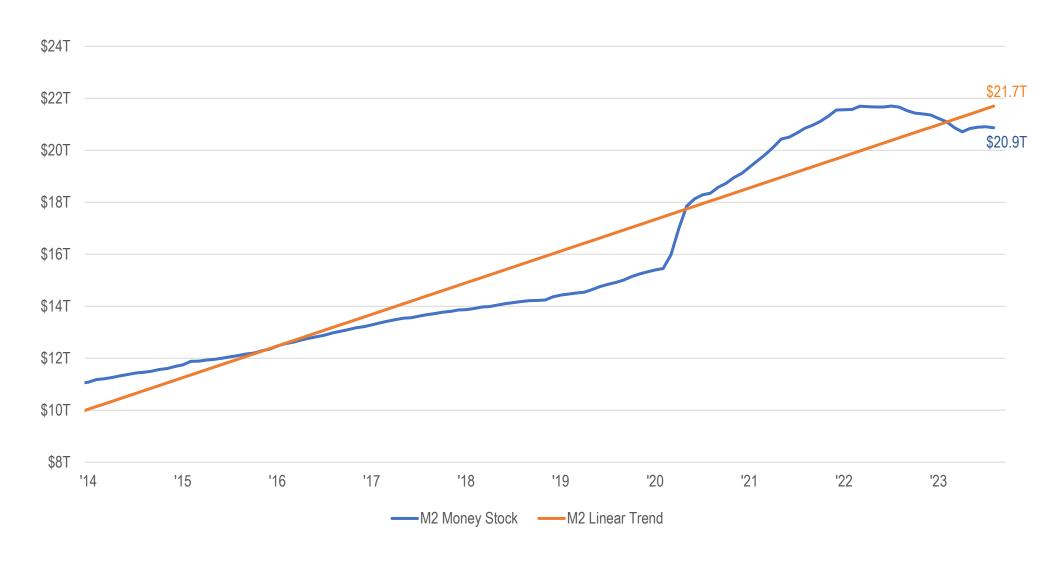


Source: FactSet. Data from January 2007 to August 2023 (latest data available), year-over-year. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Core CPI is CPI minus energy and food prices (categories that tend to be highly volatile).

## **M2 MONEY SUPPLY**



### **MACRO**

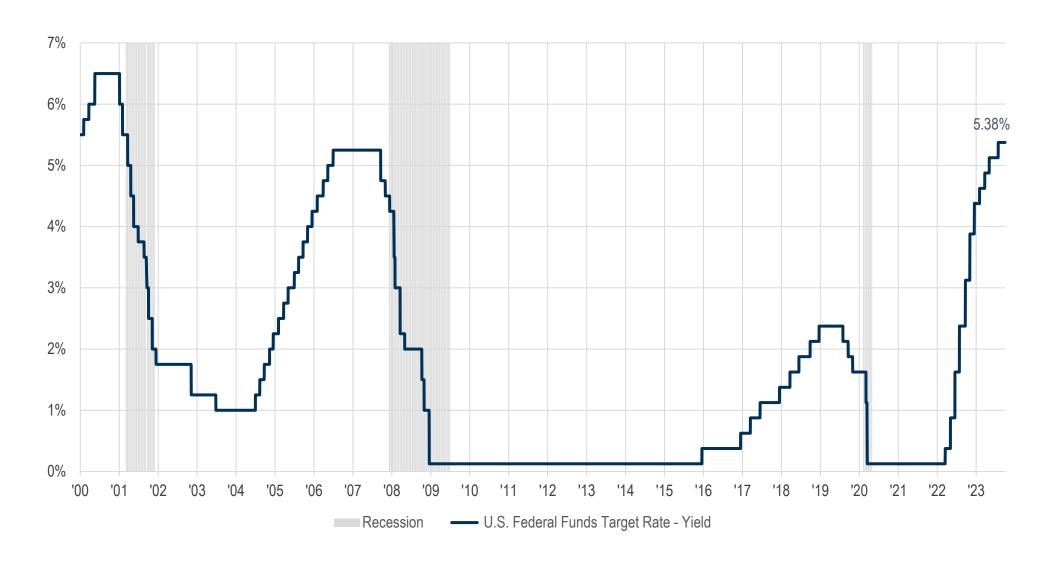


Source: Federal Reserve Board/Haver Analytics, June 2013 – August 2023 (latest data available).

## U.S. FEDERAL FUNDS TARGET RATE



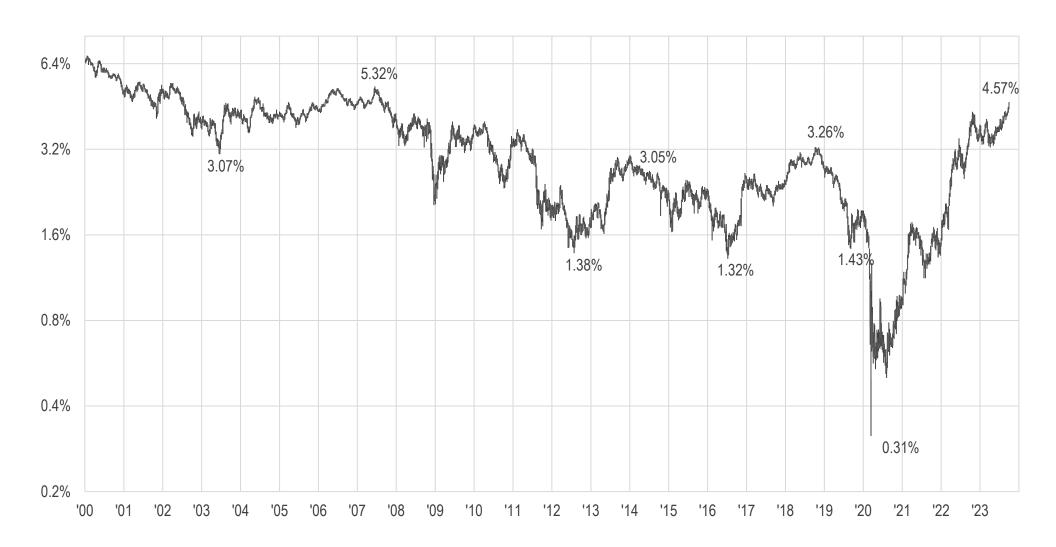
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Source: FactSet. Data from 12/31/1999 to 9/29/2023.



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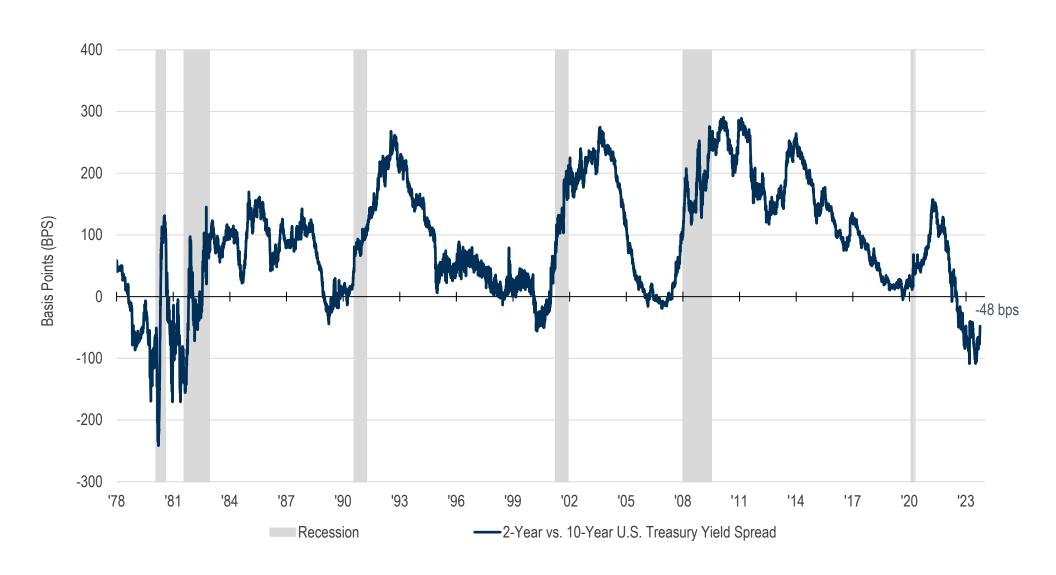
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Source: Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2000 to September 2023.

## 2-YEAR VS. 10-YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD SPREAD



### **MACRO**



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Source: Bloomberg. Data from January 1977 to September 2023.

## **U.S. DOLLAR INDEX**



### **MACRO**

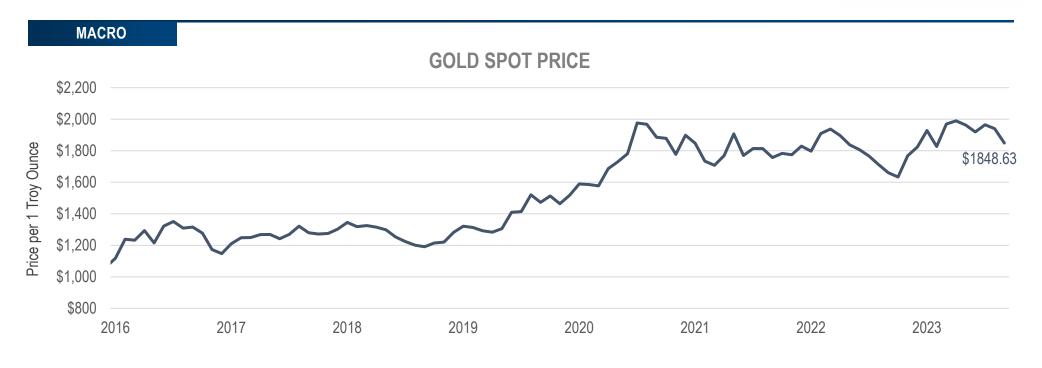


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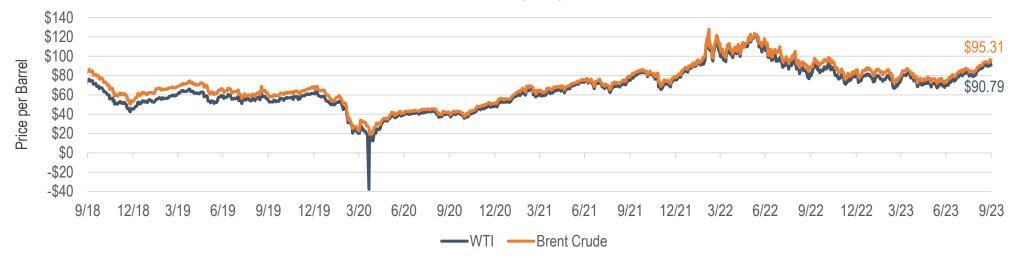
Source: Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2014 to September 2023. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) indicates the general international value of the dollar relative to a basket of major world currencies. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## **COMMODITIES: GOLD AND OIL**





## WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE (WTI) VS. BRENT CRUDE OIL



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Source: Bloomberg. Gold is monthly data from 1/1/2016 to 9/29/2023. Gold spot price is the current market price. WTI and Brent Crude oil is daily data from 9/30/18 to 9/29/2023.



### **MACRO**



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Source: Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2000 to September 2023. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## SIZE AND STYLE INDICES: TOTAL RETURNS



#### **MARKETS**

Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
S&P 500	13.06%	-3.27%	5.18%	21.59%	10.13%	9.90%	11.90%
S&P 500 Growth	18.10%	-2.59%	7.73%	19.81%	6.79%	10.43%	13.45%
S&P 500 Value	7.54%	-4.09%	2.28%	22.14%	13.36%	8.39%	9.62%
S&P Midcap 400	4.24%	-4.20%	0.43%	15.46%	12.01%	6.03%	8.92%
S&P Midcap 400 Growth	6.83%	-3.24%	1.72%	16.15%	7.58%	5.61%	8.88%
S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.53%	-5.23%	-0.95%	14.45%	16.63%	6.01%	8.60%
S&P SmallCap 600	0.76%	-4.94%	-1.74%	9.98%	12.02%	3.15%	8.09%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	2.38%	-4.27%	0.27%	9.50%	8.71%	2.86%	8.49%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-0.85%	-5.60%	-3.77%	10.19%	15.30%	3.17%	7.53%
Russell 1000	13.00%	-3.15%	5.16%	21.17%	9.51%	9.61%	11.62%
Russell 2000	2.51%	-5.14%	-0.21%	8.87%	7.13%	2.36%	6.62%
Russell 3000	12.38%	-3.25%	4.86%	20.43%	9.36%	9.13%	11.27%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	2.73%	-2.10%	1.79%	19.18%	8.62%	7.14%	10.79%
The Nasdaq Composite	27.11%	-3.94%	8.60%	26.13%	6.64%	11.46%	14.59%

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Index Definitions: S&P 500 - An unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. S&P 500 Growth - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P 500 Index. S&P 500 Value - S&P measures value stocks using three factors: the ratios of book value, earnings, and sales to price. Constituents are drawn from the S&P MidCap 400 Index. S&P SmallCap 600 - A capitalization-weighted index that tracks U.S. stocks with a small market capitalization. S&P SmallCap 600 Growth - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P MidCap 400 Index. S&P SmallCap 600 - A capitalization-weighted index that tracks U.S. stocks with a small market capitalization. S&P SmallCap 600 Growth - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P MidCap 400 Index. S&P SmallCap 600 - S&P SmallCap 600 Growth - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. S&P SmallCap 600 - S&P SmallCap 600 Growth - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: the ratios of book value, earnings, and sales to price. Constituents are drawn from the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. S&P SmallCap 600 Index.

## **S&P 500 SECTOR INDEX: TOTAL RETURNS**



**MARKETS** 

Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
S&P 500 Communication Services	40.43%	3.07%	16.54%	38.48%	5.31%	7.88%	7.27%
S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary	26.58%	-4.80%	9.07%	13.69%	2.33%	7.17%	11.52%
S&P 500 Consumer Staples	-4.76%	-5.97%	-5.54%	7.35%	6.09%	8.51%	8.85%
S&P 500 Energy	5.99%	12.22%	11.22%	30.09%	51.23%	8.88%	5.03%
S&P 500 Financials	-1.65%	-1.13%	4.15%	11.68%	13.48%	5.99%	9.64%
S&P 500 Health Care	-4.09%	-2.65%	0.22%	8.18%	8.61%	8.21%	11.74%
S&P 500 Industrials	4.50%	-5.16%	0.99%	24.54%	11.41%	7.26%	10.03%
S&P 500 Information Technology	34.72%	-5.64%	10.59%	41.10%	13.31%	18.39%	20.37%
S&P 500 Materials	2.61%	-4.76%	-1.61%	18.05%	9.46%	8.61%	8.70%
S&P 500 Real Estate	-5.51%	-8.90%	-7.25%	-1.90%	2.26%	4.34%	5.97%
S&P 500 Utilities	-14.41%	-9.25%	-11.54%	-7.02%	2.92%	5.66%	8.32%

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As of 9/28/18, GICS was reconstituted, and the Telecommunications Services sector was renamed Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

## **FOREIGN INDICES: TOTAL RETURNS**



**MARKETS** 

Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
MSCI All-Country World Ex-USA	5.34%	-3.77%	-1.43%	20.39%	3.74%	2.58%	3.35%
MSCI World Ex-USA	6.73%	-4.10%	-1.20%	24.00%	6.07%	3.44%	3.84%
MSCI Europe	5.66%	-5.33%	-3.91%	25.80%	4.85%	1.60%	1.39%
MSCI EAFE	7.63%	-4.04%	-0.97%	26.37%	6.37%	3.84%	4.42%
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.07%	-2.85%	-1.87%	12.06%	-1.40%	0.89%	2.44%

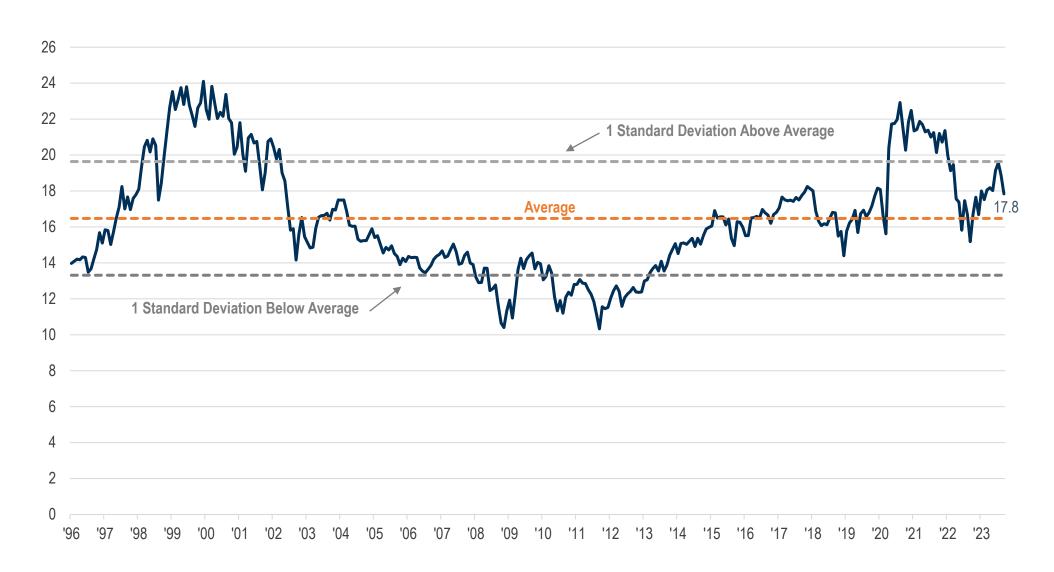
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## S&P 500 INDEX: PRICE-TO-NEXT TWELVE MONTHS EST. EPS



### **MARKETS**



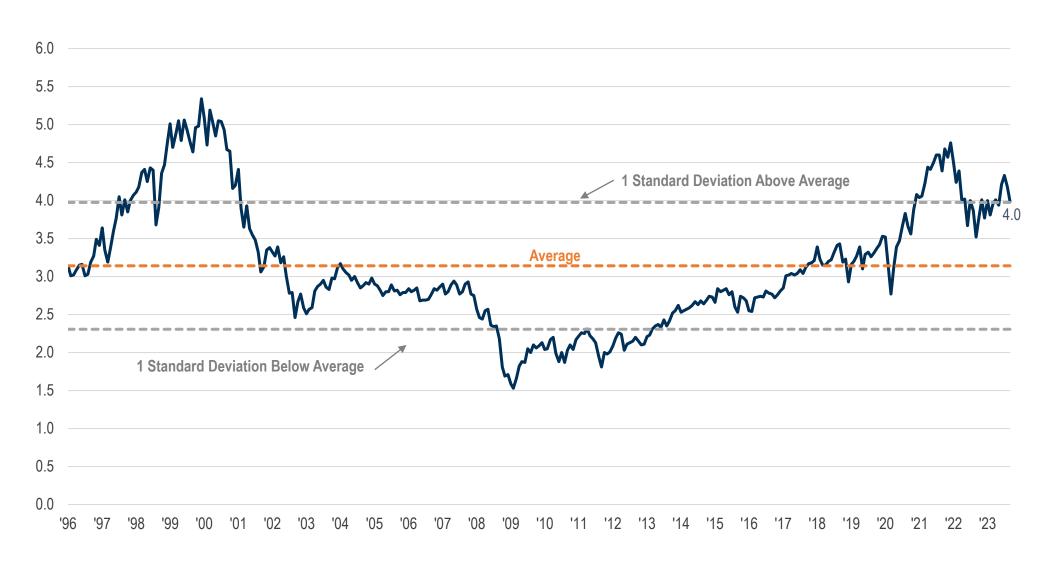
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Source: FactSet. Data from 1/31/1996 to 9/29/2023. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. Price-to-Next Twelve Months earnings is price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share over the next twelve months. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## **S&P 500 INDEX: PRICE-TO-BOOK VALUE**



### **MARKETS**



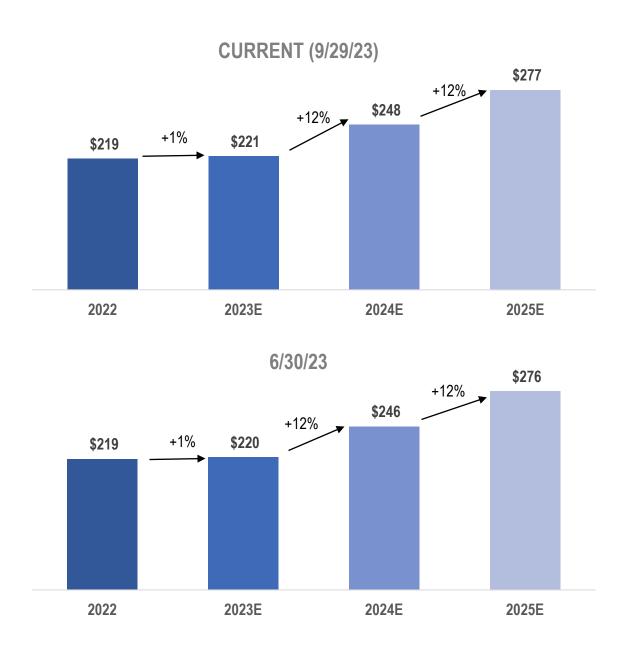
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Source: FactSet. Data from 1/31/1996 to 9/29/2023. Price-to-book ratio is the share price divided by book value of equity per share. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk).

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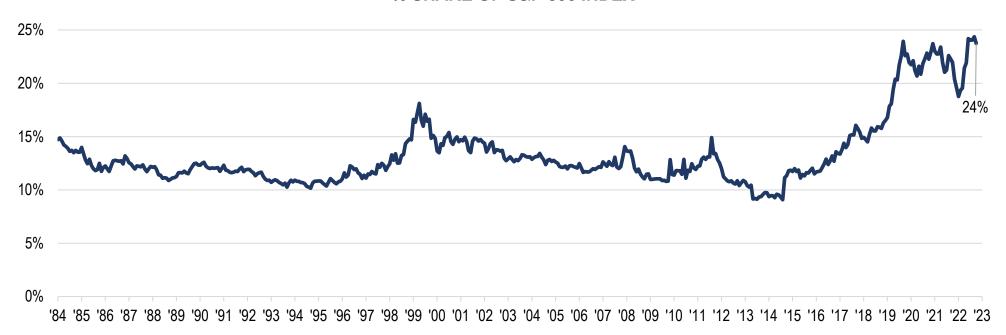


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#### **MARKETS**





### TOP 5 MEMBER FIRMS BY WEIGHT IN THE INDEX

Ticker	Company Name	Weight in S&P 500 Index (9/29/23)
AAPL	Apple Inc.	7.00%
MSFT	Microsoft Corp.	6.53%
GOOG/GOOGL	Alphabet, Inc.	4.01%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	3.21%
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	2.99%

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet. Data from 1/31/1985 to 9/29/2023. References to specific companies or securities should not be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell any such security, nor should they be assumed profitable. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## S&P 500 SECTOR INDEX VALUATION AND EST. EPS GROWTH



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	PRIC	CE TO NTM	EPS	EST	EPS GRO	WTH	PR	ICE-TO-BO	ОК	EST. RET	URN ON JITY
S&P 500 Sector Index	9/29/23	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2023	2024	2025	9/29/23	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2023	2024
Communication Services	16.3	14.5	113%	21%	18%	13%	3.5	3.2	110%	18.1%	18.8%
Consumer Discretionary	23.5	20.6	114%	33%	14%	17%	8.9	6.5	137%	31.8%	29.7%
Consumer Staples	18.4	19.6	94%	3%	8%	8%	5.7	5.5	104%	28.0%	27.8%
Energy	11.7	16.8	70%	-27%	3%	3%	2.4	1.9	129%	19.2%	18.7%
Financials	13.1	13.1	100%	-2%	8%	12%	1.7	1.3	127%	12.2%	12.2%
Health Care	16.8	16.2	103%	-14%	13%	11%	4.5	4.2	108%	23.5%	24.0%
Industrials	17.3	16.6	104%	12%	14%	12%	5.0	4.7	107%	25.5%	26.0%
Information Technology	24.3	18.5	131%	3%	17%	14%	9.8	6.3	156%	33.8%	33.7%
Materials	16.9	16.1	105%	-21%	7%	9%	2.7	3.0	90%	14.9%	15.3%
Real Estate	15.2	18.2	83%	-3%	6%	7%	2.7	3.3	82%	16.4%	18.0%
Utilities	15.0	17.5	86%	6%	8%	7%	1.8	2.0	89%	10.8%	11.0%

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Price-to-Book ratio - Share price divided by book value of equity per share. Est. Return on Equity (ROE) - Estimated return on common equity utilizing FactSet consensus estimated earnings per share in calendar year divided by equity per share. Est. EPS Growth - Expected year-over-year growth in FactSet consensus forecasted Earnings Per Share. Price to NTM EPS - Price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share over the next twelve months.

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION



**MARKETS** 

### RETURNS OF THE S&P 500 SECTOR INDICES

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
43.9%	48.0%	78.1%	78.7%	57.2%	3.4%	-4.2%	47.2%	31.5%	31.4%	36.8%	35.3%	-15.4%	61.7%	27.7%	19.9%	28.7%	43.1%	29.0%	10.1%	27.4%	38.8%	6.5%	50.3%	43.9%	54.4%	65.4%
35.0%	43.7%	52.4%	25.3%	37.1%	2.8%	-5.5%	38.2%	24.3%	16.8%	24.2%	22.4%	-22.8%	48.6%	26.7%	14.0%	23.9%	41.5%	25.3%	6.9%	23.5%	23.8%	4.1%	32.7%	33.3%	46.1%	1.6%
25.9%	41.2%	43.9%	25.2%	25.7%	-5.7%	-11.2%	37.4%	19.8%	6.5%	21.0%	19.4%	-29.0%	41.3%	22.2%	12.7%	18.3%	40.6%	20.1%	6.6%	22.7%	23.0%	0.8%	32.1%	23.6%	34.9%	-0.6%
25.8%	34.3%	41.1%	21.5%	16.9%	-6.4%	-14.6%	32.2%	18.0%	6.5%	19.2%	16.3%	-30.5%	20.9%	20.4%	6.3%	17.9%	35.6%	16.0%	5.9%	18.8%	22.1%	-0.3%	29.3%	20.7%	34.5%	-2.0%
25.1%	32.9%	15.8%	19.1%	15.7%	-8.9%	-18.8%	31.0%	13.2%	4.4%	18.6%	14.2%	-33.5%	19.7%	19.0%	6.1%	15.3%	28.4%	15.2%	3.4%	16.7%	22.1%	-2.2%	29.0%	13.4%	27.3%	-5.5%
21.0%	28.6%	14.8%	18.7%	5.9%	-10.5%	-23.8%	26.2%	13.2%	3.6%	18.2%	12.0%	-34.9%	17.2%	14.1%	4.7%	15.0%	26.1%	9.8%	-1.6%	16.3%	21.0%	-8.4%	27.9%	11.1%	26.1%	-10.6%
15.8%	27.0%	11.4%	4.1%	-15.7%	-12.0%	-26.4%	25.6%	10.9%	2.3%	14.4%	11.9%	-39.9%	14.9%	12.1%	2.4%	14.8%	25.6%	9.7%	-2.6%	13.8%	13.5%	-12.5%	27.6%	10.7%	24.4%	-12.3%
12.4%	25.2%	10.8%	-9.2%	-20.0%	-12.2%	-30.0%	15.1%	8.2%	1.0%	13.2%	7.1%	-43.1%	13.8%	10.2%	-0.6%	10.8%	25.0%	6.9%	-4.8%	6.0%	12.1%	-13.0%	26.3%	0.5%	21.6%	-26.2%
5.7%	24.7%	0.6%	-10.7%	-38.8%	-25.9%	-34.1%	11.6%	2.5%	-5.6%	8.4%	-13.2%	-45.7%	11.9%	5.5%	-9.8%	4.6%	13.2%	3.0%	-8.4%	5.4%	10.9%	-13.3%	24.6%	-1.8%	21.1%	-28.2%
1.1%	8.4%	-6.2%	-15.1%	-40.9%	-30.4%	-37.4%	6.8%	1.7%	-6.4%	7.5%	-18.6%	-55.3%	8.9%	2.9%	-17.1%	1.3%	11.5%	-7.8%	-21.1%	-2.7%	-1.0%	-14.7%	20.8%	-2.2%	18.6%	-37.0%
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In addition to the risks of investing in common stocks which includes the possible loss of principal, investing in individual sectors is subject to non-diversification risk, which generally will result in greater price fluctuations than the overall market.

Prior to 2017, Real Estate was included in the Financials sector. As of 9/28/18, the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was reconstituted, and the Telecommunications Services sector was renamed Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF STYLE DIVERSIFICATION



**MARKETS** 

### ANNUAL RETURNS OF KEY EQUITY ASSET CLASSES

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
REITs 35.75%	Large-Cap Growth 36.53%	Large-Cap Growth 42.16%	Mid-Cap Growth 47.67%	REITs 25.89%	REITs 15.50%	REITs 5.22%	Small-Cap Growth 48.54%	REITs 30.41%	Mid-Cap Growth 16.67%	REITs 34.35%	Mid-Cap Growth 11.24%	Small-Cap Value -28.92%	Mid-Cap Growth 55.55%	Small-Cap Growth 29.09%	REITs 7.28%	REITs 20.14%	Small-Cap Growth 43.30%	REITs 27.15%	Large-Cap Growth 5.52%	Small-Cap Value 31.74%	Large-Cap Growth 27.44%	Large-Cap Growth -0.01%	Large-Cap Value 31.93%	Small-Cap Growth 34.63%	REITs 39.88%	Large-Cap Value -5.22%
Large-Cap Growth 23.97%	Small-Cap Value 31.78%	Foreign 20.00%	Small-Cap Growth 43.09%	Mid-Cap Value 23.74%	Small-Cap Value 14.02%	Mid-Cap Value -9.46%	Small-Cap Value 46.03%	Small-Cap Value 22.25%	Foreign 13.54%	Foreign 26.34%	Foreign 11.17%	Mid-Cap Value -34.80%	Small-Cap Growth 34.47%	Mid-Cap Growth 28.21%	Large-Cap Growth 4.65%	Mid-Cap Value 18.57%	Mid-Cap Growth 39.63%	Large-Cap Growth 14.89%	REITs 2.29%	Mid-Cap Value 20.27%	Foreign 25.03%	REITs -4.10%	Large-Cap Growth 31.13%	Large-Cap Growth 33.47%	Large-Cap Growth 32.01%	Mid-Cap Value -12.83%
Mid-Cap Value 23.42%	Mid-Cap Value 31.11%	Large-Cap Value 14.67%	Large-Cap Growth 28.25%	Small-Cap Value 22.83%	Mid-Cap Value 6.23%	Small-Cap Value -11.43%	Mid-Cap Growth 43.40%	Foreign 20.25%	REITs 8.29%	Small-Cap Value 23.48%	Large-Cap Growth 9.13%	Large-Cap Growth -34.92%	Mid-Cap Value 32.04%	REITs 27.58%	Large-Cap Value -0.48%	Small-Cap Value 18.05%	Small-Cap Value 34.52%	Mid-Cap Value 13.30%	Mid-Cap Growth 0.38%	Large-Cap Value 17.40%	Mid-Cap Growth 23.75%	Small-Cap Growth -6.45%	Mid-Cap Growth 28.78%	Mid-Cap Growth 31.68%	Value	Foreign -14.45%
Large-Cap Value 21.99%	Large-Cap Value 29.98%		Foreign 26.96%	Large-Cap Value 6.08%	Small-Cap Growth -9.23%	Foreign -15.94%	Foreign 38.59%	Mid-Cap Growth 18.94%	Large-Cap Value 5.82%	Large-Cap Value 20.80%	Small-Cap Growth 7.05%	REITs -37.34%	Foreign 31.78%	Small-Cap Value 24.50%	Mid-Cap Growth -0.55%	Large-Cap Value 17.68%	Mid-Cap Value 33.32%	Large-Cap Value 12.36%	Mid-Cap Value -0.71%	Small-Cap Growth 11.32%	Small-Cap Growth 18.49%	Mid-Cap Growth -7.98%	Small-Cap Growth 28.42%	Foreign 7.82%	Large-Cap Value 24.90%	Small-Cap Value -14.48%
Small-Cap Value 21.37%	Mid-Cap Growth 22.46%	Mid-Cap Value 3.47%	Large-Cap Value 12.72%	Foreign -14.17%	Large-Cap Value -11.71%	Large-Cap Value -20.85%	REITs 38.47%	Mid-Cap Value 17.88%	Mid-Cap Value 5.46%	Mid-Cap Value 15.71%	Large-Cap Value 1.99%	Small-Cap Growth -38.54%	Large-Cap Growth 31.57%	Mid-Cap Value 21.88%	Mid-Cap Value -0.98%	Foreign 17.32%	Large-Cap Growth 32.75%	Mid-Cap Growth 7.72%	Foreign -0.81%	Mid-Cap Growth 10.06%	Large-Cap Value 15.36%	Large-Cap Value -8.95%	REITs 28.07%	Small-Cap Value 4.63%	Mid-Cap Value 24.73%	REITs -25.10%
Mid-Cap Growth 17.81%	REITs 18.86%	Small-Cap Growth 1.23%	Mid-Cap Value 7.24%	Large-Cap Growth -22.08%	Large-Cap Growth -12.73%	Large-Cap Growth -23.59%	Mid-Cap Value 34.93%	Large-Cap Value 15.71%	Small-Cap Value 4.71%	Small-Cap Growth 13.35%	Mid-Cap Value -1.29%	Large-Cap Value -39.22%	REITs 27.45%	Large-Cap Value 15.10%	Small-Cap Growth -2.91%	Mid-Cap Growth 16.68%	Large-Cap Value 31.99%	Small-Cap Growth 5.60%	Small-Cap Growth -1.38%	REITs 9.28%	Mid-Cap Value 14.10%	Mid-Cap Value -9.61%	Mid-Cap Value 27.53%	Large-Cap Value 1.36%	Foreign 11.26%	Mid-Cap Growth -25.36%
Small-Cap Growth 11.26%	Small-Cap Growth 12.95%	Small-Cap Value -6.45%	Small-Cap Value -1.49%	Small-Cap Growth -22.43%	Mid-Cap Growth -13.28%	Mid-Cap Growth -24.53%	Large-Cap Value 31.79%	Small-Cap Growth 14.31%	Small-Cap Growth 4.15%	Mid-Cap Growth 11.57%	Small-Cap Value -9.78%	Mid-Cap Growth -41.64%	Large-Cap Value 21.18%	Large-Cap Growth 15.05%	Small-Cap Value -5.50%	Large-Cap Growth 14.61%	Foreign 22.78%	Small-Cap Value 4.22%	Large-Cap Value -3.13%	Large-Cap Growth 6.89%	REITs 9.27%	Small-Cap Value -12.86%	Small-Cap Value 22.39%	Mid-Cap Value -3.07%	Growth	Small-Cap Growth -26.36%
Foreign 6.05%	Foreign 1.78%	REITs -18.82%	REITs -6.48%	Mid-Cap Growth -24.31%	Foreign -21.44%	Small-Cap Growth -30.26%	Large-Cap Growth 25.66%	Large-Cap Growth 6.13%	Large-Cap Growth 4.00%	Large-Cap Growth 11.01%	REITs -17.83%	Foreign -43.38%	Small-Cap Value 20.58%	Foreign 7.75%	Foreign -12.14%	Small-Cap Growth 14.59%	REITs 3.21%	Foreign -4.90%	Small-Cap Value -7.47%	Foreign 1.00%	Small-Cap Value 7.84%	Foreign -13.79%	Foreign 22.01%	REITs -5.86%	Small-Cap Growth 2.83%	Large-Cap Growth -29.41%

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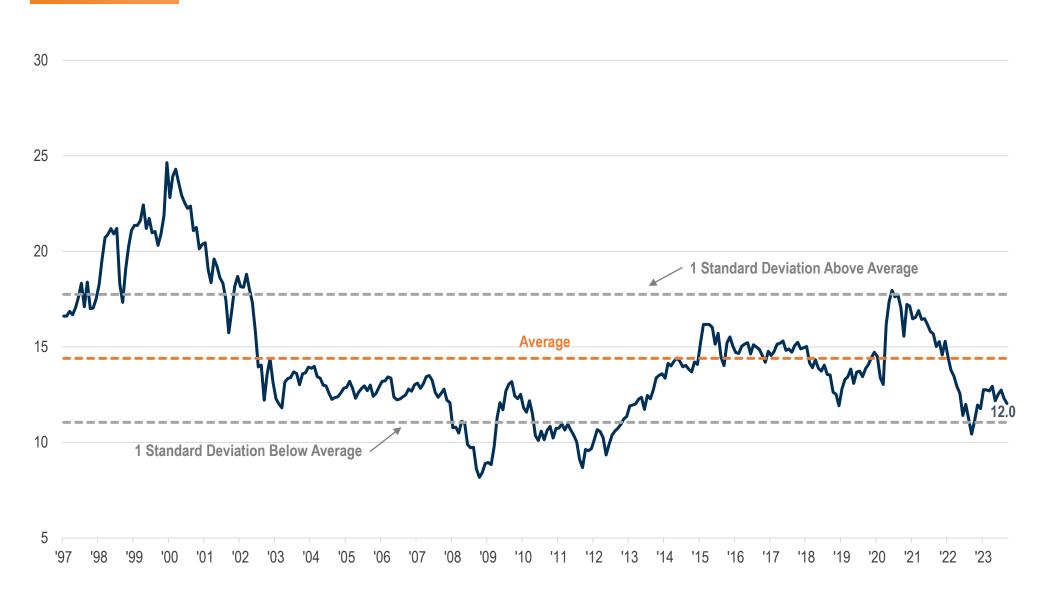
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The S&P 500 Growth and S&P 500 Value Indices were used to measure the performance of large-capitalization companies. The Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index and Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Value Total Stock Market Index were used to measure the performance of mid-capitalization companies. The Russell 2000 Growth and Russell 2000 Value Indices were used to measure the performance of small-capitalization companies. The MSCI EAFE Index was used to measure the performance of foreign stocks. The NAREIT Composite Index was used to measure the performance of REITs. Small company stocks are more volatile than large company stocks and can be subject to significant price fluctuations. Foreign stocks are subject to additional risks including currency fluctuations, political risks, withholding, the lack of adequate financial information, and exchange control restrictions impacting foreign issuers.

## MSCI EUROPE INDEX: PRICE-TO-NEXT TWELVE MONTHS EST. EPS



#### **MARKETS**

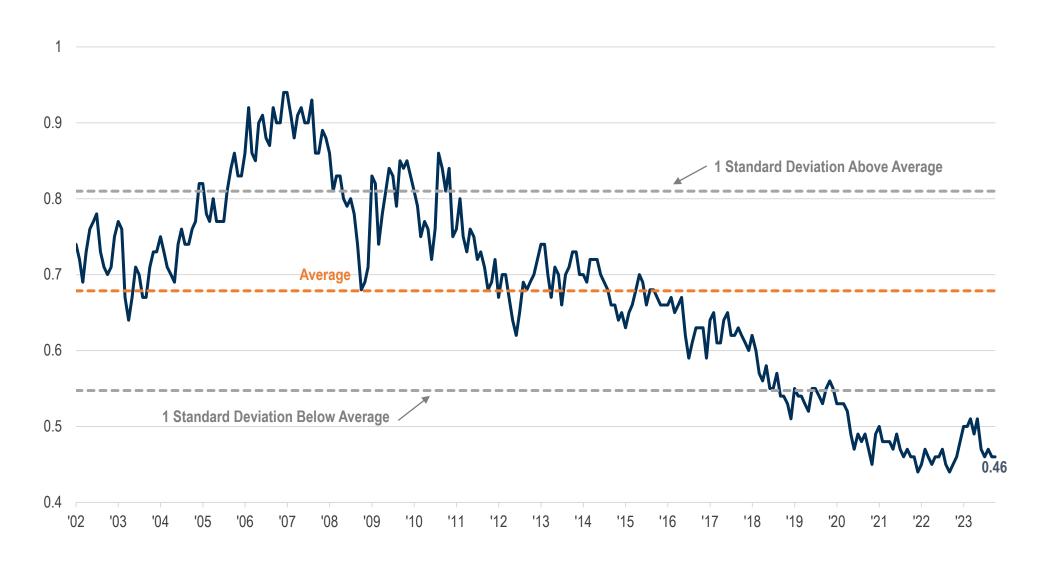


Source: FactSet. Data from 1/31/1997 to 9/29/2023. Price-to-Next Twelve Months earnings is price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share (EPS) over the next twelve months. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. The MSCI Europe Index captures large and mid cap representation across 15 Developed Markets countries in Europe. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## MSCI EUROPE INDEX: PRICE-TO-BOOK RELATIVE TO THE S&P 500 INDEX



### **MARKETS**



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Source: FactSet. Data from 12/31/2001 to 9/29/2023. Price-to-book (P/B) ratio is the share price divided by book value of equity per share. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The MSCI Europe Index captures large and mid cap representation across 15 Developed Markets countries in Europe. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

## INTERNATIONAL VALUATION AND EST. EPS GROWTH



**MARKETS** 

	PRIC	CE TO NTM	EPS		EST. EPS GROWTH		PR	RICE TO BO	ОК		TURN ON JITY
Index	9/29/23	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2023	2024	2025	9/29/23	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2023	2024
MSCI Europe	12.0	14.4	84%	1%	6%	8%	1.8	1.8	100%	14.3%	14.2%
MSCI Germany	10.3	12.9	80%	-1%	9%	11%	1.4	1.7	82%	11.8%	12.0%
MSCI Switzerland	16.1	16.9	95%	18%	11%	11%	3.6	2.8	131%	18.7%	19.5%
MSCI United Kingdom	10.4	13.3	78%	-8%	4%	6%	1.7	1.8	97%	15.2%	14.7%
MSCI Japan	14.4	14.0	103%	0%	7%	8%	1.4	1.4	105%	9.1%	9.2%
MSCI Pacific ex Japan	13.8	15.2	91%	-1%	5%	5%	1.5	1.6	94%	10.7%	10.7%
MSCI Canada	12.6	14.6	86%	-9%	11%	-1%	1.7	1.8	96%	13.3%	13.7%
MSCI Emerging Markets (EM)	11.8	12.0	98%	-12%	19%	15%	1.6	1.7	97%	11.4%	12.4%
MSCI China	10.0	11.4	88%	2%	16%	14%	1.4	1.7	84%	11.1%	11.7%
MSCI EM Latin America	8.5	12.7	67%	-20%	4%	7%	1.5	1.7	85%	17.0%	16.4%
MSCI Brazil	7.7	11.3	68%	-27%	4%	7%	1.5	1.7	91%	18.0%	17.2%
MSCI India	20.6	18.4	112%	24%	17%	13%	3.8	3.3	116%	15.0%	15.6%

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The above International MSCI Indices are designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of each region/country. **Price-to-Book ratio** - Share price divided by book value of equity per share. **Est. Return on Equity (ROE)** - Estimated return on common equity utilizing FactSet consensus estimated earnings per share in calendar year divided by equity per share. **Est. EPS Growth** - Expected year-over-year growth in FactSet consensus forecasted Earnings Per Share. **Price to NTM EPS** - Price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share over the next twelve months.

## FACTOR RETURNS VS. S&P 500 EQUAL WEIGHT INDEX



### **FACTORS**

Value: Lowest price-to-book

Quality: Highest return-on-equity

Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability

Momentum: Highest 12-month price change Size: Lowest market capitalization Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield

	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	12 Month
Тор	Momentum 10.97%	Quality 7.54%	Low Volatility -3.31%	Value 10.82%	Size -1.50%	Quality -0.22%	Low Volatility 1.16%	Size -1.63%	Momentum 10.58%	Value 6.73%	Quality -1.81%	Low Volatility -4.01%	Quality 22.90%
2	Quality 10.54%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 6.70%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -4.71%	Size 9.78%	Momentum -1.67%	Low Volatility -0.54%	Dividend Yield 0.55%	Momentum -1.82%	Quality 9.81%	Dividend Yield 5.68%	Low Volatility -2.27%	Quality -4.51%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 13.64%
3	Value 9.99%	Dividend Yield 6.28%	Dividend Yield -4.84%	Quality 8.33%	Quality -2.33%	Momentum -0.57%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 0.34%	Quality -2.98%	Size 9.59%	Size 4.99%	Momentum -2.97%	Dividend Yield -4.52%	Size 12.93%
4	Dividend Yield 9.93%	Value 6.20%	Momentum -5.09%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 7.39%	Low Volatility -2.79%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -0.88%	Quality 0.04%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -3.79%	Value 8.29%	Quality 3.90%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -3.16%	Value -4.63%	Momentum 10.30%
5	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 9.80%	Low Volatility 5.72%	Quality -5.68%	Dividend Yield 7.31%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -3.30%	Size -3.26%	Momentum -0.24%	Low Volatility -4.44%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 7.72%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 3.46%	Dividend Yield -4.03%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -5.08%	Value 9.04%
6	Size 8.80%	Size 4.73%	Size -5.79%	Momentum 2.81%	Value -3.75%	Dividend Yield -3.49%	Value -0.27%	Value -4.97%	Dividend Yield 6.51%	Momentum 2.39%	Size -4.26%	Momentum -5.43%	Dividend Yield 8.09%
Bottom	Low Volatility 8.63%	Momentum 2.37%	Value -5.91%	Low Volatility 2.56%	Dividend Yield -3.95%	Value -6.62%	Size -1.42%	Dividend Yield -5.78%	Low Volatility 5.62%	Low Volatility 1.72%	Value -4.66%	Size -5.85%	Low Volatility 7.28%

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Source: Capital IQ. As of 9/29/2023. Returns are total returns. Universe: largest 1,000 U.S. firms with \$1 million in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. Top 30% of stocks by factor are selected. Stocks are then equally weighted. These examples are for illustrative purposes and do not represent any actual investment.

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## FACTOR RETURNS VS. S&P 500 INDEX



Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability

#### **FACTORS**

Value: Lowest price-to-book Quality: Highest return-on-equity

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4	Dividend Yield 9.93%	Low Volatility 5.72%	Quality -5.68%	Dividend Yield 7.31%	S&P 500 -2.44%	Momentum -0.57%	Quality 0.04%	Quality -2.98%	Value 8.29%	Quality 3.90%	Momentum -2.97%	Value -4.63%	Momentum 10.30%
5	Size 8.80%	S&P 500 5.59%	S&P 500 -5.76%	S&P 500 6.28%	Low Volatility -2.79%	Size -3.26%	Momentum -0.24%	Low Volatility -4.44%	S&P 500 6.61%	S&P 500 3.21%	Dividend Yield -4.03%	S&P 500 -4.77%	Value 9.04%
6	Low Volatility 8.63%	Size 4.73%	Size -5.79%	Momentum 2.81%	Value -3.75%	Dividend Yield -3.49%	Value -0.27%	Value -4.97%	Dividend Yield 6.51%	Momentum 2.39%	Size -4.26%	Momentum -5.43%	Dividend Yield 8.09%
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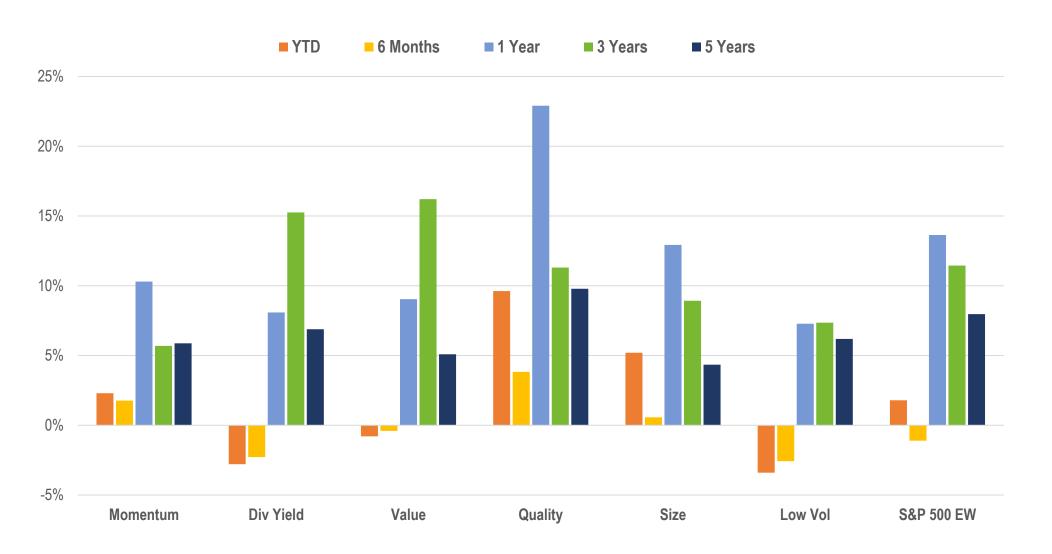
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### **FACTOR RETURNS**



### **FACTORS**



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Source: Capital IQ. As of 9/29/2023. Universe: largest 1,000 U.S. firms with \$1 million in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. 3 Year and 5 Year returns are annualized.

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## **FACTORS AND ECONOMIC CYCLES**



### **FACTORS**



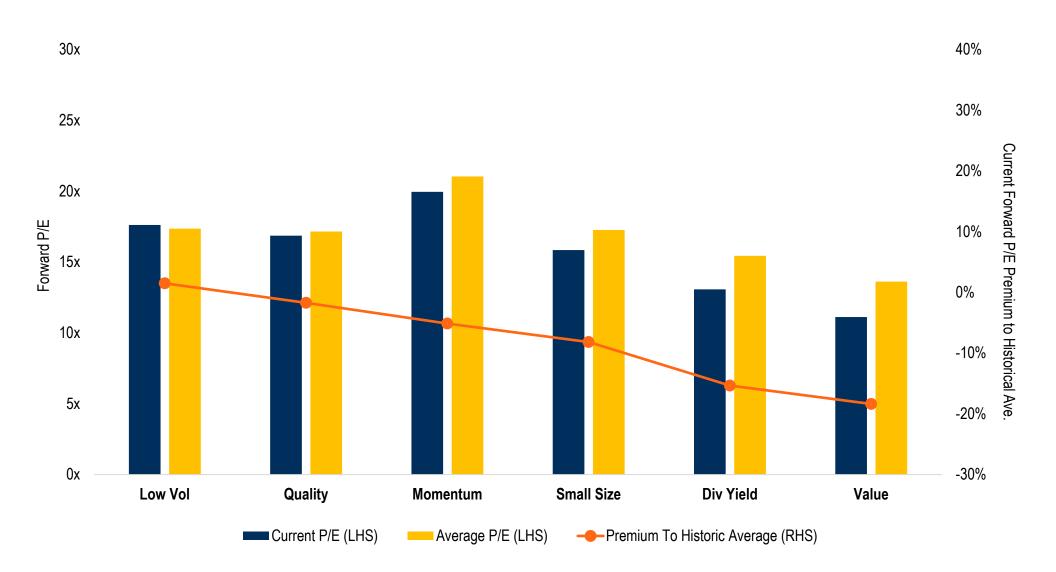
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## **FACTOR VALUATIONS: FORWARD PRICE-TO-EARNINGS RATIO**



### **FACTORS**

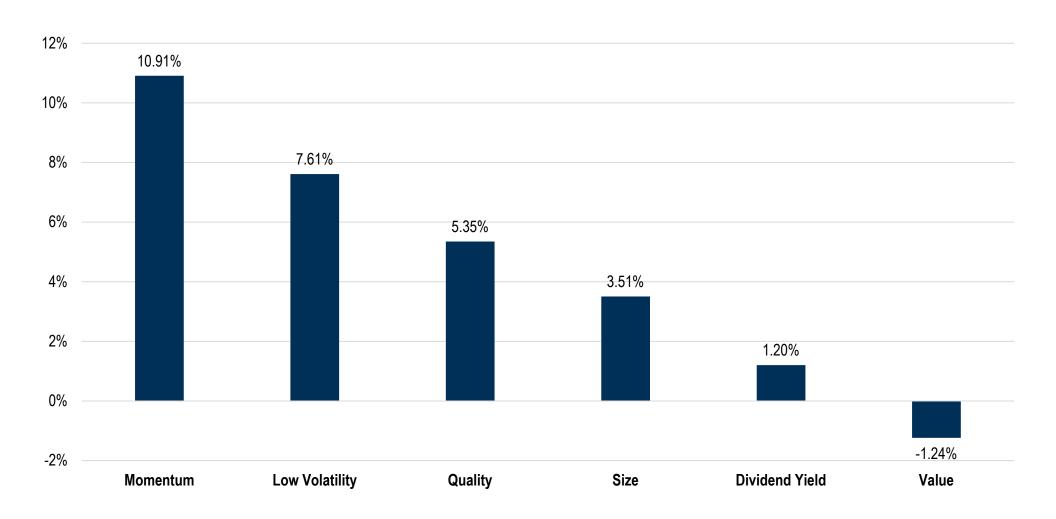


Source: Bloomberg & Capital IQ. Monthly data is calculated from 12/31/1999 to 9/29/2023. For illustrative purposes and does not represent any actual investment. The median monthly forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is used for each factor. Each factor is comprised of the top 30% of stocks from a universe of the largest 1,000 U.S. stocks with at least \$1 million dollars in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. Value: Lowest price-to-book. Momentum: Highest 12-month price change. Quality: Highest return-on-equity. Size: Lowest market capitalization. Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability. Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield.

### **FACTOR EPS GROWTH RATES**



### **FACTORS**



Source: Bloomberg & Capital IQ. As of 9/29/2023. Chart shows median next twelve-month EPS growth for each factor group. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. Universe: largest 1,000 U.S. firms with \$1 million in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. Top 30% of stocks by factor are selected. Stocks are then equally weighted.

Earnings per share (EPS) is a company's net profit divided by the number of common shares it has outstanding. Growth rates are based on the next twelve months earnings estimates compared to the trailing twelve months.

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