

MARKET MONITOR

Chart Of The Week: Nothing Lasts Forever



EQUITIES

Innovation paves the way for new technologies, products, and markets, resulting in changes in stock market leadership. While absolute returns typically remain strong for dominant firms, their relative performance tends to diminish over time as other growing companies intensify competition. Today's top firms may continue to lead the market in the near term, but investors seeking diversification and alternative sources of alpha may find opportunity among the competition.

Source: GS GIR and Goldman Sachs Asset Management. As of March 15, 2024.

MARKET SUMMARY

GLOBAL EQUITIES: US equities fell last week as inflation registered above-consensus expectations for the month of February. The S&P 500 ultimately finished the week -0.09% lower amidst a hotter than expected US CPI print which added uncertainty around the pace of potential Fed cuts in 2024. Outside of the US, both the STOXX 600 and FTSE 100 ended last week 0.38% and 0.97% higher, respectively, with the latter climbing on the back of UK economic growth rebounding in January after falling into a technical recession in the second half of 2023.

COMMODITIES: Commodity prices rose last week as the International Energy Agency raised its forward view on oil demand growth, predicting a tighter market in 2024 than they previously expected. Both WTI and Brent crude reached four-month highs on Thursday, eventually ending the week at \$81.04 and \$85.34/bbl, respectively. Meanwhile, gold closed the week slightly lower at \$2183.10 troy/oz as both retail sales and business inventories printed below consensus expectations.

FIXED INCOME: The 2-Year and 10-Year US Treasury yields increased to 4.72% and 4.30%, respectively, as an above-consensus PPI print suggested firmness in input prices for US businesses. Across the pond, the 10-Year German Bund and 10-Year UK Gilt yields also closed higher, ending the week at 2.44% and 4.10%, respectively.

FX: The US dollar strengthened against a basket of currencies as inflationary pressures offset weaker-than-anticipated activity and sentiment data. Ultimately, the US dollar index ended last week 0.69% higher. Outside of the US, the euro and pound sterling weakened against the dollar to \$1.0891 and \$1.2738, respectively.

ECONOMIC SUMMARY

INFLATION: In the US, February core CPI rose 0.36%, 6bp above consensus expectations, while the year-over-year rate fell by less than consensus expectations to 3.8%. The composition of the print was largely disinflationary however, with a steep normalization in the non-housing services inflation component and a reversion to trend for the owners' equivalent rent category. Core PPI also surprised to the upside, printing at 0.3% for the month of February. With more disinflation progress likely in store, GIR continues to expect the FOMC to leave the Fed funds rate unchanged at its March meeting and to deliver its first cut in June.

ACTIVITY: Core retail sales in the US were unchanged in February while headline spending increased 0.6% from the month prior, both below consensus expectations. Both auto and gas station sales increased following declines in January that weighed on the overall headline spending figure.

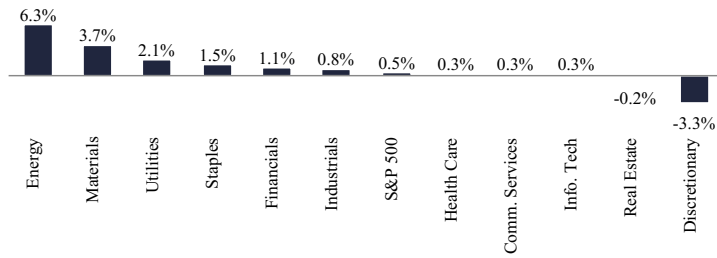
GROWTH: In Japan, the economy averted a technical recession with the revised estimate for 4Q real GDP growth registering at 0.4% quarter-over-quarter annualized, mostly due to a large upward revision to capex spending. Furthermore, the first round of Shunto annual wage negotiation showed base pay was agreed to rise by 3.7%, almost twice as much as the increase negotiated last year. With stronger wage growth, we see an even higher likelihood of the BOJ exiting negative interest rate territory at the March or April meeting.

CONSUMER: The University of Michigan's index of consumer sentiment edged down to 76.5 in the March preliminary report, against consensus expectations for a small increase. Commentary from the University of Michigan revealed that sentiment improvements from personal finances were offset by slight declines in business conditions expectations.

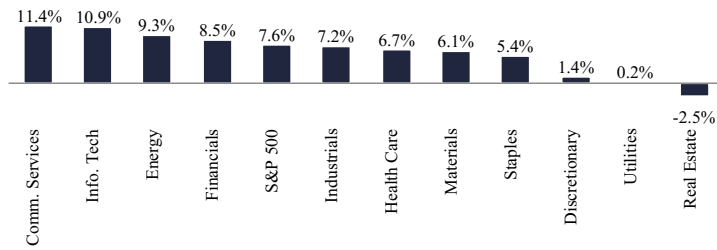
MARKET WATCH

S&P 500 INDEX SECTOR RETURNS

MONTH-TO-DATE, AS OF 03/15/24

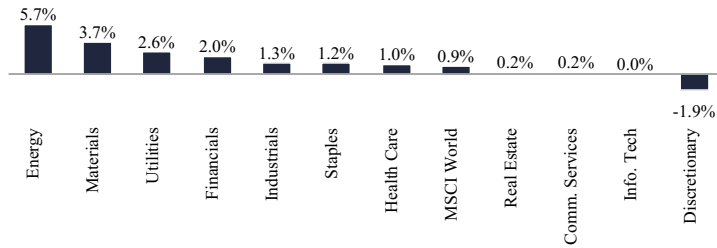


YEAR-TO-DATE, AS OF 03/15/24

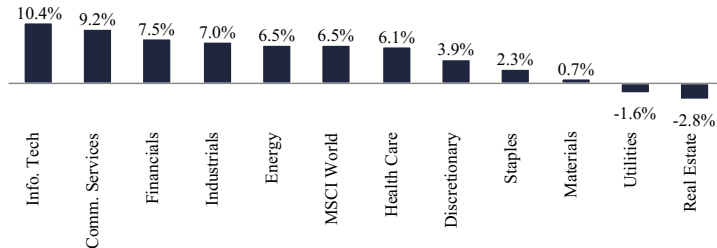


MSCI WORLD INDEX SECTOR RETURNS

MONTH-TO-DATE, AS OF 03/15/24



YEAR-TO-DATE, AS OF 03/15/24



ECONOMIC WATCH

Monday, March 18	Tuesday, March 19	Wednesday, March 20	Thursday, March 21	Friday, March 22	Critical Future Events
Euro Area CPI YoY (Cons: 2.6%, Prior: 2.6%)		FOMC Interest Rate Decision (Cons: 5.50%, Prior: 5.50%) UK CPI YoY (Cons: 3.6%, Prior: 4.0%)	BoE Interest Rate Decision (Cons: 5.25%, Prior: 5.25%) US Manufacturing PMI (Cons: N/A, Prior: 52.2) US Existing Home Sales (Cons: 3.94M, Prior: 4.00M)		ECB Meeting – April 11 BoJ Meeting – Apr 26

Source: MSCI, Bloomberg, and Goldman Sachs Asset Management. For style performance, Large, Mid, and Small for US Equity refer to the Russell 1000, Russell Midcap, and Russell 2000 indices, respectively. Value refers to companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values, and Growth refers to higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. For US Fixed Income, Government, Corporate, and High Yield refer to the Bloomberg Treasury, Bloomberg Corporate Credit, and Bloomberg High Yield indices, respectively. Short, Intermediate, and Long refer to the Short, Intermediate, and Long segments of their respective curves. For European Fixed Income, Government, Corporate, and High Yield refer to the Bloomberg Euro Treasury Index, the Bloomberg Euro Corporate Index, and the Bloomberg Euro High Yield Index, respectively. Quality returns refers to the credit quality of asset classes ranging from Government, highest quality, to High Yield, lowest quality. Since August 24, 2021, the Barclays indices are branded "Bloomberg indices". Please see end disclosures for footnotes. **Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary.**

Style Performance

US EQUITY SIZE & STYLE RETURNS

Month-to-Date (as of 03/15/24)			Year-to-Date			
Value	Core	Growth		Value	Core	Growth
1.44%	0.38%	-0.47%	Large	5.29%	7.28%	8.97%
1.01%	0.57%	-0.45%	Medium	3.94%	4.68%	6.46%
-0.83%	-0.65%	-0.46%	Small	-2.24%	0.89%	4.17%

MSCI WORLD SIZE & STYLE RETURNS

Month-to-Date (as of 03/15/24)			Year-to-Date			
Value	Core	Growth		Value	Core	Growth
1.58%	0.83%	0.20%	Large	4.66%	6.91%	8.94%
1.42%	1.07%	0.55%	Medium	2.57%	3.62%	5.21%
0.91%	0.37%	-0.15%	Small	-0.58%	0.85%	2.26%

US FIXED INCOME MATURITY AND QUALITY RETURNS

Month-to-Date (as of 03/15/24)			Year-to-Date			
Short	Intermed.	Long		Short	Intermed.	Long
-0.07%	-0.12%	-0.77%	Government	-0.52%	-0.97%	-5.17%
0.18%	0.23%	0.32%	Corporate	0.08%	-0.47%	-3.26%
0.43%	0.48%	0.45%	High Yield	1.05%	0.77%	0.85%

EUROPEAN FIXED INCOME MATURITY AND QUALITY RETURNS

Month-to-Date (as of 03/15/24)			Year-to-Date			
Short	Intermed.	Long		Short	Intermed.	Long
0.09%	0.24%	0.53%	Government	-0.40%	-1.41%	-2.26%
0.27%	0.56%	0.46%	Corporate	0.27%	-0.48%	-1.79%
0.68%			High Yield	1.80%		

WEEKLY MARKET RECAP

INDEX RETURNS				
	1 WEEK	MTD	QTD	YTD
EQUITIES				
S&P 500	-0.09%	0.48%	7.63%	7.63%
DJ Industrial Average	0.01%	-0.60%	3.22%	3.22%
Russell 2000	-2.02%	-0.65%	0.89%	0.89%
Russell Midcap	-0.83%	0.57%	4.68%	4.68%
STOXX Europe 50 (€)	0.50%	2.22%	10.60%	10.60%
STOXX Europe 600 (€)†	0.38%	2.27%	5.81%	5.81%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	-1.41%	1.69%	0.42%	0.42%
FTSE 100 (£)	0.97%	1.75%	0.91%	0.91%
DAX (€)	0.69%	1.46%	7.07%	7.07%
FTSE MIB (€)	1.61%	4.17%	12.31%	12.31%
CAC 40 (€)†	1.70%	2.99%	8.34%	8.34%
SWISS MKT (CHF)	0.82%	3.27%	6.06%	6.06%
TOPIX (¥)	-2.05%	-0.18%	12.91%	12.91%
Hang Seng (HKD)	2.32%	1.72%	-1.48%	-1.48%
MSCI World	-0.46%	0.90%	6.50%	6.50%
MSCI China Free†	3.28%	2.00%	0.23%	0.23%
MSCI EAFE	-1.30%	1.95%	4.44%	4.44%
MSCI EM	-0.12%	1.50%	1.42%	1.42%
MSCI Brazil (BRL)	-0.13%	-2.18%	-5.59%	-5.59%
MSCI India (INR)	-2.64%	-0.75%	4.10%	4.10%
FIXED INCOME				
Bloomberg Aggregate	-1.23%	-0.04%	-1.72%	-1.72%
Bloomberg Euro Aggregate	-1.48%	0.92%	-2.52%	-2.52%
Bloomberg US High Yield	-0.24%	0.48%	0.77%	0.77%
Bloomberg Euro High Yield (€)	0.17%	0.68%	1.80%	1.80%
Bloomberg Muni Aggregate	-0.07%	0.34%	-0.04%	-0.04%
Bloomberg TIPS	-1.16%	-0.26%	-1.18%	-1.18%
JPM EMBI Gbl. Divers. *	-0.58%	0.79%	0.74%	0.74%
JPM GBI-EM Gbl. Divers.	-0.59%	0.66%	-1.44%	-1.44%
OTHER				
DJ US Real Estate	-2.82%	-0.41%	-3.28%	-3.28%
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Dvlpd. Ex-US	-1.44%	2.17%	-5.93%	-5.93%
S&P GSCI	2.85%	3.25%	8.80%	8.80%
Alerian MLP	-0.03%	2.23%	11.38%	11.38%
US Dollar Index	0.69%	-0.64%	2.22%	2.22%
VIX	-2.24%	7.54%	15.74%	15.74%

COMMODITIES				
	03/15/24	02/29/24	12/31/23	12/31/22
WTI Oil (\$/barrel)	\$81.04	\$78.26	\$71.65	\$80.26
Brent Oil (\$/barrel)	\$85.34	\$83.62	\$77.04	\$85.91
Gold (\$/oz)	\$2183.10	\$2074.60	\$2091.80	\$1842.20
Natural Gas (\$/mmBtu)	\$1.66	\$1.86	\$2.51	\$4.47

CURRENCIES				
	03/15/24	02/29/24	12/31/23	12/31/22
Euro (\$/€)	1.0891	1.0802	1.1041	1.0701
Pound (\$/£)	1.2738	1.2613	1.2746	1.2063
Japanese Yen (¥/\$)	149.03	149.96	141.02	130.97
Swiss Franc (CHF/€)	0.9626	0.9556	0.9289	0.9890
Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY/\$)	7.1044	7.1052	7.0842	6.9225

RATES & SPREADS				
	03/15/24	02/29/24	12/31/23	12/31/22
RATES				
Fed Funds Target	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	4.50%
Secured Overnight Financing Rate *	5.31%	5.32%	5.38%	4.30%
ECB Depo Rate	4.00%	3.75%	3.50%	2.00%
3-Month US Dollar Libor	5.59%	5.60%	5.59%	4.77%
US Treasuries 2-Year	4.72%	4.64%	4.25%	4.41%
US Treasuries 10-Year	4.30%	4.25%	3.86%	3.84%
US Treasury 2-10 Slope	-0.42%	-0.39%	-0.39%	-0.57%
German Bunds 2-Year	2.95%	2.90%	2.40%	2.76%
German Bunds 10-Year	2.44%	2.41%	2.02%	2.57%
Japanese Govt Bonds 10-Year	0.79%	0.71%	0.61%	0.42%
UK Gilts 10-Year	4.10%	4.12%	3.54%	3.67%
Swiss Govt Bonds 10-Year	0.83%	0.80%	0.70%	1.62%
French OATs 10-Year	2.88%	2.89%	2.56%	3.12%
Italian BTPs 10-Year	3.70%	3.84%	3.70%	4.71%
Spanish Bonos 10-Year	3.24%	3.29%	2.99%	3.66%
SPREADS				
HY Corp. Spread (bps)	302	314	323	468
Bank Loan Spread (bps) *	505	519	528	652
IG Corp. Spread (bps)	89	95	98	130
EMD Spread (bps) *	404	418	438	500

Global Equity Valuations

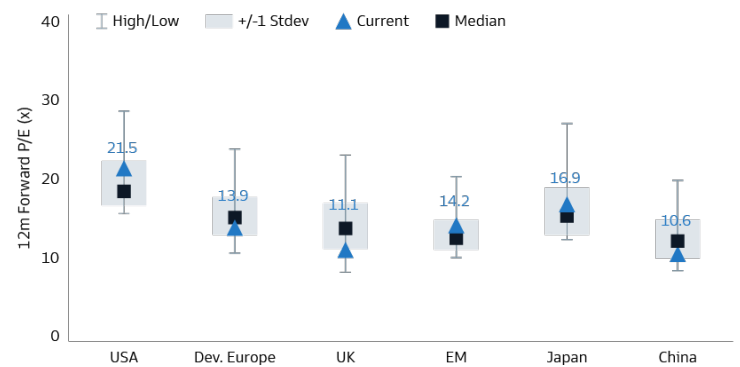


Chart Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management and Bloomberg as of close of trading on February 29, 2024. Chart data shows next 12-month P/E ratio from March 2014 to the current period. 12m forward P/E(x) refers to price-to-earnings ratio for the next 12 months, which is a valuation measure applied to respective broad equity indices. Please see additional disclosures at the end of this presentation.

Weekly Market Recap Notes:

All data is denominated in USD unless noted otherwise.

† Data is released weekly, as of Monday.

If data displays an asterisk:

* Data is lagged by 1 day.

** Data is lagged by 2 days.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Page 1 Chart of the Week Notes : Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research and Goldman Sachs Asset Management. As of March 15, 2024. Chart shows average forward returns for the top 10 US companies in terms of market capitalization on both an absolute and relative basis, dating back to January 1980. Absolute return refers to the amount an investment has earned over a given period. Relative return refers to the amount an investment has earned over a given period compared to the S&P 500 index benchmark. Alpha refers to the excess return an investment generates above that of its benchmark. **Past performance does not predict future returns nor guarantee future results, which may vary.** For illustrative purposes only. There is no guarantee that objectives will be met. Diversification does not protect an investor from market risk and does not ensure a profit.

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Page 3 Global Equity Valuations Chart Notes: Earnings are forward looking Bloomberg estimates of operating earnings per share over the next four quarters, which may exclude one-time extraordinary gains and losses. Please see index disclosures for additional definitions on the indices.

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The **J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified (GBI-EM Global Index)** is a market capitalization Index that tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments. **Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Index** refers to the Bloomberg EuroAgg Index. The index measures the market of investment grade, euro-denominated, fixed-rate bond market, including treasuries, government-related, corporate and securitized issues. Inclusion is based on currency denomination of a bond and not country of risk of the issuer. **Bloomberg Euro High Yield Index** refers to the Bloomberg Euro High Yield 3% Issuer Capped Index. The index measures the of non-investment grade, fixed-rate corporate bonds denominated in USD. Inclusion is based on the currency of issue, and not the domicile of the issuer. The index excludes emerging market debt. **Other:** The **FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed ex US Index** is a subset of the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index and is designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITS. The **S&P GSCI Commodity Index** is a composite index of commodity sector returns, representing an unleveraged, long-only investment in commodity futures that is broadly diversified across the spectrum of commodities. It is not possible to invest in an unmanaged index. **Commodities:** **WTI Oil** refers to West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude Oil, a land-locked crude, delivered via pipeline into Cushing, Oklahoma. **Brent Oil** refers to Brent crude oil, a waterborne crude oil produced in the North Sea. **Currencies:** **Euro (\$/€)** refers to the Euro's exchange rate with the Dollar. **Pound (\$/£)** refers to the British Pound's exchange rate with the US Dollar. **Japanese Yen (¥/\$)** refers to the US Dollar's exchange rate with the Japanese Yen. **Swiss Franc (CHF/€)** refers to the Euro's exchange rate with the Swiss Franc. **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY/\$)** refers to the US Dollar's exchange rate with the Chinese Yuan Renminbi. **Rates:** The **federal funds rate** is the interest rate at which depository institutions lend balances at the Federal Reserve to other depository institutions overnight. The **LIBOR** is the USD-denominated London Interbank Offered Rate, and is the average of interest rates estimated by each of the leading banks in London that it would be charged were it to borrow from other banks. The **2-Year Treasury** is a US Treasury debt obligation that has a maturity of 2 years. The **10-Year Treasury** is a US Treasury debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **2-10 Treasury Slope** is the difference between the 10-Year Treasury and the 2-Year Treasury. The **German Bunds 2-Year** is a German debt obligation that has a maturity of 2 years. The **German Bunds 10-Year** is a German debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **Japanese Govt Bonds 2-Year** is a Japanese debt obligation that has a maturity of 2 years. The **Japanese Govt Bonds 10-Year** is a Japanese debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **UK Gilts 10-Year** is a UK debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **Swiss Govt Bonds 10-Year** is a Swiss debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **French OATs 10-Year** is a French debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **Italian BTPs 10-Year** is an Italian debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. The **Spanish Bonos 10-Year** is a Spanish debt obligation that has a maturity of 10 years. **Spreads:** **High Yield (HY) Corporate Spread** is the Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Average Option Adjusted Spread (OAS), which measures the spread between the US Treasury yield curve and the Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield curve. The **Bank Loan Spread** is the daily discount margin (3-year life) of the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index, which is designed to mirror the investable universe of the USD-denominated leveraged loan market. The **Investment Grade (IG) Corporate Spread** is the Bloomberg US Aggregate Corporate Average OAS, which measures the spread between the US Treasury yield curve and the Bloomberg US Corporate Average curve. The **EMD Spread** is the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Sovereign Spread, which measures the spread between the US Treasury yield curve and the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Sovereign curve.

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