



2024 Q2 Market Review

The investments markets continued to make gains in Q2. Four of the five asset classes* we follow were higher in Q2; only Real Estate (REITs) were down mildly. The leaders were US Equities (SP500) and Emerging markets. In the fixed income, the short term bonds were the leaders.

The mix of leaders and laggards changes each quarter supporting our thesis that diversified portfolios are an attractive investment strategy. For high net worth investors we believe that equities are the better choice for increasing their wealth after inflation and taxes. Hence our equity bias in our client portfolios.

The media headlines focused on the events in the political arena. Many people believe that political outcomes influence financial markets. While this may be true in the very short term, over the longer horizon, their impact (positive and negative) evens out and the markets march to the drum beat of financial fundamentals (interest rates, earnings, etc.). Since we (and our clients) are focused on the long term that is what we pay attention to. However, we do anticipate a more volatile year in the markets due to the elections.

Other headlines during Q2 included the Solar eclipse, the University demonstrations (e.g. Columbia University), and the Trump trial and related legal drama. But, from an investment perspective, I noted that the Dow Jones index hit 40,000 for the first time. It's also noteworthy that the Dow is not heavily weighted by the "magnificent seven" and technology stocks.

As a student of financial markets, I observe that media seems to pay more attention to market declines than it does to the increases. Certainly, declines elicit a fearful response and fear sells newspapers. Yet the history of about 100 years shows that though the markets decline from time to time, these declines occurred in about 26% of the years. This also means that the markets had up-years 74% of the time. I believe that successful investors keep their eyes (and behavior) focused on the 74% frequency.

Our investment philosophy for high net worth investors with a long-term horizon remains steadfast. We are not seeing any new data or concepts to warrant changes. Our approach is: diversify portfolios over the main asset classes, keep a bias towards Equities, and keep a relentless focus on managing costs. We think this is a very feasible investment strategy to build assets and to ensure a comfortable retirement.

* Our Asset classes are: Cash, Fixed income, Equities, Real Estate, and Commodities and we think these pretty much cover the investable investment universe.

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We seek to double clients' wealth every 10-12 years and to do it without exposing portfolios to the risk of a permanent loss of capital. Our objective is to preserve the money you invest with us and to maintain its value over time. Of course, performance cannot be guaranteed, and past performance is not indicative of future results.

Our portfolios are sensibly diversified across the five main asset classes, and with markets becoming increasingly global, we seek opportunities regardless of where they are located.

We strive to manage investments prudently, using the value-style oriented approach of buying high quality investments when they are available at attractive (inexpensive) prices.

We select investments to get better total returns fully recognizing that risk management, cash requirements, tax considerations, social investing demand, etc. may reduce returns of portfolios.

We use both active and indexed portfolio management techniques depending on market conditions. When markets offer opportunities, or as we uncover compelling ideas, active portfolio management is useful. At other times our default position is to use evidence-based indexed investments.

We believe that market conditions are important, especially when clients add to or withdraw capital. At these times, we pay attention to market trends based on the relative attractiveness of major asset classes and our expectations about their future performance. But normally, we do not attempt to time the market; research suggests it is futile.

We use fundamental techniques, quantitative approaches, and behavioral finance to guide us when we buy and sell securities and strive to take the least amount of risk that is consistent with a client's objectives – as distinct from shooting for the highest returns.

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Quarterly Market Review Second Quarter 2024

Quarterly Market Review

Second quarter 2024

This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets. The report concludes with a quarterly topic.

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Index returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q2 2024	STOCKS				BONDS	
	3.22%	-0.60%	5.00%	-1.48%	0.07%	0.11%
						
Since Jan. 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.6%	2.5%	2.2%	0.9%	0.9%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1

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Long-Term Market Summary

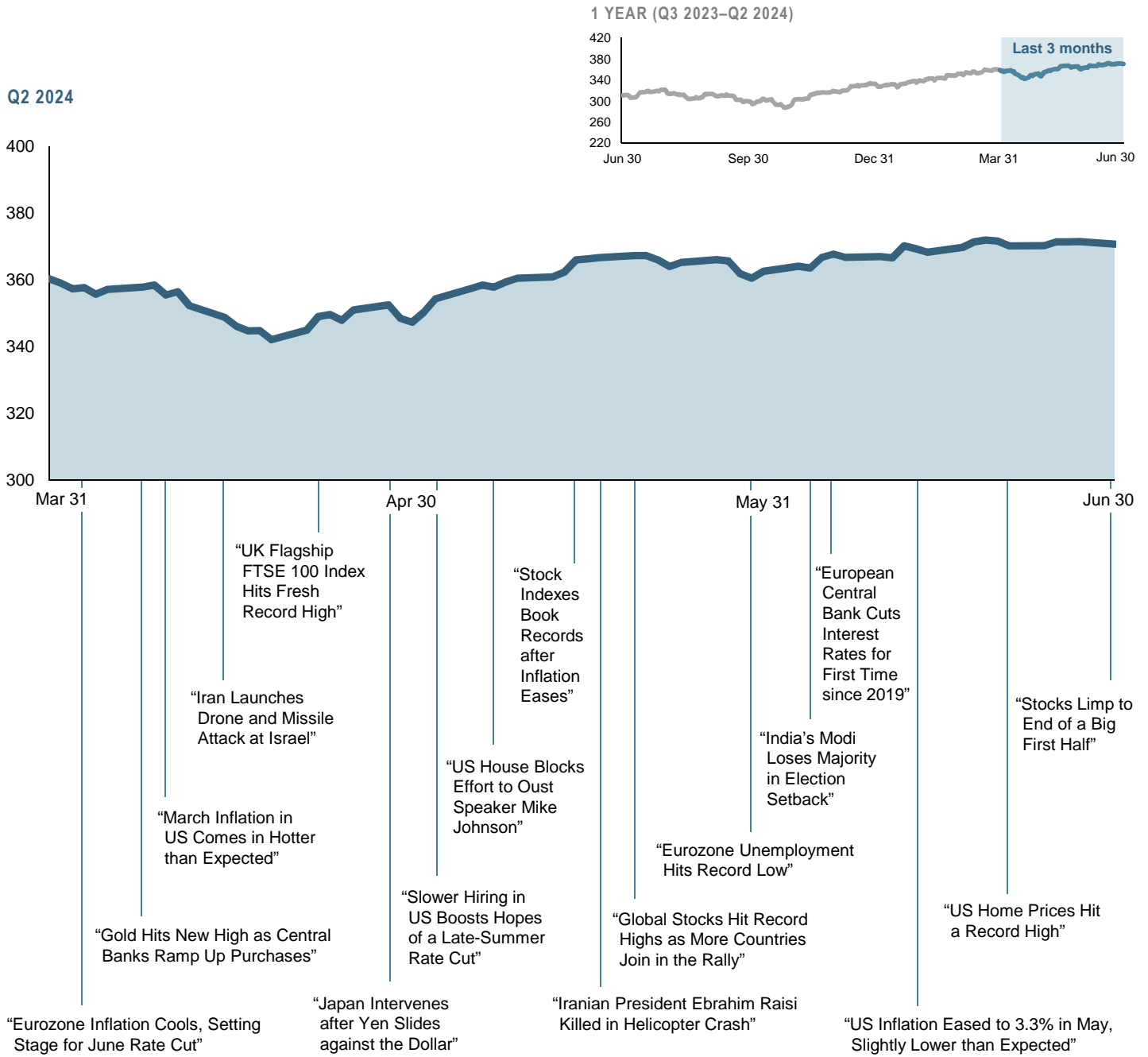
Index returns as of June 30, 2024

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	23.13%	11.22%	12.55%	5.10%	2.63%	5.26%
						
5 Years						
	14.14%	6.55%	3.10%	0.65%	-0.23%	0.51%
						
10 Years						
	12.15%	4.27%	2.79%	2.94%	1.35%	2.45%
						

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q2 2024

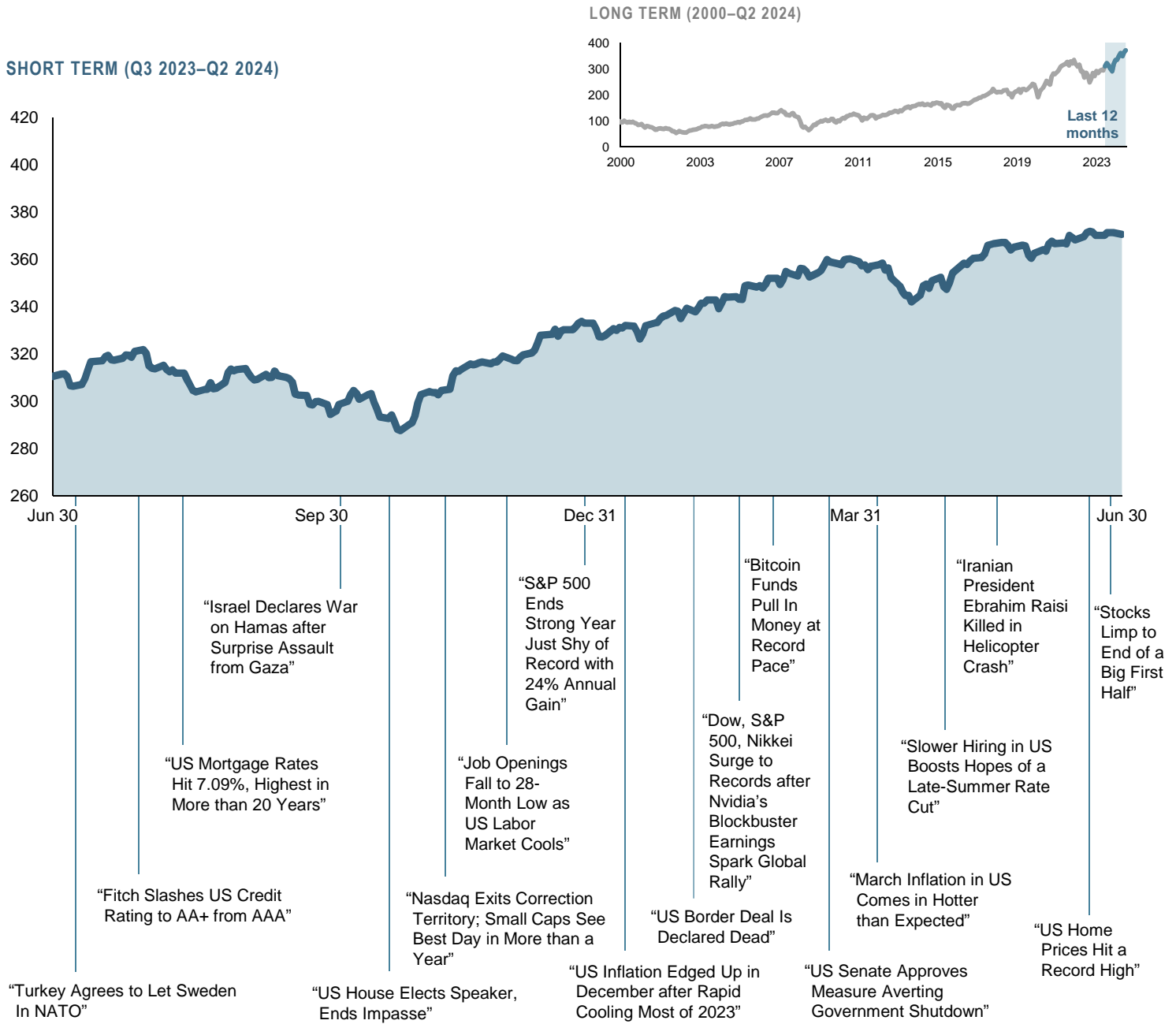


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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months



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US Stocks

Second quarter 2024 index returns

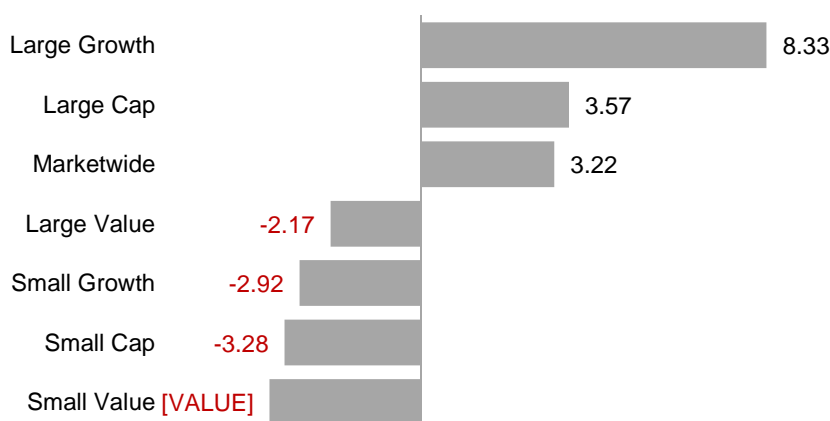
The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed non-US developed markets, but underperformed emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth.

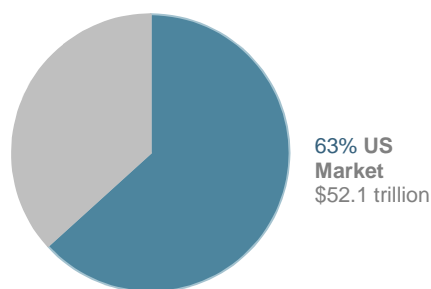
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization—US



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Large Growth	8.33	20.70	33.48	11.28	19.34	16.33
Large Cap	3.57	14.24	23.88	8.74	14.61	12.51
Marketwide	3.22	13.56	23.13	8.05	14.14	12.15
Large Value	-2.17	6.62	13.06	5.52	9.01	8.23
Small Growth	-2.92	4.44	9.14	-4.86	6.17	7.39
Small Cap	-3.28	1.73	10.06	-2.58	6.94	7.00
Small Value	-3.64	-0.85	10.90	-0.53	7.07	6.23

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International Developed Stocks

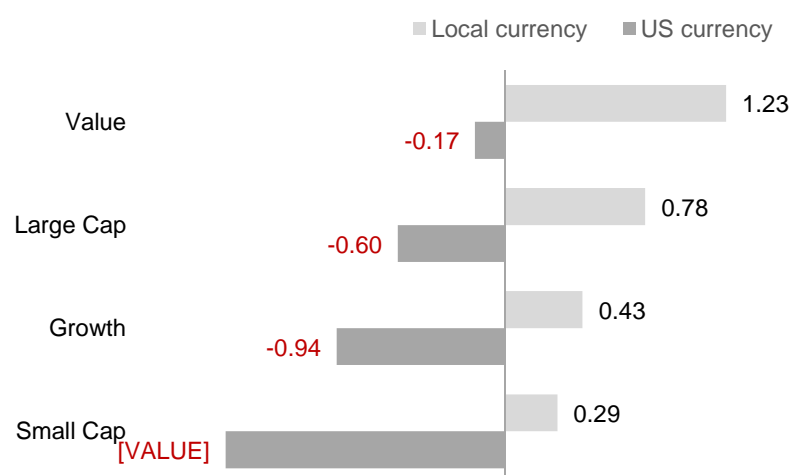
Second quarter 2024 index returns

Developed markets outside of the US posted negative returns for the quarter and underperformed both US and emerging markets.

Value outperformed growth.

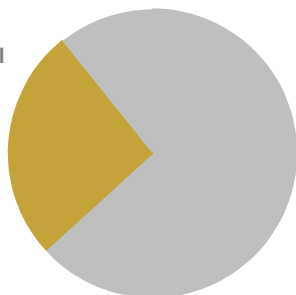
Small caps underperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization— International Developed

26%
International
Developed
Market
\$21.4 trillion



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Value	-0.17	4.03	13.17	5.45	6.21	3.06
Large Cap	-0.60	4.96	11.22	2.82	6.55	4.27
Growth	-0.94	5.91	9.36	0.02	6.46	5.23
Small Cap	-1.56	0.98	7.80	-2.98	4.69	4.04

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Emerging Markets Stocks

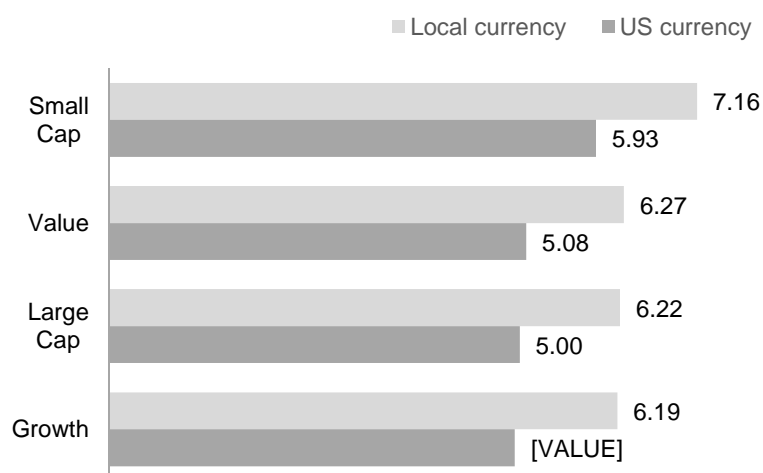
Second quarter 2024 index returns

Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed both US and non-US developed markets.

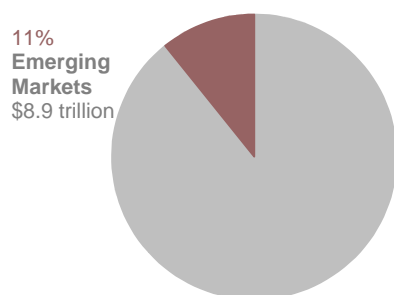
Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization— Emerging Markets



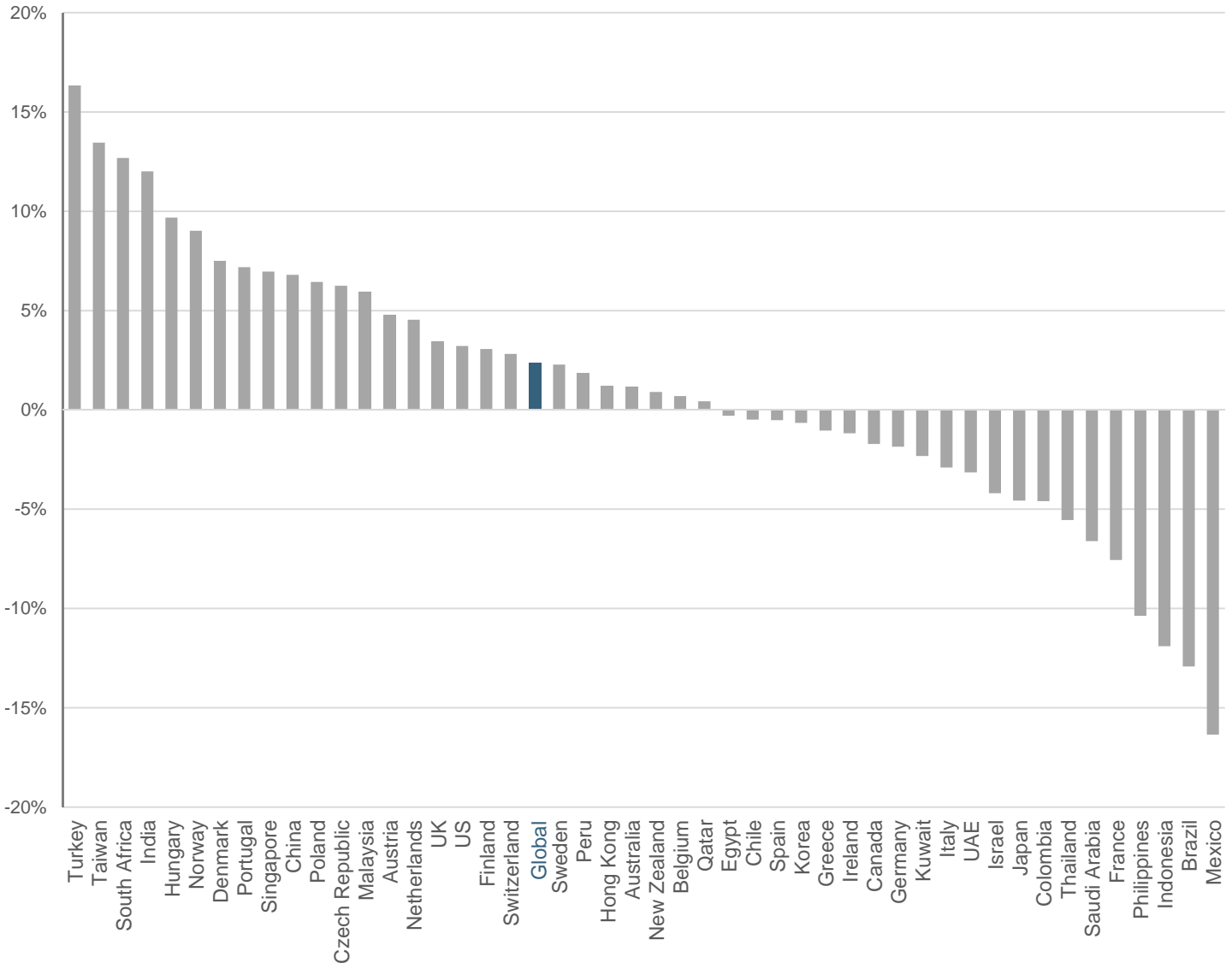
Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Small Cap	5.93	7.04	20.04	2.54	9.99	5.15
Value	5.08	6.46	14.13	-1.09	2.91	1.96
Large Cap	5.00	7.49	12.55	-5.07	3.10	2.79
Growth	4.94	8.45	11.08	-8.70	3.18	3.51

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Country Returns

Second quarter 2024 index returns



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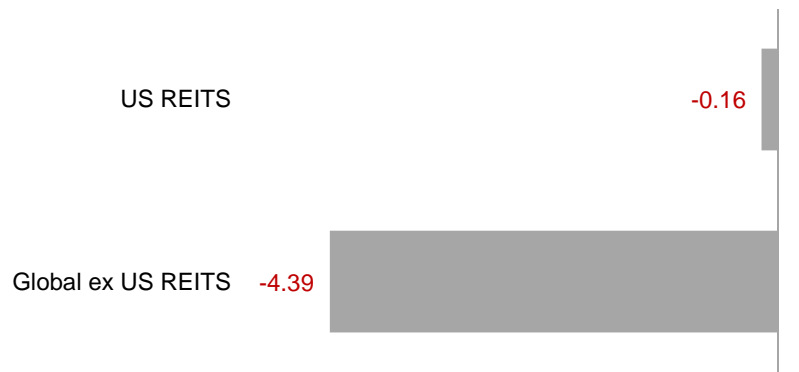
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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

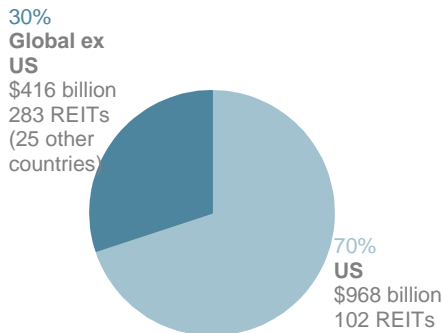
Second quarter 2024 index returns

US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
US REITS	-0.16	-0.55	7.15	-0.14	2.78	5.17
Global ex US REITS	-4.39	-6.72	2.45	-7.80	-3.59	-0.05

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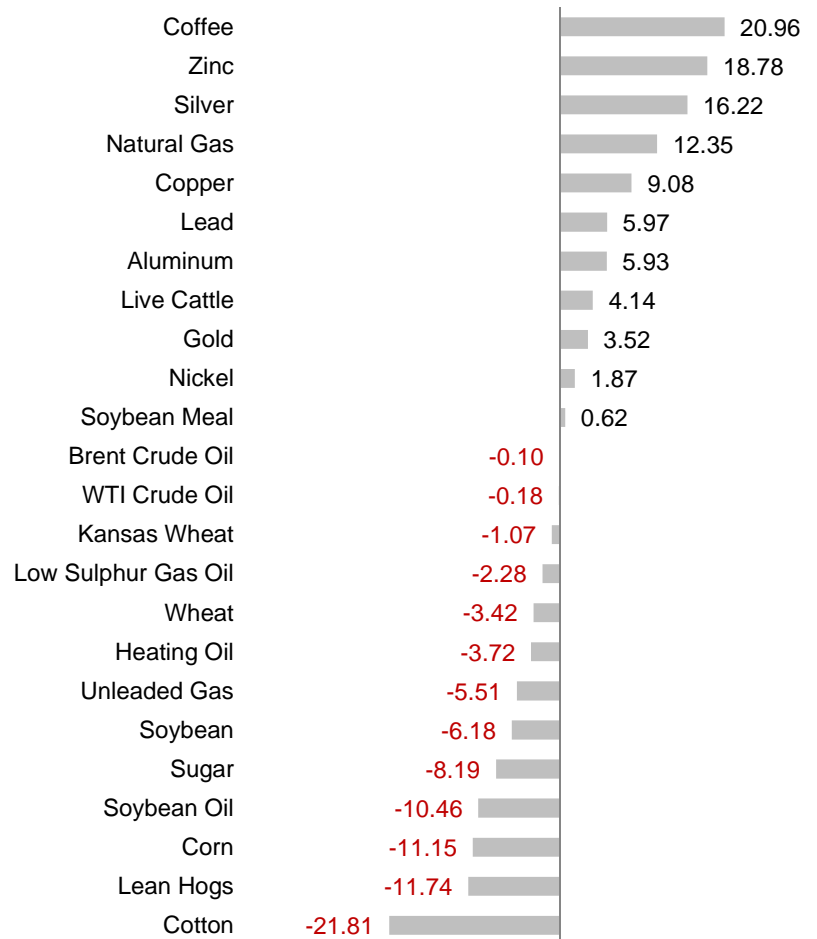
Commodities

Second quarter 2024 index returns

The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned +2.89% for the second quarter of 2024.

Coffee and Zinc were the best performers, returning +20.96% and +18.78% during the quarter, respectively. Cotton and Lean Hogs were the worst performers, returning -21.81% and -11.74% during the quarter, respectively.

Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Commodities	2.89	5.14	5.00	5.65	7.25	-1.29

Fixed Income

Second quarter 2024 index returns

Interest rates generally increased in the US Treasury market for the quarter.

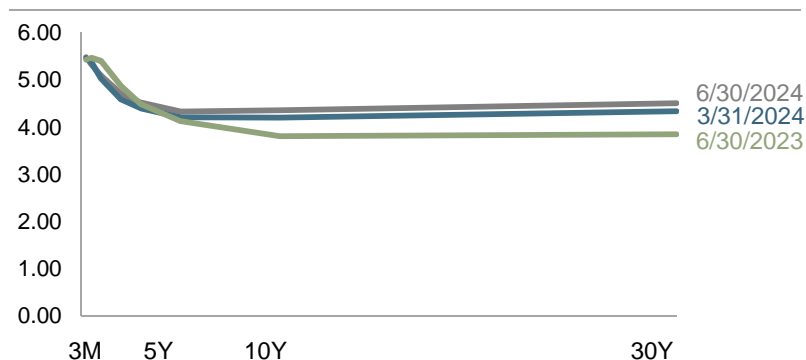
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield decreased 2 basis points (bps) to +5.47%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield increased 6 bps to +5.09%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note increased 12 bps to +4.71%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note increased 12 bps to +4.33%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 16 bps to +4.36%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 17 bps to +4.51%.

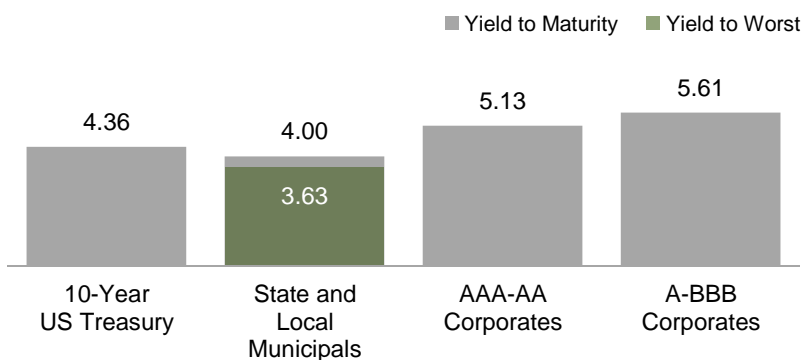
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +0.77% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +0.58%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +0.96% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned +0.74%.¹

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were +0.35% and -0.92%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned -0.30% while revenue bonds returned +0.07%.²

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields Across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.32	2.63	5.40	3.03	2.16	1.51
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	1.11	1.95	5.02	1.80	1.69	1.36
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	1.09	2.58	10.44	1.64	3.92	4.31
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.87	1.13	4.84	0.38	1.03	1.43
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	0.79	0.70	2.71	-1.33	2.07	1.91
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	0.07	-0.71	2.63	-3.02	-0.23	1.35
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.02	-0.40	3.21	-0.88	1.16	2.39
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-0.06	-1.41	2.43	-2.73	-0.79	-0.78
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-1.80	-4.99	-5.55	-10.45	-4.24	0.60

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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Global Fixed Income

Second quarter 2024 yield curves

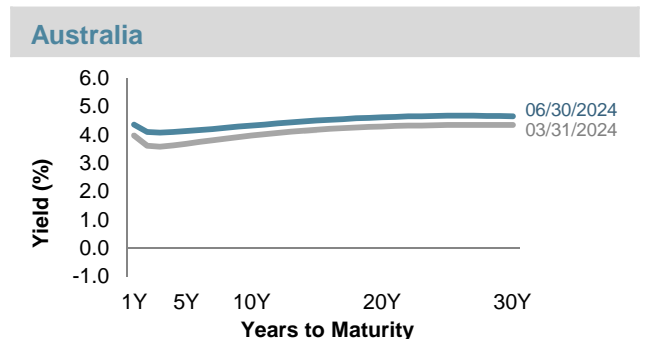
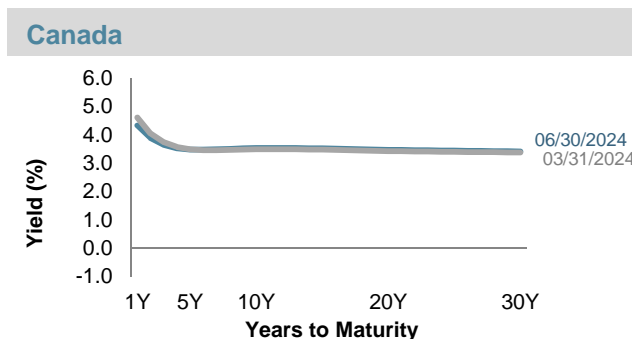
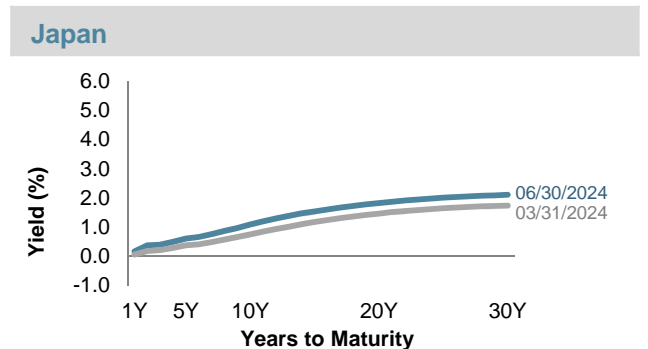
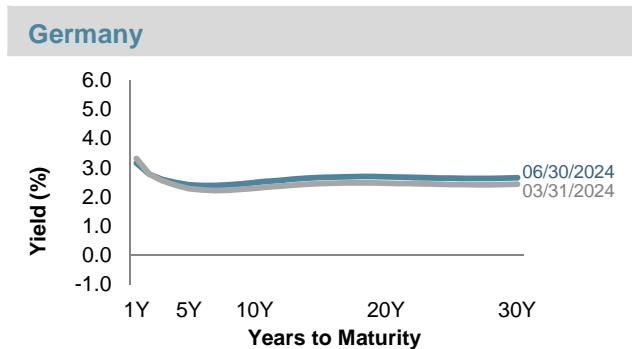
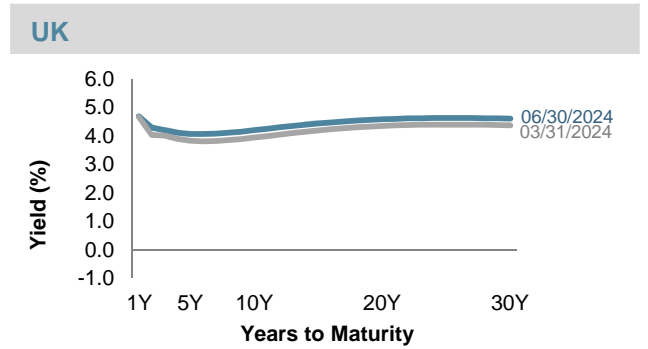
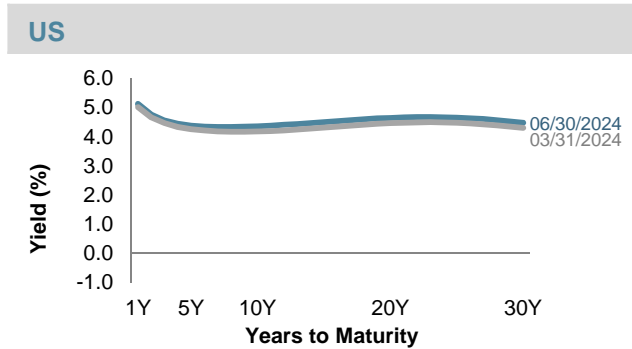
Interest rates generally increased across global developed markets for the quarter.

Realized term premiums were negative across global developed markets, as longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds.

In Germany and Canada, short-term interest rates decreased while longer-term interest rates generally increased. The short-term segment of the yield curve remained inverted in Australia, UK, Germany, and Canada.

Changes in Yields (bps) since 03/31/2024

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	11.1	12.2	18.1	18.2	18.5
UK	2.7	23.5	25.9	23.6	23.5
Germany	-15.0	13.2	19.0	21.9	22.3
Japan	10.9	23.2	33.9	35.6	36.9
Canada	-28.4	-0.8	4.5	4.4	3.6
Australia	38.3	44.6	34.8	32.5	30.4



Reality Meets Expectation for the Mag 7

Second quarter 2024

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SURPRISE, SURPRISE

Magnificent 7 actual vs. analyst forecast earnings per share, 2022–2023

	2022			2023		
	ANALYST FORECAST	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	ANALYST FORECAST	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
NVDA	\$3.77	\$1.74	-53.8% ▼	\$8.69	\$11.94	37.4% ▲
AAPL	\$6.06	\$6.10	0.7% ▲	\$5.95	\$6.13	3.0% ▲
TSLA	\$3.73	\$3.63	-2.7% ▼	\$3.61	\$4.30	19.2% ▲
MSFT	\$9.14	\$9.64	5.5% ▲	\$9.35	\$9.68	3.6% ▲
AMZN	\$1.09	-\$0.27	-125.0% ▼	\$1.93	\$2.89	49.7% ▲
GOOGL	\$5.04	\$4.55	-9.6% ▼	\$5.21	\$5.81	11.4% ▲
META	\$10.49	\$8.59	-18.2% ▼	\$11.33	\$14.90	31.5% ▲

It is unlikely any stock has an expected return of 100% per year. That seems too high to be the cost of equity capital for a company, and it's doubtful anyone would sell a stock with an expected return 10 times the historical stock market return.¹ A realized return that big likely means the company surprised investors in a good way.

The Magnificent 7 stocks returned on average more than 111% in 2023, exceeding the S&P 500 Index by over 85 percentage points. While it's hard to say what cash flow expectations were built into their stock prices, comparing analyst earnings estimates to actual earnings suggests these companies exceeded expectations for the year. All seven reported earnings exceeding average forecasts. For example, Nvidia posted an earnings per share 37.4%

higher than the average analyst expectation. Contrast this with 2022, when five of the seven companies' earnings fell short of analyst expectations. The average Magnificent 7 stock return that year trailed the S&P 500 Index by 28 percentage points.

Expecting Mag 7 outperformance to continue is to bet on these companies further exceeding the market's expectations. Simply meeting expectations may result in returns more in line with the market, consistent with the history of top US stocks.

1. The S&P 500 Index had an annualized return of 10.3% from January 1926 to December 2023. S&P data © 2024 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.

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