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#### **GLOBAL ECONOMY**

We believe economic growth should slow as the long and variable lags of monetary policy gain traction, policy uncertainty rises and savings buffers are exhausted.

The "last mile" of inflation will likely be hard. We believe the slow progress in lowering services prices will limit how quickly central banks dial back monetary policy restraint given the asymmetric risks surrounding getting the policy choice wrong.

In our view, high real yields and rising debt burdens will constrain governments that want to stimulate their economies.

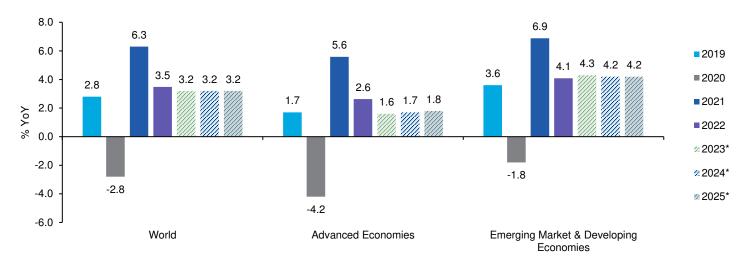
Widespread elections and a tense geopolitical atmosphere add to turbulence.

Disappointment in financial markets most likely awaits, even as investors must fund large government deficits.

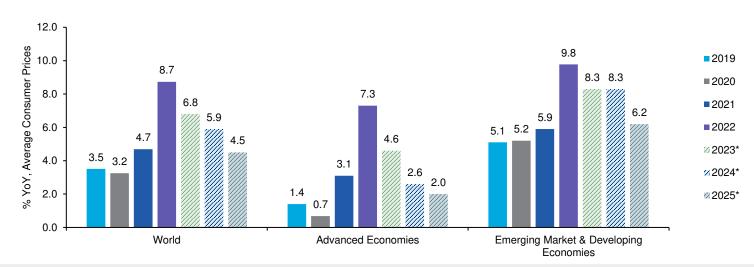
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#### **REAL GDP**



#### INFLATION





#### **UNITED STATES**

Aggregate economic activity retains momentum, and resources are already stretched. The strong pace of employment gains cooled somewhat in April, with 175,000 net jobs created and the unemployment rate rising by a tenth to 3.9%. A tight labor market keeps upward pressure on costs, with average hourly earnings rising at an annual rate of 3.9%, slower than the previous months' readings but still contributing to real income growth.

The "last mile" in reducing inflation is hard. Inflation remains north of the Federal Reserve's (Fed) goal, with consumer prices up 3.5% year-over-year in March and services prices fueling momentum. Negative supply shocks, like shipping disruptions in the Red Sea, introduce upside risks for prices on goods and energy.

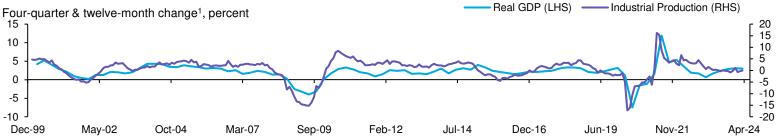
At the May Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, the Fed left its policy rate unchanged at 51/4%. Our call is that the Fed will commence easing in December. More time is needed to gain confidence that inflation is on a sustainable path to 2%. With a campaign and election looming this Fall, December also provides the next safe harbor on the political calendar.

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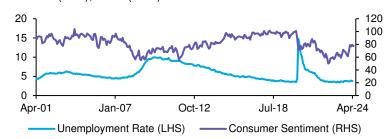
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#### **Real GDP & Industrial Production**



#### **Unemployment Rate & Consumer Confidence**

Percent (LHS), index (RHS)

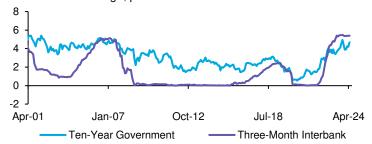


#### Wage & Price Inflation Twelve-month change, percent



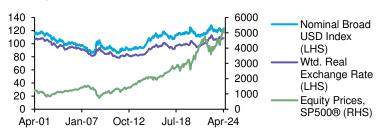
#### **Interest Rates**

Twelve-month change, percent



#### Selected Financial Market Prices

Nominal US Dollar Index (LHS), equity prices, & weighted real exchange value of the US dollar (indexes, RHS)





#### **EURO AREA**

Euro area economic growth is weak, with gross domestic product (GDP) up only 0.1% year-over-year in the fourth quarter. Monetary policy transmission is working as financial conditions remain tight, restraining credit growth and investment. Industrial sector weakness weighs heavily on growth in Germany.

Inflation has made significant progress towards the European Central Bank's (ECB) 2% goal, with inflation running at 2.4% year-over-year in April.

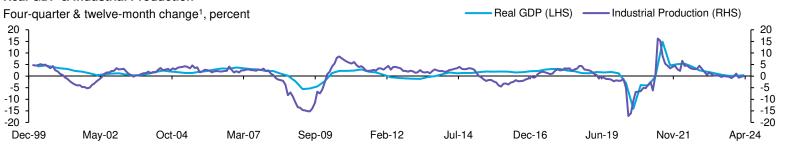
The ECB left rates unchanged at 4% in April. We anticipate the ECB to begin lowering its policy rate in June, several months ahead of the Fed.

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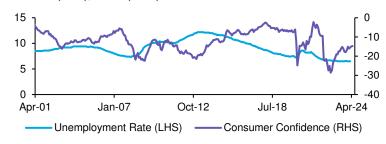
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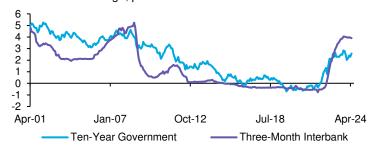
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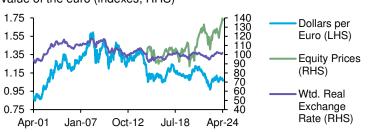
#### **Interest Rates**

Twelve-month change, percent



#### Selected Financial Market Prices

Dollars per euro (LHS), equity prices, and the weighted real exchange value of the euro (indexes, RHS)





#### **JAPAN**

In March, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) delivered its first interest rate hike in 17 years, ending its use of negative rates as a monetary policy tool and bringing its policy rate into a range of 0 to 0.1%. We expect a phase of gradual tightening from the BOJ, with the next rate increase potentially coming in July.

The BOJ policy board judged that stable and sustainable inflation was "in sight," voting to end its negative-interest-rate policy and overhaul its policy framework. This comes as Japan's "virtuous cycle between wages and prices has become more solid" and consumer price increases have tracked above 2% year-over-year since Spring 2022.

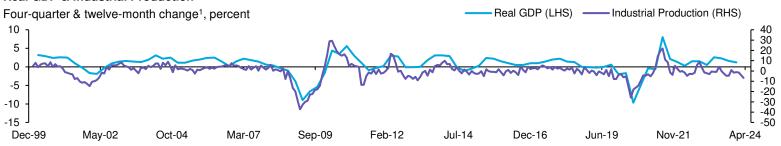
The Japanese yen remains weak versus many global currencies. This has taken its cue from deeply negative real rates in Japan alongside higher global core yields. We think this environment driving the weak yen will continue over the near-term, despite potential for FX intervention by Japan's Ministry of Finance.

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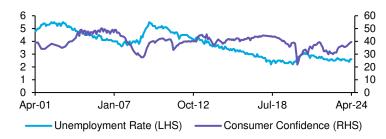
#### SELECTED ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL MARKET INDICATORS FOR JAPAN

#### **Real GDP & Industrial Production**



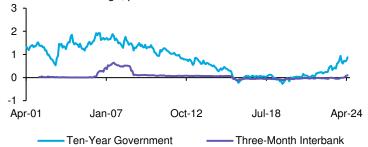
#### **Unemployment Rate & Consumer Confidence**

Percent (LHS), index (RHS)



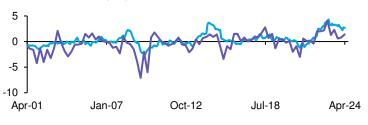
#### **Interest Rates**

Twelve-month change, percent



#### Wage & Price Inflation

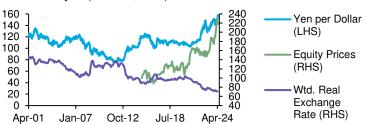
Twelve-month change, percent



Consumer Price Index for All Items, from Harmonized Consumer PricesWages

#### Selected Financial Market Prices

Yen per dollar (LHS), equity prices, and the weighted real exchange value of the yen (indexes, RHS)





#### **CHINA**

China's economy has been hit by the slowing in global trade and its ongoing real estate crisis. Chinese officials set an ambitious 5% growth target for 2024, which may be difficult to achieve without further ramping up fiscal stimulus. Activity data has stabilized in the first part of this year.

We see developments in the property market as key to the growth outlook, local finance and household confidence.

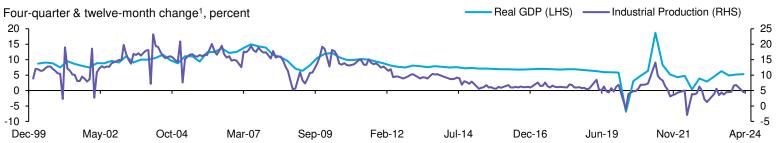
Chinese deflation worries persist: The pace of 12-month inflation fell to 0.1% in March, after several months in deflationary territory. Producer prices continue to fall and domestic demand remains weak. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) expects inflation to remain mild and further monetary easing should come into play this year.

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#### SELECTED ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL MARKET INDICATORS FOR CHINA

#### **Nominal GDP & Industrial Production**



#### **Business & Consumer Confidence**

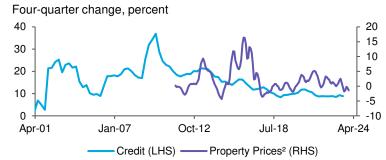
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#### **Consumer & Import Price Inflation**

Twelve-month change, percent

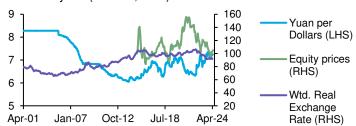


#### **Property Prices & Credit to Nonfinancial Sectors**



#### Selected Financial Market Prices

Yuan per dollar (LHS), equity prices, and the weighted real exchange value of the yuan (indexes, RHS)





# MARKET RETURNS



#### MARKET OVERVIEW

The global equity and fixed income markets stumbled in April as investors reassessed expectations for the likely start of interest rate cuts by central banks in the US, Europe and the UK. While we believe the ECB is likely to start reducing rates in the near term, recent inflation results in UK may put the Bank of England on hold for a few more months. The US Fed appears set to hold interest rates at current levels for the balance of the year given the stubbornness of recent inflation readings and the resilient labor market.

The MSCI All-Country World Index posted a return of -3.3% during April. Emerging market equities outperformed developed market equities with a return of +0.5%. Yields across most major sovereign bond markets rose sharply during the month, contributing to the -2.5% return for the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index. The US Dollar again advanced against most currencies, while commodity prices rose.

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Equities (MSCI) – Returns					
MSCI All-Country World	1,734	-3.3%	4.8%	18.0%	15.0%
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MSCI Emerging Markets	2,718	0.5%	2.9%	10.3%	-15.1%
MSCI Americas	4,209	-4.1%	5.4%	22.5%	23.3%
MSCI Europe and Middle East	1,628	-1.7%	3.6%	8.4%	12.1%
MSCI Asia Pacific	358	-1.4%	3.6%	11.7%	-8.4%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	558	-2.9%	-0.5%	5.6%	-9.3%
Country Equities – Returns					
US (S&P 500®)	10,952	-4.1%	6.0%	22.7%	26.2%
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US (Russell 3000®)	16,474	-4.4%	5.2%	22.3%	20.3%
Japan (NIKKEI 225 JPY)	67,878	-4.9%	15.6%	35.6%	41.6%
EU (STOXX 600 USD Hedged)	298	-0.8%	6.9%	11.9%	26.8%
UK (FTSE 100)	8,828	2.7%	6.8%	7.7%	30.8%
France (CAC 40 EUR)	24,408	-1.9%	6.9%	10.0%	39.3%
Germany (DAX 40 EUR)	313	-2.9%	7.6%	15.0%	26.6%
China (MSCI China USD)	120	6.6%	4.3%	-6.6%	-43.7%
Canada (S&P/TSX 60 CAD)	4,304	-2.2%	4.0%	8.1%	25.9%
Australia (S&P ASX 200 AUD)	97,909	-2.9%	2.2%	9.1%	23.6%
Fixed Income – Total Return, Unhedg	jed				
Bloomberg US Aggregate	2,091	-2.5%	-3.3%	-1.5%	-10.2%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	450	-2.5%	-4.6%	-2.5%	-16.8%
Bloomberg Global Treasury	527	-2.8%	-5.6%	-4.7%	-20.8%
Bloomberg US Treasury	2,203	-2.3%	-3.3%	-2.8%	-10.8%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit	259	-2.2%	-3.1%	1.2%	-12.4%
Bloomberg Global High Yield	1,541	-0.8%	1.3%	11.3%	0.9%
Bloomberg EMD USD Aggregate	378	-2.0%	-0.3%	8.2%	-7.5%

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Commodities – Returns					
Bloomberg Commodity Index	102	2.2%	3.1%	-2.5%	12.5%
Oil (WTI, USD/Barrel)	82	-1.5%	14.3%	6.7%	28.9%
Gold (USD/Troy Ounce)	2,286	2.5%	10.8%	14.9%	29.2%
Copper (USD/MT)	9,892	12.8%	16.9%	15.3%	0.6%
Spreads – bps					
Bloomberg US Corporate	87	-3	-12	-49	-1
Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield	301	2	-22	-151	10
Bloomberg EM HC Aggregate <sup>1</sup>	1,169	-20	-2	69	-90
Bloomberg EuroAgg Corporate	112	-2	-26	-50	28
Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield	368	10	-31	-136	71
Key Rates – change in yield, %					
3M Treasury Bill	5.40	0.03	0.06	0.34	5.39
2Y US Treasuries	5.04	0.42	0.79	1.03	4.88
10Y US Treasuries	4.68	0.48	0.80	1.26	3.05
US 30Y Fixed Rate Mortgage	7.55	0.30	0.56	0.70	4.44
10Y German Bund	2.58	0.29	0.56	0.27	2.79
10Y UK Gilt	4.35	0.41	0.82	0.63	3.51
10Y Japanese Government Bond	0.87	0.15	0.27	0.49	0.78
Volatility Indicators					
CBOE VIX <sup>2</sup>	15.65	2.64	3.20	-0.13	-2.96
ICE BofA MOVE Index	107.46	21.08	-7.16	-15.00	49.33
Currencies – change in exchange rate	e				
Foreign Economies US Dollar Index <sup>3</sup>	118.11	1.4%	4.7%	3.7%	14.7%
EM Economies US Dollar Index <sup>4</sup>	130.28	1.7%	3.0%	2.9%	5.9%
Euro	1.07	-1.1%	-3.4%	-3.2%	-11.3%
British pound	1.25	-1.0%	-1.9%	-0.6%	-9.6%
Japanese yen	157.80	-4.1%	-10.6%	-13.6%	-30.7%
Chinese yuan	7.24	-0.3%	-1.9%	-4.5%	-10.6%



### WORLD EQUITY MARKETS

Global equity markets reversed course during the month of April as the MSCI All-Country World Index returned -3.3%. Emerging market equities were the lone positively performing segment, led by China and India. Among developed economies, European equity markets outperformed the broader MSCI ACWI, albeit with a return of -1.7%. US and Japanese equities generally trailed all other markets. Global small-cap equity returns trailed large-and mid-cap companies, with significant underperformance recorded by US small-cap shares.

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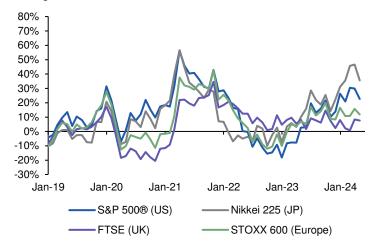
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#### **Country Equities**

Rolling 12-month returns





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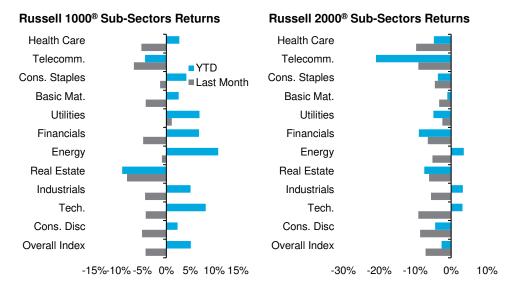
As US equity markets sold off sharply in April, with the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index producing a return of -4.4%. US inflation results continued to exceed forecasts, prompting investors to reconsider the expected pace of forthcoming rate cuts from the Fed later in 2024. Further complicating the outlook for monetary policy, the US labor markets continued to demonstrate remarkable resilience.

Sector returns for April were uniformly negative with Real Estate and Technology leading the way lower. As a defensive sector, Utilities were the lone sector producing a positive return for the period. As measured by the Russell 2000® Index, US small-cap equities returned -7.0% and significantly underperformed large-cap securities. Both growth and value equities posted near-identical returns of -4.4%.

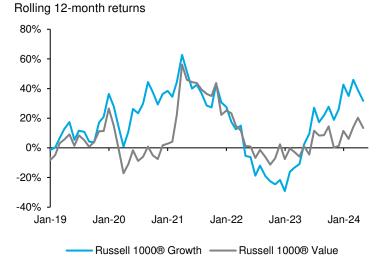
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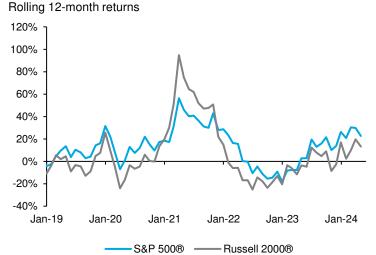
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#### Russell 1000® Growth vs. Russell 1000® Value



#### S&P 500<sup>®</sup> (Large Cap) vs. Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> (Small Cap)





# EMERGING MARKETS (EM) EQUITY PERFORMANCE

Emerging market equity returns were the lone bright spot during April after posting a modest +0.5% return. Turkey led all emerging markets with a return of +14.3% as the government reiterated its focus on taming rampant inflation and promoting greater economic stability. Chinese equities rose by +6.6% following a better-than-expected GDP result for the first quarter and growing evidence that government support of the economy is finally starting to take hold. Other notable outperformers included India, South Africa and Hungary. Conversely, equity markets in the Middle East remained under pressure due to regional geopolitical tensions. Mexico and Brazil also underperformed the broader index as the currencies of both countries were pressured by the strengthening US Dollar.

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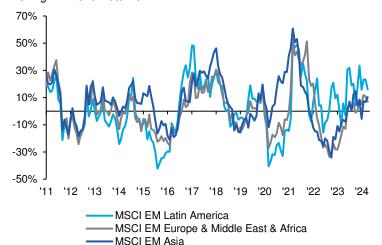
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India	1,605	2.3%	8.6%	34.9%	48.1%
Taiwan	1,736	-2.3%	9.9%	31.3%	8.6%
Korea	908	-5.7%	-4.1%	9.1%	-26.0%
Brazil	7,316	-4.1%	-11.1%	18.4%	17.4%
Saudi Arabia	1,523	-2.7%	1.2%	6.9%	23.2%
South Africa	1,031	3.0%	-3.9%	-2.4%	-11.4%
Mexico	14,502	-3.7%	-3.2%	10.9%	54.4%
Indonesia	8,914	-6.3%	-7.5%	-12.0%	3.9%
Thailand	927	-1.2%	-9.2%	-14.3%	-18.0%
Malaysia	701	1.6%	4.6%	6.1%	-8.4%
United Arab Emirates	705	-3.0%	-2.7%	-3.3%	18.0%

	Level	1 IVI	YID	1 Y	31
MSCI USD – Returdns					
Poland	1,412	1.3%	4.9%	39.5%	23.6%
Qatar	1,497	-2.5%	-6.0%	-1.9%	-3.2%
Kuwait	1,608	-2.8%	5.3%	-1.5%	24.2%
Turkey	1,284	14.3%	31.0%	44.0%	111.0%
Philippines	862	-5.8%	0.3%	0.6%	-2.4%
Greece	87	2.1%	8.7%	35.6%	62.4%
Chile	4,256	-0.7%	-4.7%	-2.4%	-0.9%
Peru	4,920	3.8%	20.3%	51.4%	72.2%
Hungary	1,526	5.2%	5.7%	41.1%	21.1%
Czech Republic	1,567	3.0%	-5.0%	-8.5%	64.6%
Egypt	956	-11.8%	-38.0%	-13.2%	-24.1%
Colombia	1,488	-4.4%	9.6%	37.5%	34.1%

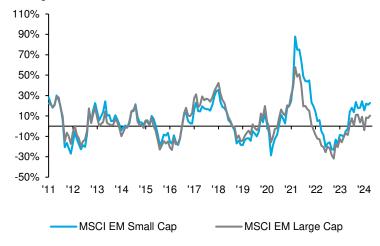
#### **EM Regional Performance**

Rolling 12-month returns



#### EM Large vs. Small Cap

Rolling 12-month returns





### US FIXED INCOME PERFORMANCE

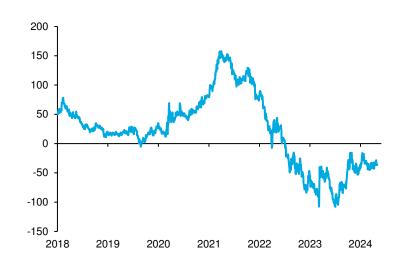
The Bloomberg US Aggregate index fell -2.5% during April. Benchmark US Treasury yields rose sharply as inflation results continued to exceed expectations while strong labor market data and generally hawkish commentary from central bank officials reinforced the growing consensus that monetary policy may need to remain higher for longer than anticipated. The US Treasury sector slightly outperformed the broader index with a total return of -2.3%. Though trailing on a total return basis, Corporates managed to post excess returns of +22 basis points over comparable US Treasuries. The Securitized sector notably underperformed during the month with a total return of -2.9%.

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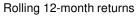
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	Level	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y
Key Rates – change in yield, %					
3M Treasury Bill	5.40	0.03	0.06	0.34	5.39
2Y US Treasuries	5.04	0.42	0.79	1.03	4.88
10Y US Treasuries	4.68	0.48	0.80	1.26	3.05
US 30Y Fixed Rate Mortgage	7.55	0.30	0.56	0.70	4.44
Bloomberg Sector Returns					
US Aggregate	2,091	-2.5%	-3.3%	-1.5%	-10.2%
US Treasury	2,203	-2.3%	-3.3%	-2.8%	-10.8%
US Aggregate: Govt-Related	356	-1.9%	-2.3%	-0.3%	-7.2%
US Corporate	3,127	-2.5%	-2.9%	1.0%	-8.9%
US Securitized	280	-2.9%	-3.8%	-1.9%	-11.1%
Volataility Indicators					
CBOE VIX <sup>1</sup>	15.65	2.64	3.20	-0.13	-2.96
ICE BofA MOVE Index	107.46	21.08	-7.16	-15.00	49.33

#### US Yield Curve (10 Year - 2 Year Yield)



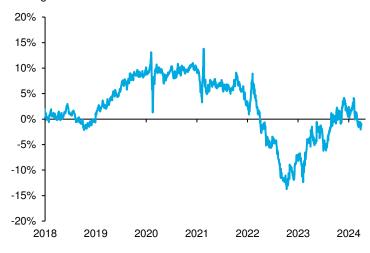
#### **Bloomberg US Treasury Bond Index Total Return**





#### **Bloomberg Global Inflation-Linked US TIPS Total Return**

Rolling 12-month returns





# GLOBAL FIXED INCOME PERFORMANCE

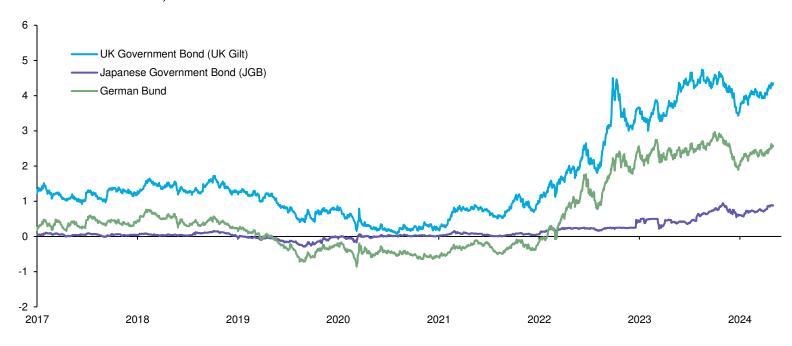
The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index posted an unhedged return of -2.5% during April, driven by a sharp rise in government yields. In the US, 10-year Treasury yields ended the month +48 basis points higher as the growing consensus that policy rates would remain higher for longer took hold. Government bond yields also rose across Europe, the UK and Japan, contributing to a -2.8% return for the Global Treasury component of the index. While US and European credit spreads tightened slightly during the month, the sharp rise in government yields resulted in a -2.2% return for the sector.

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	Level	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y			
Fixed Income – Total Return, Unhedged								
Bloomberg US Aggregate	2,091	-2.5%	-3.3%	-1.5%	-10.2%			
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	450	-2.5%	-4.6%	-2.5%	-16.8%			
Bloomberg Global Treasury	527	-2.8%	-5.6%	-4.7%	-20.8%			
Bloomberg US Treasury	2,203	-2.3%	-3.3%	-2.8%	-10.8%			
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit	259	-2.2%	-3.1%	1.2%	-12.4%			
Bloomberg Global High Yield	1,541	-0.8%	1.3%	11.3%	0.9%			
Bloomberg EMD USD Aggregate	378	-2.0%	-0.3%	8.2%	-7.5%			

#### Global Government Rates, 10 Year Yields





# CORPORATE FIXED INCOME PERFORMANCE

Despite a sharp rise in benchmark sovereign yields, both US and European investment-grade credit spreads finished the month slightly lower, tightening by -3 and -2 basis points, respectively. New issuance activity in April slowed from the rapid pace set in the first quarter of 2024, though healthy secondary market activity provided consistent support for US spreads, which are hovering near five-year lows. High-yield corporate spreads inched wider during the month by +2 and +10 basis points in the US and European markets, respectively.

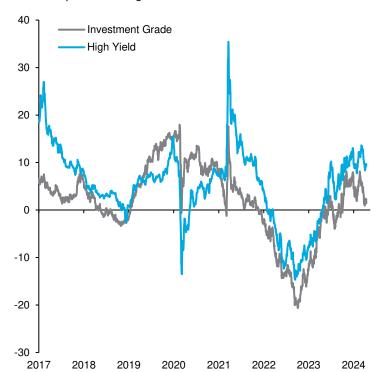
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	Level	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y
Spreads – bps					
Bloomberg US Corporate	87	-3	-12	-49	-1
Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield	301	2	-22	-151	10
Bloomberg EM HC Aggregate <sup>1</sup>	1,169	-20	-2	69	-90
Bloomberg EuroAgg Corporate	112	-2	-26	-50	28
Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield	368	10	-31	-136	71

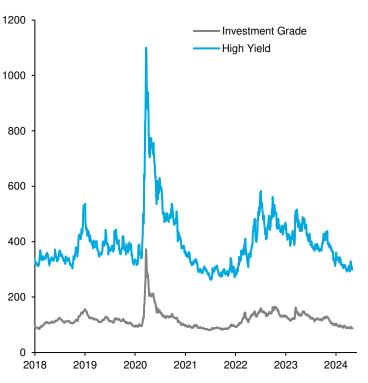
#### **Bloomberg US Corporate & High Yield Total Return**

12-month percent change



#### **US Corporate OAS**

Basis Points





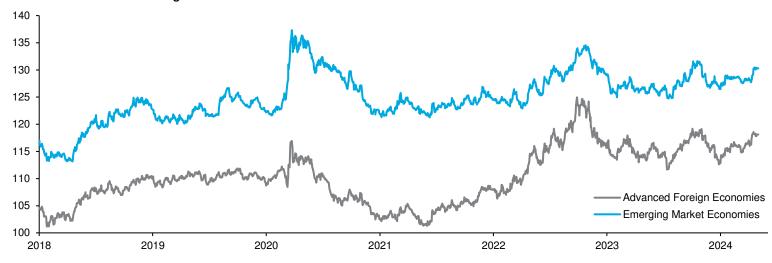
#### **CURRENCIES**

The growing market consensus that the US Fed is likely to hold interest rates higher for longer contributed to the US Dollar's continued rise in April. Both the Euro and the British Pound weakened further against the US Dollar as both the ECB and the Bank of England now appear likely to start cutting rates far earlier than the Fed. The Japanese Yen slid to its lowest level against the US Dollar in nearly four decades, raising the likelihood that the BOJ would step in to support the currency. Most emerging market currencies also ended the month lower versus the US Dollar, with particularly notable reversals in the Mexican Peso and Brazilian Real.

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#### Federal Reserve's Trade Weighted Nominal Dollar Indices



#### **Nominal Effective Exchange Rates**

	Level	1M	YTD	1 <b>Y</b>
Currency				
Advanced Foreign Economies	118.11	1.4%	4.7%	3.7%
Euro (EUR/USD)	1.07	-1.1%	-3.4%	-3.2%
British pound (GBP/USD)	1.25	-1.0%	-1.9%	-0.6%
Japanese yen (USD/JPY)	157.80	-4.1%	-10.6%	-13.6%
Australian dollar (AUD/USD)	0.65	-0.7%	-5.0%	-2.1%
Canadian dollar (USD/CAD)	1.38	-1.7%	-3.9%	-3.9%
Swiss franc (USD/CHF)	0.92	-2.0%	-8.5%	-2.7%

	Level	1M	YID	1Y
Currency				
Emerging Market Economies	130.28	1.7%	3.0%	2.9%
Chinese yuan (USD/CNY)	7.24	-0.3%	-1.9%	-4.5%
South Korean won (USD/KRW)	1,382.18	-2.5%	-6.6%	-3.1%
Indian rupee (USD/INR)	83.44	0.0%	-0.3%	-1.9%
Mexican peso (USD/MXN)	17.14	-3.4%	-1.0%	5.0%
Taiwan dollar (USD/TWD)	32.58	-1.8%	-6.1%	-5.6%
Brazilian real (USD/BRL)	5.19	-3.4%	-6.6%	-4.0%

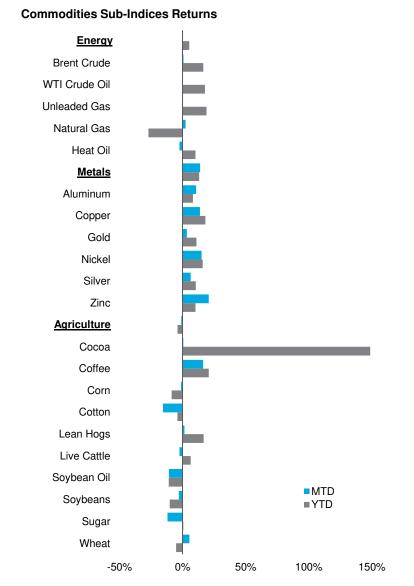


#### **COMMODITIES**

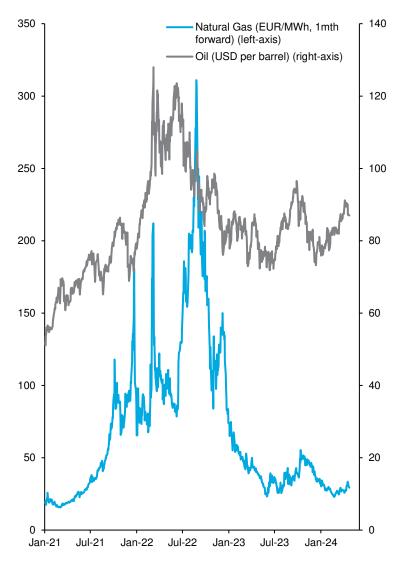
The Bloomberg Commodity Index rose by +2.2% in April. Metals prices recorded healthy gains, led by double-digit increases in industrial metals such as zinc, nickel and copper. Agricultural commodity prices were volatile during the period with cotton, sugar and soybean oil falling sharply during the month, while coffee and wheat rose. Crude oil prices were mostly unchanged during the month despite persistent turmoil and transportation disruptions in the Middle East. Natural gas prices managed a slightly positive gain after falling in five of the prior six months.

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#### Oil & Natural Gas Prices







Bankrate.com US Home Mortgage 30 Year Fixed National Avg Index

**Bloomberg Commodity Index** 

Bloomberg Emerging Markets Hard Currency (USD)
Aggregate Index

Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index

**Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index** 

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index

**Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index** 

**Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporate Bond Index** 

**Bloomberg Global Treasury Index** 

**Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Index** 

The Bankrate.com US Home Mortgage 30 Year Fixed National Avg Index includes only 30-Year Fixed Mortgage products, with and without points. This index is the Overnight National Average. You will see daily rate averages on Bankrate.com in boxes labeled overnight averages (these calculations are run after the close of the business day). Included there are rates we have collected on the previous day for a specific banking product. Overnight averages tend to be volatile. They help consumers see the movement of rates day to day. The institutions included in the overnight averages tables will be different from one day to the next, depending on which institutions' rates we gather on a particular day for presentation on the site.

The Bloomberg Commodity Index is a broadly diversified index that tracks the commodities markets through commodity futures contracts.

These are subindices of the Bloomberg Commodity Index: Agriculture, Aluminum, Brent Crude, Cocoa, Coffee, Copper, Corn, Cotton, Energy, Gold, Heat Oil, Lean Hogs, Live Cattle, Natural Gas. Nickel, Silver, Soybean Oil, Soybeans, Sugar, Unleaded Gas, Wheat, WTI Crude Oil, Zinc

The Bloomberg Emerging Markets Hard Currency (USD) Aggregate Index is a flagship hard currency Emerging Markets debt benchmark that includes USD-denominated debt from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers.

The Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index is a flagship hard currency Emerging Markets debt benchmark that includes fixed and floating-rate US dollar-denominated debt issued from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers. Country eligibility and classification as Emerging Markets is rules-based and reviewed annually using World Bank income group and International Monetary Fund (IMF) country classifications.

The Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index measures the corporate component of the Euro Aggregate Index. It includes investment grade, euro-denominated, fixed-rate securities

The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index is a measure of global investment-grade debt performance. This multicurrency benchmark includes Treasury, government-related, corporate, and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging market issuers.

The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index contains publicly issued corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that meet the specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

The Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporate Bond Index is a rules-based market-value-weighted index engineered to measure the below-investment-grade, fixed-rate, global corporate bond market. Eligible denominations include USD, EUR, GBP, and CAD.

The Bloomberg Global Treasury Index tracks fixed-rate, local currency government debt of investment-grade countries, including both developed and emerging markets. The index represents the treasury sector of the Global Aggregate Index and contains issues from 37 countries denominated in 24 currencies.

The Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Index measures the market of non-investment grade, fixed-rate corporate bonds denominated in the following currencies: euro, pounds sterling, Danish krone, Norwegian krone, Swedish krona, and Swiss franc. Inclusion is based on the currency of issue, and not the domicile of the issuer. The index excludes emerging market debt.



**Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index** 

**Bloomberg US Corporate Bond Index** 

**Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index** 

**Bloomberg US Treasury Bond Index** 

**Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index** 

**British Pound Sterling** 

**CAC 40** 

**Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index (VIX)** 

Chinese renminbi (yuan)

DAX

Euro

**Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 Index** 

The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, US-dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage pass-throughs), asset-backed securities, and commercial mortgage-backed securities.

The Bloomberg US Corporate Bond Index is an unmanaged market-value-weighted index of investment-grade corporate fixed-rate debt issues with maturities of one year or more.

The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index is an unmanaged, US dollar-denominated, nonconvertible, non-investment-grade debt index. The index consists of domestic and corporate bonds rated Ba and below with a minimum outstanding amount of \$150 million.

The Bloomberg US Treasury Bond Index is an unmanaged index of prices of US Treasury bonds with maturities of 1 to 30 years.

The Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index measures the performance of the US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market. Federal Reserve holdings of US TIPS are not index eligible and are excluded from the face amount outstanding of each bond in the index. Inception date is 03/01/1997. It's a USD, unhedged index.

The British Pound Sterling is the official currency of The United Kingdom.

The CAC 40 is a benchmark French stock market index. The index represents a capitalization-weighted measure of the 40 most significant stocks among the 100 largest market caps on the Euronext Paris.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index (VIX) is calculated from options on the S&P 500 Index and is supposed to reflect the market expectation of the index's annualized 30-day volatility. The volatility measured by the VIX reflects both the possibility of upside movements as well as the possibility of downside movements

The Chinese renminbi (yuan) is the official currency of The People's Republic of China.

The DAX is a stock market index consisting of the 40 major German blue-chip companies trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

The Euro is the official currency of the European Economic & Monetary Union.

The Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 Index, also called the FTSE 100 Index, FTSE 100, FTSE, or, informally, the "Footsie", is a share index of the 100 companies listed on the London Stock Exchange with the highest market capitalization.



**Generic 1st Crude Oil Commodity** 

**Generic German Bund 10 Year Bond Index** 

**Generic Japan 10 Year Bond Index** 

**Generic UK 10 Year Bond Index** 

**Generic US 3 Month Government Bill** 

**Generic US Government 10 Year Bond Index** 

**Generic US Government 2 Year Bond Index** 

**Gold Spot** 

**ICE BofaA MOVE Index** 

**ICE LIBOR USD 3 month Index** 

Japanese yen

**LME Copper Cash** 

The Generic 1st Crude Oil Commodity measures the performance of the nearest expiration date of the WTI Crude Oil Future.

The Generic German Bund 10 Year Bond Index measures the performance of a 10 Year German Government Bond.

The Generic Japan 10 Year Bond Index measures the performance of a 10 Year Japanese Government Bond.

The Generic UK 10 Year Bond Index measures the performance of a 10 Year British Government Bond.

The Generic United States 3 Month Government Bill represents the yield for the current 3 month US Treasury Bill.

The Generic US Government 10 Year Bond Index measures the performance of a 10 Year US Treasury.

The Generic US Government 2 Year Bond Index measures the performance of a 2 Year US Treasury.

The Gold Spot price measures the gold spot price quoted as US Dollars per Troy Ounce.

The ICE BofaA MOVE Index measures the implied volatility of US Treasury options across various maturities.

The ICE LIBOR USD 3 month Index is based on the London - Interbank Offered Rate - ICE Benchmark Administration Fixing for US Dollar. The fixing is conducted each day at 11am & released at 11.45am (London time). The rate is an average derived from the quotations provided by the banks determined by the ICE Benchmark Administration. The top and bottom quartile is eliminated and an average of the remaining quotations calculated to arrive at fixing. The fixing is rounded up to 5 decimal places where the sixth digit is five or more. ICE Libor day count follows normal market convention: 365 days for GBP, 360 days for the other currencies and for value two business days after the fixing. Please note that for the overnight rate, the value date is on the same day as the fixing date, with the maturity date falling the next business day in both centres.

The Japanese yen is the official currency of Japan.

The LME Copper Cash measures the copper cash price from the end of LME day Final Evening Evaluations.



MSCI ACWI ex USA Index

**MSCI ACWI Index** 

**MSCI Asia Pacific Index** 

MSCI Brazil Index

MSCI Chile Index

**MSCI China Index** 

**MSCI Czech Republic Index** 

**MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index** 

MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Asia Index

MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Europe & Middle East & Africa (EMEA) Index

MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Latin America Index

**MSCI Emerging Markets Index** 

The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the US) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 2,258 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the US.

The MSCI ACWI Index, MSCI's flagship global equity index, is designed to represent performance of the full opportunity set of large- and mid-cap stocks across 23 developed and 24 emerging markets. As of May 2022, it covers more than 2,933 constituents across 11 sectors and approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each market.

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the stock markets of Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI Brazil Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Brazilian market. The index covers about 85% of the Brazilian equity universe.

The MSCI Chile Index is designed to measure the performance of the large, mid and small cap segments of the Chilean market. The index covers approximately 85% of the Chile equity universe.

The MSCI China Index is a free-float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance in China.

The MSCI Czech Republic Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Czech Republic market. Th index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Czech Republic.

The MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index is an equity index which captures small cap representation across 21 Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Asia Index captures large and mid cap representation across 8 Emerging Markets countries (China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand).

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Europe & Middle East & Africa (EMEA) Index captures large and mid cap representation across 11 EM countries in EMEA (Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Kuwait, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey and United Arab Emirates).

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Latin America Index captures large and mid cap representation across 5 EM countries in Latin America (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru).

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.



**MSCI Europe Index** 

**MSCI Hungary Index** 

**MSCI India Index** 

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**MSCI Japan Index** 

**MSCI Korea Index** 

**MSCI Mexico Index** 

**MSCI Poland Index** 

**MSCI Saudi Arabia Index** 

**MSCI South Africa Index** 

**MSCI** Taiwan Index

**MSCI Thailand Index** 

The MSCI Europe Index represents the performance of large and mid-cap equities across 15 developed countries in Europe. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Hungary Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Hungarian market. The index covers approximately 85% of the Hungarian equity universe.

The MSCI India Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Indian market. The index covers approximately 85% of the Indian equity universe

The MSCI Indonesia Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Indonesian market. The index covers about 85% of the Indonesian equity universe.

The MSCI Japan Index represents 8% of the MSCI World Index. It is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid-cap segments and aims to represent ~85% of the Japanese market.

The MSCI Korea Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the South Korean market. With 107 constituents, the index covers about 85% of the Korean equity universe.

The MSCI Mexico Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Mexican market. With 27 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Mexico.

The MSCI Hungary Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Hungarian market. The index covers approximately 85% of the Hungarian equity universe.

The MSCI Saudi Arabia Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Saudi Arabian market.

The MSCI South Africa Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the South African market. With 54 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in South Africa.

The MSCI Taiwan Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Taiwan market. With 88 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Taiwan.

The MSCI Thailand Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Thailand market. With 36 constituents, the index covers about 85% of the Thailand equity universe.



**MSCI Turkey Index** 

Nasdaq Composite Index

Nikkei 225

Russell 1000® Basic Materials Index

Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Consumer Discretionary Index

Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Consumer Staples Index

Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Energy Index

Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Financials Index

Russell 1000® Growth Index

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Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Industrials Index

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Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Technology Index

Russell 1000® Telecommunications Index

Russell 1000® Utilities Index

The MSCI Turkey Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Turkish market. The index covers about 85% of the equity universe in Turkey.

The Nasdaq Composite Index is a stock market index that includes almost all stocks listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

The Nikkei 225, or the Nikkei Stock Average, more commonly called the Nikkei or the Nikkei index, is a stock market index for the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

The Russell 1000® Basic Materials Index measures the performance of the Basic Materials sector of the Russell 1000® Index.

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The Russell 1000® Growth Index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the US equity universe.

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Russell 1000® Value Index

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Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index

S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index

The Russell 1000® Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the US equity universe.

The Russell 2000® Index is a small-cap U.S. stock market index that makes up the smallest 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000® Index.

The Russell 2000® Basic Materials Index measures the performance of the Basic Materials sector of the Russell 2000® Index.

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The Russell 2000® Consumer Staples Index measures the performance of the Consumer Staples sector of the Russell 2000® Index.

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The Russell 2000® Financials Index measures the performance of the Financials sector of the Russell 2000® Index.

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The Russell 2000® Technology Index measures the performance of the Technology sector of the Russell 2000® Index.

The Russell 2000® Telecommunications Index measures the performance of the Telecommunications sector of the Russell 2000® Index.

The Russell 2000® Utilities Index measures the performance of the Utilities sector of the Russell 2000® Index.

The Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 US companies.

The S&P 500® Index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.



S&P/ASX 200 Index

S&P/TSX 60 Index

**STOXX Europe 600** 

**US Fed Trade Weighted Nominal Advanced Foreign Economies Dollar Index** 

US Fed Trade Weighted Nominal Emerging Market Economies Dollar Index

The S&P/ASX 200 Index is a market-capitalization weighted and float-adjusted stock market index of stocks listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

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A weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against a subset of the broad index currencies that are advanced foreign economies.

A weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against a subset of the broad index currencies that are emerging market economies.



# GLOSSARY OF TERMS



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**Advanced Economies** 

**Emerging Market & Developing Economies** 

**EUR/MWh** 

**Last Mile** 

OAS

**Nominal Effective Exchange Rates** 

**Spreads** 

The IMF World Economic Outlook classifies 39 economies as "advanced," based on such factors as high per capita income, exports of diversified goods and services, and greater integration into the global financial system.

Countries classified as emerging market economies are those with an economy that is transitioning into being developed. These countries have a unified currency, stock market, and banking system, and they're in the process of industrialization.

Euros per mega-watt hour.

The 'last mile' refers to the final stages of the disinflation process in the US.

Option-Adjusted Spread is a yield spread which is added to the benchmark yield curve to price security with an embedded option. This spread measures the deviation of the security's performance from the benchmark on the back of an embedded option.

The nominal effective exchange rate is an unadjusted weighted average rate at which one country's currency exchanges for a basket of multiple foreign currencies. The nominal exchange rate is the amount of domestic currency needed to purchase foreign currency.

Spread is the measurement, in basis points, of the difference or gap between a fixed-income security rate and the risk-free rate of return.



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