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# GLOBAL MARKETS COMPASS Q4 2023



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## 2024 outlook for global economies and markets

#### Recommended for investment professionals

Michael Sager, Managing Director & Head, Multi-Asset & Currency Management at CIBC Asset Management discusses expectations for global and domestic asset classes, currencies and commodities in 2024. Dr. Sager also sheds light on the current state of the global economy, with a focus on Canada, the US, Eurozone and China as well as our 12-month economic outlook.

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#### Q4 2023 market review



#### **Economic overview**

- Following declines in Q3, equity markets continued a tradition of year-end rallies to help reverse losses posted in 2022
- Bond markets rallied amid less hawkish outlooks for monetary policy from major central banks
- Equity markets returned to risk-on sentiment with stronger corporate earnings reports
- Technology and growth-oriented sectors outperformed over the year, as a potential ebbing in interest rates and new artificial intelligence (AI) technologies stand to benefit those companies the most



#### Fixed income

- Fixed income markets reversed losses from Q3 as central bank sentiment grew less hawkish and bonds continued to offer elevated yields across most major global markets
- Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index reversed some prior losses with a gain of 8.1% USD in Q4 and a 5.7% USD gain on the year
- FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index rose 8.3% CAD in Q4 and 5% CAD on the year
- Canadian bond returns were highest among long-term bonds, which rose by close to 10% CAD for the year



#### Equities

#### Canada:

- S&P/TSX Composite Index posted strong gains of over 8% CAD in Q4, finishing 2023 with gains close to 12% CAD
- Bank of Canada (BoC) left its target policy rate unchanged at 5%
- Population growth continued to put pressure on employment growth and housing costs, with the inflation rate slowing but remaining well above the 2% BoC targets

#### US:

- Nasdaq Composite Index gained 40.8% USD on the year
- S&P 500 Composite Index gained 26.3% USD on the year
- US Federal Reserve Board (Fed) left its key policy rate unchanged in the last quarter of the year as inflation cooled
- US equities were led by the "Magnificent Seven" mega-cap stocks, which more than doubled in 2023 as measured by the Bloomberg Magnificent 7 Total Return Index

#### International

- MSCI World Index added 8.8% CAD in Q4, bringing 2023 gains to over 21% CAD
- MSCI EAFE® Index underperformed other major indices but still gained 7.7% CAD in Q4, adding to 15.7% calendar year returns
- MSCI Emerging Markets Index, a distant laggard, posted gains of 5.3% CAD for Q4, and 7.3% CAD in 2023





## Summary in charts

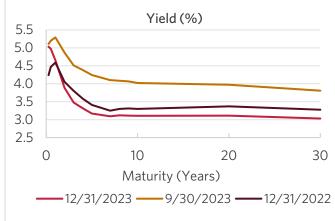
A traditional 60/40 equity and fixed income balanced portfolio outperformed cash over 3 months, 6 months and 1 year

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
US Equities:	US Equities:	US Equities:
8.93%	7.66%	22.90%
Global Equities:	Global Equities:	Global Equities:
8.78%	7.40%	21.08%
Canadian Gov	Canadian High	International
Bonds: 8.49%	Yield: 7.24%	Equities: 15.66%
Canadian	Canadian	Balanced
Equities: 8.11%	Equities: 5.73%	Portfolio: 12.77%
International	Balanced	Canadian
Equities: 7.74%	Portfolio: 5.65%	Equities: 11.83%
Canadian Corporate Bonds: 7.63%	International Equities: 5.63%	Canadian High Yield: 10.00%
Balanced	Canadian	Canadian
Portfolio:	Dividend:	Dividend:
7.43%	5.56%	9.63%
Canadian	Canadian	Canadian
Dividend:	Corporate Bonds:	Corporate Bonds:
7.32%	5.24%	8.37%
Canadian High	Emerging Market	Emerging Market
Yield: 6.11%	Equities: 4.55%	Equities: 7.31%
Global Bonds:	Canadian Gov	Canadian Gov
5.41%	Bonds: 3.68%	Bonds: 6.11%
Emerging Market	Global Bonds:	Cash:
Equities: 5.27%	3.10%	4.71%

Investor optimism around US economic resilience and the "Magnificent Seven" have driven stocks up...



The yield curve remains inverted, with short-term interest rates above longer-dated yields

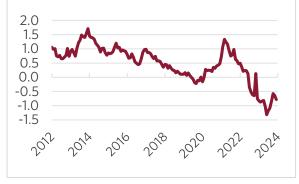


...moving valuations to their longer-term averages



A lower rate on longer-dated bonds vs. short-term bonds means investors aren't paid for taking term risk

Historical Term Spread (10Y-2Y %)





Benchmark Proxies: MSCI EAFE® (EAFE®), MSCI Pacific ex Japan (Pacific ex Japan), MSCI Japan (Japan), MSCI Europe ex UK (Europe ex UK), MSCI UK (UK), MSCI BRIC (BRIC), MSCI Emerging Markets (Emerging Markets). "EAFE" is a registered trademark of MSCI Inc., used under license. The Balanced Portfolio is composed as follows: 21.5% Canadian Bonds, 16.5% Canadian Stocks, 25% US Stocks, 15% International Stocks, 3.5% Emerging Market Stocks, 5% T-Bills, and 13.5% Global Bonds. Source: MSCI Indices, TSX © Copyright 2022 TSX Inc. All rights reserved., Bloomberg, Rimes Technologies Inc. Calculations based on Data available as of December 31, 2023.

#### Message from our Portfolio Solutions Research Forum

The fourth quarter of 2023 started with extreme market pessimism based on higher-for-longer interest rate expectations fueled by hawkish central bank comments. However, this was all forgotten by the end of December, with sentiment shifting on the back of softer economic data, the US Federal Reserve signaling a pivot towards policy easing, and the Bank of Canada pausing on rate hikes over the quarter. As a result, the final two months of 2023 witnessed an "everything rally", with strong returns in virtually all asset classes.

US equities rebounded from 2022's underperformance relative to Canadian and EAFE<sup>®</sup> stocks, with the S&P 500 returning an almost 23% gain on the year. Over 1, 3, 5, and 10-year timeframes, US equities have outperformed the key benchmarks in Canadian, International, and Emerging markets. While many arguments have been presented on the reversal of this leadership over the years, diversification across equities has proven to be the right approach versus any extreme regional views.

Much has been made about the narrowness of the market leadership in 2023 US equity returns. The Magnificent Seven (Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, NVIDIA, Tesla, and Meta) delivered returns that averaged 100%, against the rest of the market's more modest 10% average. Those more inclined to a bullish view, however, might note that this bunch-up simply continued the US market's 14-year trend of concentration in its top 10 names, moving from around 19% at the end of 2009, to around 32% at the end of 2023.

The yield on the Government of Canada 10-Year bond fell from 4.27% at the start of the quarter to 3.10%. This is lower than the 3.3% yield at the start of 2023. This dramatic move reversed what had been a negative year-to-date return on bonds as recently as the end of October. After two consecutive years of negative performance, 2023 saw the FTSE Canada

Bond index provide a 6.7% return. Despite many retail investors preferring the high yields available in cash throughout the year, bonds easily outpaced the FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill 2023 return of 4.7%.

While final data on the 2023 environment for active money managers is not yet available at the time of writing, we expect that some markets were more difficult to beat than others. US equity managers had the challenge of its benchmarks' largest names posting abnormally high returns. Canadian equity managers did not face this headwind, with relatively tame performance from the market's top 10 names. Active investors in the US will be heartened to hear that the strong rally in November and December saw the average Magnificent Seven stock underperform the average of the rest of the S&P 500 by over 1%.

Looking out to 2024, we anticipate that the intense focus on policy rate direction that has been dominating the market's mindshare for much of the past two years will continue. With investors pricing in more rate cuts than the median of the Federal Reserve members' expectations, volatility could be heightened this year.

The US economy has shown continued strength, with unemployment and gross domestic product (GDP) data displaying little reason for concern, while inflation remains above target. This backdrop poses a risk for disappointment on expectations for significant rate easing. In contrast, the Canadian economy has softened, with Q3 showing a negative quarter-over-quarter print, and unemployment data displaying some underlying weakness (though employment growth remains positive).

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### Message from our Portfolio Solutions Research Forum (cont.)

Bonds could prove to be a strong performer in any downturn in 2024. Investors have picked up on the attraction, with the yield on the FTSE Canada Universe Bond index declining from 4.97% at the start of Q4 to 3.94% by the end. While bonds have been moved out of the depths of the bargain bin, it is important to note that the average yield on the index over the past 10-years is 2.4%. Bonds continue to be attractive relative to recent history, and the math supports the countercyclical role they could play in a recessionary environment.

We have been tactically underweight risk in 2023 given expectations for a mild global recession. This continues to be the broad stance of our positioning heading into 2024. However, we did take profits on part of the overweight to bonds in response to Q4's strong rally. We also closed our tactical underweight position in Canadian Equity against cash. Aggregate Canadian corporate earnings have risen strongly in the past two years, while the market index has been treading water. As a result, Canada's valuation is now trading in line with its long-term Cyclically-Adjusted Price-to-Earnings (CAPE) ratio. This is a significant improvement.

That said, Canada is a cyclical equity market dependent on the US economy. This dependence tempers our optimism in the near term, given recession risk, and explains why we have gone back to neutral and are not currently considering an overweight position. But an improved valuation does set the stage for outperformance of Canada in the longer term. The near-term outlook for equities remains less constructive in other markets, and valuations in US and International Equity remain more challenging. This motivates retaining underweight positions in both these markets, albeit against Canadian fixed income rather than cash.



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#### Our asset allocation views



#### Strategic

There are no changes to our long-term views, or base probability estimates, of relative asset class performance

#### Our strategic views:

- Equities will remain the cornerstone of wealth generation and will continue to reward investors for additional volatility over risk-free assets
- Similar to equities, over the long term, corporate bonds will reward investors for additional risk, such as default risk
- Higher growth in emerging markets relative to developed markets will drive a higher relative return
- Ahead of potential economic weakness, our priority is to continue to identify diversifying assets that will create value for our clients

Positioned for economic slowdown and equity market weakness

o Underweight Equities and Non-Investment Grade Bonds

Tactical

o **Overweight** Investment Grade Bonds

#### Our tactical views:

- Risk of downside in equities: valuations remain high in many markets, earnings are expected to correct lower, and high interest might persist to combat inflation
- Generally, bonds are relatively more attractive than the recent past: longer maturity yields have corrected to reflect inflation risks. The rapid decline in bond yields in November allowed for profit taking on half this position, with a reallocation from Universe to Short-Term bonds to shorten duration exposure.
- Credit spreads are trading close to their long-term average and appear historically tight when adjusted by the risk-free interest rate. This is not consistent with any significant pricing of recession risk.

Source: CIBC Asset Management

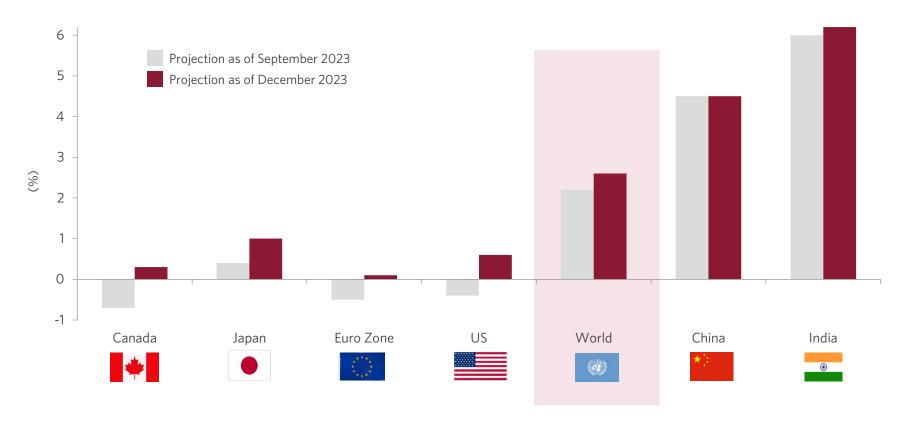


# **Economic review**

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## **Global growth projections**

Global growth prospects are improving, although GDP growth will likely remain below trend in 2024.



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Sources: Refinitiv-Datastream and CIBC Asset Management Inc. Data as of December 31, 2023.



### Inflation in Canada and the US continues to decline

Returning inflation all the way back to policy targets will likely prove challenging, given resilient growth in the US and sticky labour costs in Canada. This suggests fewer rate cuts than currently priced by the market consensus.



#### CPI Excluding Food & Energy

**Canadian Consumer Price Inflation** 

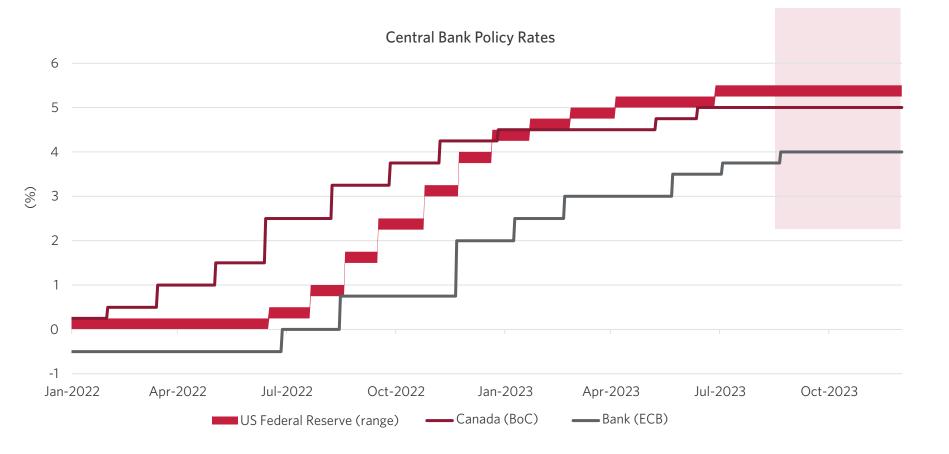
Categories	12-month inflation	Change from previous quarter
CPI	3.1%	-0.9%
Core CPI	2.8%	-0.5%
Food	5.0%	-1.8%
Energy	-5.7%	-7.5%
Shelter	5.9%	-0.1%
Transportation	-0.1%	-2.4%
Health and personal care	4.2%	-1.7%
Recreation, education and reading	3.8%	1.6%
Clothing and footwear	0.6%	-1.1%
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	4.6%	-0.6%
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	-1.5%	-1.5%

Sources: US Bureau of Labour Statistics, Stats Canada. Available data as of December 31, 2023.



## Central banks are at the end of aggressive policy tightening cycles

Weaker inflation will allow developed market (DM) central banks to start easing policy, and many emerging market (EM) central banks to continue their existing easing cycles.

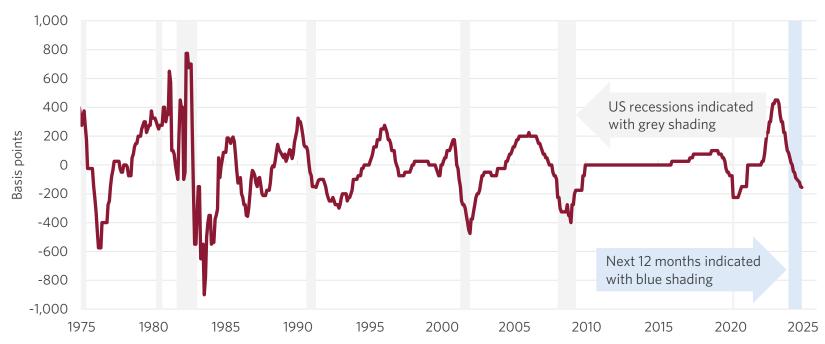


Sources: Bank of Canada, European Central Bank and US Federal Reserve. Available data as of December 31, 2023.



## Sticky inflation may limit the Fed's easing cycle

Markets assume inflation will quickly return to the Fed's target, allowing deep interest rate cuts. Resilient growth is a risk to this view.



#### Yearly change in the Fed Funds Rate & market implied one-year projection



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Sources: Refinitiv-Datastream and CIBC Asset Management Inc. Available data as of December 31, 2023.



## Canadian housing affordability looks stretched

The BoC is set to walk a tightrope. Easing policy too aggressively risks stoking house price inflation and widening imbalances. Keeping policy too tight risks a more severe housing-led economic downturn.



The share of disposable income put towards housing-related expenses is the highest in 42 years



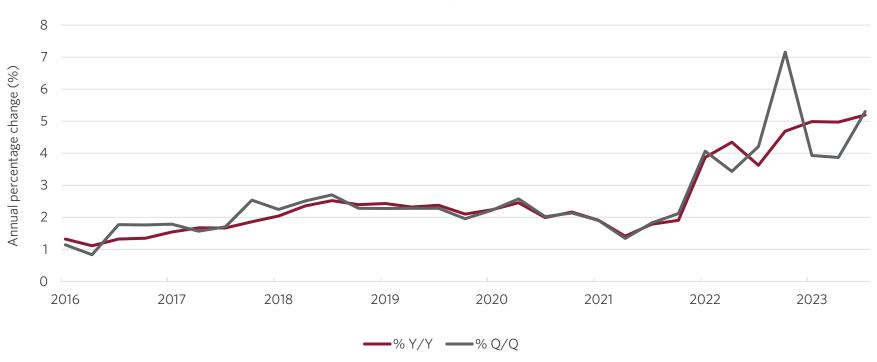
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## The ECB has a difficult balancing act ahead

The ECB needs to weaken the euro and improve competitiveness by cutting interest rates. Inflation above its policy target, due in part to strong wage growth, will limit its room for maneuver.



Eurozone Wage Inflation

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Sources: Goldman Sachs. Available data as of December 31, 2023.



## Chinese growth disappointment to continue

China will have no choice but to launch more policy stimulus. Still, residential construction will likely fall further due to excess supply and adverse demographics. And aggregate GDP growth will remain weak.



#### Residential buildings under construction



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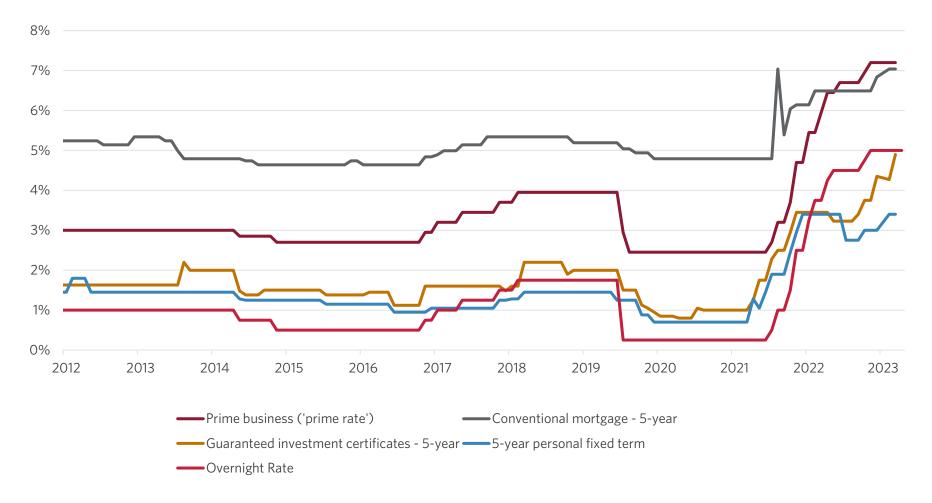


# Fixed income, currency and commodities markets

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#### Canadian key interest rates

The BoC policy rate remained at 5% in Q4 2023.

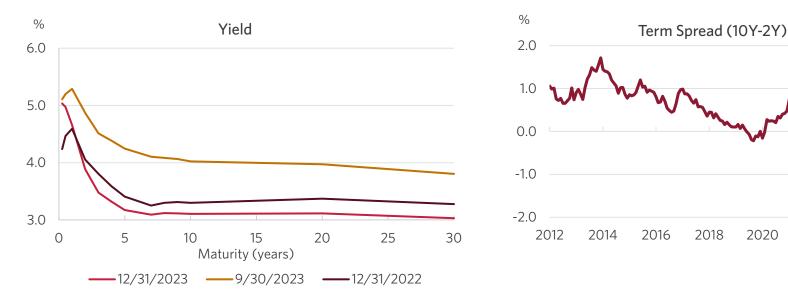


Source: Bank of Canada. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## Canadian sovereign bond yields

The Canadian yield curve remained inverted in Q4, although longer-date yields did fall a little more than shortdated yields.



#### Canadian bond yields

Date	3 mo	6 mo	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr	7 yr	8 yr	9 yr	10 yr	20 yr	30 yr
12/31/2023	5.03	4.97	4.66	3.89	3.48	3.32	3.17	3.09	3.12	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.03
9/30/2023	5.11	5.20	5.29	4.87	4.51	4.38	4.25	4.10	4.08	4.07	4.02	3.97	3.81
12/31/2022	4.24	4.47	4.59	4.05	3.80	3.59	3.41	3.25	3.30	3.31	3.30	3.37	3.28

Source: Bloomberg. Data as of December 31, 2023.

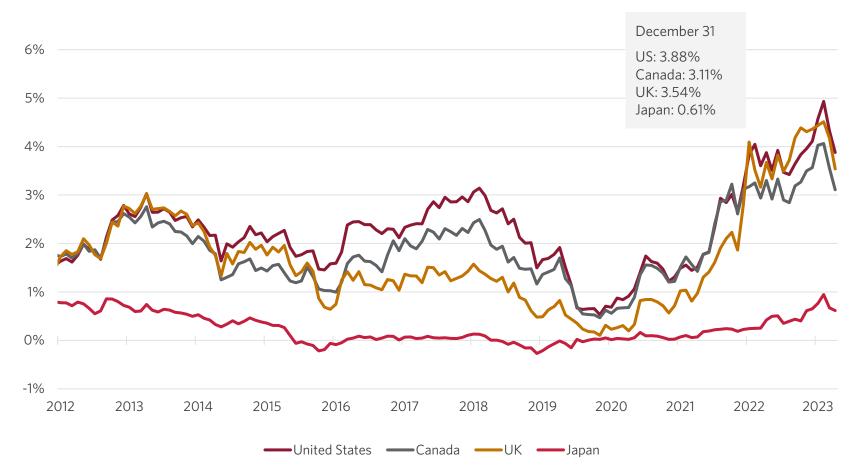


2022

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## Global government bond yields

10-year government bond yields in most major economies have declined from recent peaks.

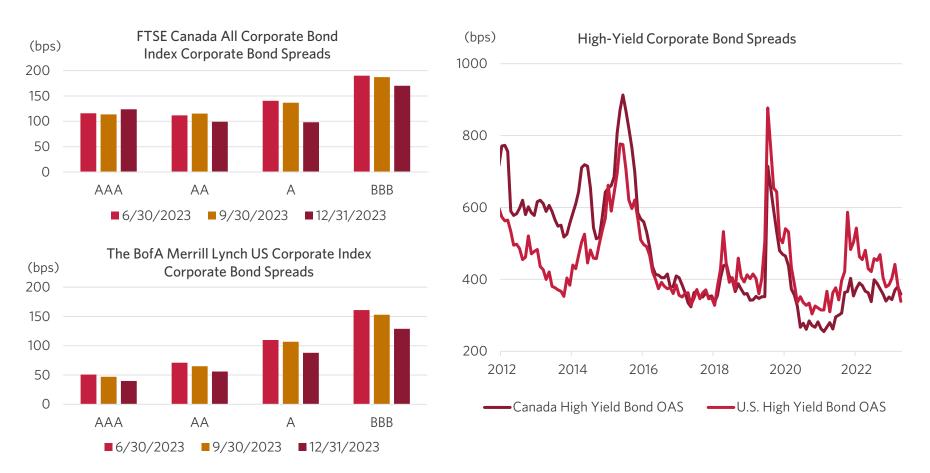


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## **Credit spreads**

Credit spreads are tight relative to historical averages. We think a risk of widening remains, given residual recession risks.

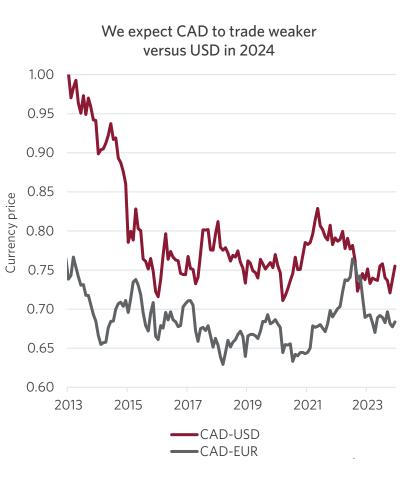


Source: Bloomberg, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Bond Indices, PC Bond Analytics, FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc. Data as of December 31, 2023. High-Yield bond sectors represented by Merrill Lynch Canada High Yield Index and Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II Index. Investment Grade Corporate Bond sectors represented by FTSE Canada Universe Corporate Index and BofA Merrill Lynch US Corporate Index.



## Key Canadian dollar (CAD) exchange rates

	Currency	Conversion	12/31/23	9/30/23
	US Dollar	CAD-USD	0.76	0.74
$ \langle i_{i}\rangle \rangle _{i}$	Euro	CAD-EUR	0.68	0.70
	Japanese Yen	CAD-JPY	106.32	110.01
	Pound Sterling	CAD-GBP	1.69	1.66
	Australian Dollar	CAD-AUD	1.11	1.14
+	Swiss Franc	CAD-CHF	0.63	0.67
**	Hong Kong Dollar	CAD-HKD	5.90	5.77
*	Chinese Yuan	CAD-CNY	5.37	5.41
-	Swedish Krona	CAD-SEK	7.62	8.05
***	New Zealand Dollar	CAD-NZD	1.19	1.23
	South Korean Won	CAD-KRW	974.53	992.79
<b>(</b> ::	Singapore Dollar	CAD-SGD	1.00	1.01
╡┝═	Norwegian Krone	CAD-NOK	7.68	7.87
۲	Mexican Peso	CAD-MXN	12.80	12.85
	Brazilian Real	CAD-BRL	3.66	3.71
۲	Indian Rupee	CAD-INR	62.80	61.86



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## **Canadian bonds: Performance**

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Long Term	High Yield	High Yield
14.82%	7.24%	10.00%
Real Return	Corporate	Long Term
10.50%	5.24%	9.51%
Government	Mid Term	Corporate
8.49%	4.20%	8.37%
Core	Core	Core
8.27%	4.08%	6.69%
Mid Term	Short Term	Mid Term
8.26%	3.98%	6.13%
Corporate	Long Term	Government
7.63%	3.91%	6.11%
Federal	Government	Short Term
6.80%	3.68%	5.02%
High Yield	MBS	Federal
6.11%	3.57%	5.00%
Short Term	Federal	MBS
4.11%	3.52%	4.15%
MBS	Real Return	Real Return
4.04%	2.27%	1.99%

High-yield and long-term were the best performing fixed income categories in Q4 2023. Long-term bonds outperformed shortterm bonds over the quarter and the year.

The performance of high-yield contradicted fears of US recession. Spreads now appear tight, and at risk of some widening.

Source: PC Bond Analytics, FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc. Canadian Dollar Total Returns. Data as of December 31, 2023.



### **Currency returns**

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Swiss Franc	Swiss Franc	Mexican Peso
6.11%	6.41%	12.23%
Australian Dollar	Australian Dollar	Swiss Franc
3.39%	2.47%	7.44%
Japanese Yen	Singapore Dollar	Pound Sterling
3.34%	2.47%	2.90%
Pound Sterling	Japanese Yen	Euro
1.86%	2.34%	0.69%
Euro	Chinese Yuan	Singapore Dollar
1.73%	2.08%	-0.67%
Singapore Dollar	Euro	Australian Dollar
1.02%	1.09%	-2.14%
Chinese Yuan	Mexican Peso	U.S. Dollar
0.32%	0.91%	-2.29%
Mexican Peso	Hong Kong Dollar	Hong Kong Dollar
0.00%	0.34%	-2.36%
Hong Kong Dollar	Pound Sterling	Chinese Yuan
-2.19%	0.23%	-5.24%
U.S. Dollar	U.S. Dollar	Japanese Yen
-2.46%	0.01%	-9.10%

The Swiss Franc led currency returns over the 3and 6-month periods. In general, there was a significant amount of currency return variability throughout 2023.

Source: Bloomberg. Currency returns relative to the Canadian dollar. Data as of December 31, 2023.

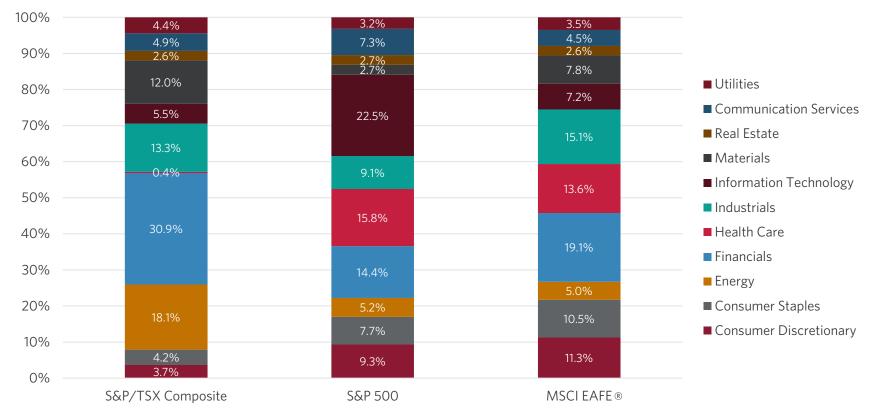


# Equity markets

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## **Canadian equities**

The Canadian Equity market has a higher allocation to cyclical sectors like Financials, Energy, and Materials than some other market indices. Differences in sector composition are an important driver of relative performance.



GICS Sector Breakdown across Equity Markets

Source: S&P/TSX GICS Indices, TSX<sup>©</sup> Copyright 2023 TSX Inc. "EAFE" is a registered trademark of MSCI Inc., used under license. All rights reserved. Due to rounding totals may not always equal 100%. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## **Global equities: GICS sector returns**

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Information Technology	Financials	Information Technology
14.68%	12.32%	49.53%
Industrials	Communication Services	Communication Services
11.11%	12.22%	42.08%
Financials	Information Technology	Consumer Discretionary
10.58%	10.11%	31.89%
Materials	Materials	Industrials
9.99%	8.07%	20.49%
Consumer Discretionary	Industrials	Financials
8.50%	7.73%	13.86%
Communication Services	Energy	Materials
8.13%	6.81%	12.24%
Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Health Care
8.01%	4.68%	1.48%
Health Care	Health Care	Energy
3.35%	2.79%	0.75%
Consumer Staples	Utilities	Consumer Staples
2.89%	0.38%	0.26%
Energy	Consumer Staples	Utilities
-6.25%	-1.47%	-1.51%

Global market performance has been driven by a narrow set of technology stocks. Defensive sectors such as Utilities, Consumer Staples, and Health Care underperformed in the face of US economic resilience.

Source: MSCI World Index, Bloomberg. All rights reserved. Canadian Dollar Total Returns. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## **Global equities performance**

US economic resilience, weaker inflation, and an end to central bank tightening cycles drove market optimism. Most equity markets continued to experience robust performance over the quarter and 1-year period.



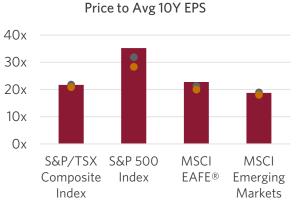
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## Equity valuation measures

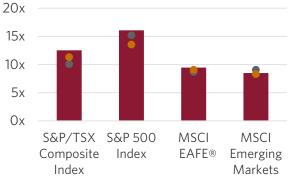
The S&P 500 drove up most valuation metrics to or above their 5-year averages.



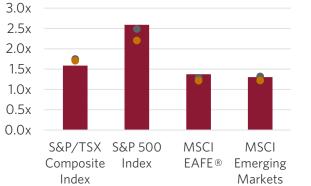


Price to Book Ratio

#### Price to Cash Flow



#### Price to Sales Ratio



#### 5.0x 4.0x 3.0x 2.0x 1.0x 0.0x S&P/TSX S&P 500 MSCI MSCI EAFE® Composite Index Emerging Index Markets Q4 2023

#### 12-Month Dividend Yield



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# Asset allocation

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#### Asset class returns

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
US Equities	US Equities	US Equities
8.93%	7.66%	22.90%
Global Equities	Global Equities	Global Equities
8.78%	7.40%	21.08%
Canadian Government Bonds	Canadian High Yield	International Equities
8.49%	7.24%	15.66%
Canadian Equities	Canadian Equities	Balanced Portfolio
8.11%	5.73%	12.77%
International Equities	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Equities
7.74%	5.65%	11.83%
Canadian Corporate Bonds	International Equities	Canadian High Yield
7.63%	5.63%	10.00%
Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Dividend	Canadian Dividend
7.43%	5.56%	9.63%
Canadian Dividend	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Corporate Bonds
7.32%	5.24%	8.37%
Canadian High Yield	Emerging Market Equities	Emerging Market Equities
6.11%	4.55%	7.31%
Global Bonds	Canadian Government Bonds	Canadian Government Bonds
5.41%	3.68%	6.11%
Emerging Market Equities	Global Bonds	Cash
5.27%	3.10%	4.71%
Cash	Cash	Global Bonds
1.28%	2.52%	2.36%

Asset class leadership varies over time based on a variety of factors. Investing in a broadly diversified portfolio will ensure at least some participation in the highest performing asset classes at any given time.

Source: PC Bond Analytics, FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc., Zephyr Associates Inc, Rimes Technologies Inc, Bloomberg. The Balanced Portfolio is composed as follows: 21.5% Canadian Bonds, 16.5% Canadian Stocks, 25% US Stocks, 15% International Stocks, 3.5% Emerging Market Stocks, 5% T-Bills, and 13.5% Global Bonds. Canadian Dollar Total Returns. Data as of December 31, 2023.



#### Asset class correlations

Stock and bond markets rallied in Q4 2023 as investors expected slowing inflation. The positive correlation between these asset classes in the quarter was broadly consistent with investor's average experience over 1 and 7 years.

	Cash	Canadian Equities	Canadian Dividend	Canadian Bonds	Canadian High Yield	US Equities	Global Equities	International Equities	Emerging Market Equities	Global Bonds	<ul><li>1-Year Correlations</li><li>7-Year Correlations</li><li>Benchmark</li></ul>
Cash	1.00	-0.12	-0.12	0.21	0.13	-0.07	-0.09	-0.09	0.14	0.45	FTSE Canada 91 Day T-Bill
Canadian Equities	-0.13	1.00	0.99	0.78	0.83	0.79	0.89	0.96	0.79	0.43	S&P/TSX Composite
Canadian Dividend	-0.16	0.99	1.00	0.75	0.82	0.72	0.84	0.94	0.75	0.40	S&P/TSX Composite Dividend
Canadian Bonds	0.15	0.45	0.39	1.00	0.83	0.76	0.81	0.80	0.64	0.79	FTSE Canada Universe Bond
Canadian High Yield	-0.12	0.69	0.66	0.48	1.00	0.62	0.71	0.76	0.66	0.52	FTSE Canada High Yield Bond
US Equities	-0.01	0.80	0.76	0.51	0.50	1.00	0.98	0.83	0.76	0.59	S&P 500
Global Equities	-0.01	0.84	0.80	0.53	0.56	0.98	1.00	0.93	0.82	0.59	MSCI World
International Equities	0.03	0.79	0.77	0.50	0.56	0.81	0.90	1.00	0.80	0.57	MSCI EAFE ®
Emerging Market Equities	-0.05	0.58	0.54	0.40	0.58	0.55	0.63	0.71	1.00	0.44	MSCI Emerging Markets
Global Bonds	0.27	-0.22	-0.27	0.61	-0.09	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.08	1.00	Citigroup World Government Bond

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# Appendix – Index returns

Q4 2023 Global Markets Compass

## Canadian bonds: Returns

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year
Long Term	High Yield					
14.82%	7.24%	10.00%	3.37%	5.03%	5.30%	5.17%
Real Return	Corporate	Long Term	Short Term	Corporate	Corporate	Long Term
10.50%	5.24%	9.51%	-0.06%	2.51%	2.43%	3.30%
Government	Mid Term	Corporate	MBS	Real Return	Mid Term	Corporate
8.49%	4.20%	8.37%	-0.85%	1.67%	1.50%	3.10%
Core	Core	Core	Corporate	Short Term	Core	Real Return
8.27%	4.08%	6.69%	-1.23%	1.62%	1.49%	2.73%
Mid Term	Short Term	Mid Term	Federal	Mid Term	Long Term	Mid Term
8.26%	3.98%	6.13%	-2.49%	1.52%	1.47%	2.58%
Corporate	Long Term	Government	Mid Term	Core	Short Term	Core
7.63%	3.91%	6.11%	-2.51%	1.30%	1.44%	2.42%
Federal	Government	Short Term	Core	MBS	MBS	Government
6.80%	3.68%	5.02%	-2.80%	1.28%	1.41%	2.18%
High Yield	MBS	Federal	Government	Government	Real Return	Short Term
6.11%	3.57%	5.00%	-3.36%	0.86%	1.29%	1.68%
Short Term	Federal	MBS	Real Return	Long Term	Government	MBS
4.11%	3.52%	4.15%	-3.81%	0.63%	1.15%	1.67%
MBS	Real Return	Real Return	Long Term	Federal	Federal	Federal
4.04%	2.27%	1.99%	-6.47%	0.62%	0.80%	1.60%

Source: PC Bond Analytics, FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc. Canadian Dollar Total Returns. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## **Canadian bonds: Returns**

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
High Yield	Short Term	High Yield	Real Return	Long Term	MBS	High Yield	High Yield	Mid Term	Long Term
10.00%	-4.04%	6.18%	13.02%	12.71%	2.47%	9.94%	16.93%	4.86%	17.48%
Long Term	High Yield	Real Return	Long Term	High Yield	Federal	Long Term	Corporate	Government	Real Return
9.51%	-5.44%	1.84%	11.90%	8.48%	2.39%	7.03%	3.73%	3.84%	13.18%
Corporate	MBS	MBS	Mid Term	Corporate	High Yield	Corporate	Real Return	Long Term	Government
8.37%	-5.69%	-0.76%	10.08%	8.05%	2.15%	3.38%	2.86%	3.80%	9.29%
Core	Federal	Short Term	Corporate	Real Return	Short Term	Core	Long Term	Federal	Mid Term
6.69%	-9.34%	-0.93%	8.74%	8.02%	1.91%	2.52%	2.47%	3.66%	9.16%
Mid Term	Corporate	Corporate	Government	Core	Mid Term	Government	Core	Core	Core
6.13%	-9.87%	-1.34%	8.69%	6.87%	1.91%	2.18%	1.66%	3.52%	8.79%
Government	Mid Term	Core	Core	Government	Government	MBS	Mid Term	Real Return	Corporate
6.11%	-10.29%	-2.54%	8.68%	6.42%	1.53%	0.97%	1.61%	2.79%	7.58%
Short Term	Core	Federal	Federal	Mid Term	Core	Mid Term	MBS	Corporate	Federal
5.02%	-11.69%	-2.62%	7.28%	5.75%	1.41%	0.96%	1.24%	2.71%	6.91%
Federal	Government	Mid Term	High Yield	Federal	Corporate	Real Return	Short Term	Short Term	MBS
5.00%	-12.34%	-2.69%	6.69%	3.73%	1.10%	0.72%	1.01%	2.61%	3.10%
MBS	Real Return	Government	MBS	MBS	Long Term	Federal	Government	MBS	Short Term
4.15%	-14.32%	-2.97%	5.95%	3.21%	0.31%	0.13%	0.89%	2.54%	3.06%
Real Return	Long Term	Long Term	Short Term	Short Term	Real Return	Short Term	Federal	High Yield	High Yield
1.99%	-21.76%	-4.52%	5.29%	3.10%	-0.05%	0.08%	0.00%	-3.81%	2.54%

Source: PC Bond Analytics, FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## Global equities: GICS sector returns

3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years
Information Technology	Financials	Information Technology	Energy	Information Technology	Information Technology	Information Technology
14.68%	12.32%	49.53%	30.89%	23.42%	21.71%	21.23%
Industrials	Communication Services	Communication Services	Information Technology	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary
11.11%	12.22%	42.08%	12.83%	12.48%	11.64%	12.08%
Financials	Information Technology	Consumer Discretionary	Financials	Industrials	Health Care	Health Care
10.58%	10.11%	31.89%	12.12%	11.97%	10.85%	11.95%
Materials	Materials	Industrials	Industrials	Materials	Industrials	Industrials
9.99%	8.07%	20.49%	9.38%	11.74%	9.92%	10.70%
Consumer Discretionary	Industrials	Financials	Materials	Energy	Materials	Financials
8.50%	7.73%	13.86%	7.73%	10.33%	9.74%	9.40%
Communication Services	Energy	Materials	Health Care	Health Care	Financials	Materials
8.13%	6.81%	12.24%	7.27%	10.23%	7.94%	9.22%
Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Health Care	Consumer Staples	Financials	Utilities	Utilities
8.01%	4.68%	1.48%	4.63%	10.21%	7.24%	9.19%
Health Care	Health Care	Energy	Utilities	Communication Services	Communication Services	Consumer Staples
3.35%	2.79%	0.75%	3.70%	10.08%	6.91%	8.80%
Consumer Staples	Utilities	Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples	Communication Services
2.89%	0.38%	0.26%	3.49%	7.46%	6.52%	8.18%
Energy	Consumer Staples	Utilities	Communication Services	Utilities	Energy	Energy
-6.25%	-1.47%	-1.51%	3.14%	6.31%	5.91%	5.24%

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## Global equities: GICS sector returns

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Information Technology	Energy	Energy	Information Technology	Information Technology	Health Care	Information Technology	Energy	Consumer Staples	Health Care
49.53%	58.33%	40.57%	41.73%	40.66%	12.33%	29.63%	23.16%	28.48%	29.40%
Communication Services	Utilities	Information Technology	Consumer Discretionary	Industrials	Utilities	Materials	Materials	Health Care	Information Technology
42.08%	3.11%	29.04%	34.59%	22.00%	12.16%	20.98%	18.79%	28.43%	27.12%
Consumer Discretionary	Health Care	Financials	Communication Services	Communication Services	Information Technology	Industrials	Industrials	Consumer Discretionary	Utilities
31.89%	1.94%	27.60%	21.27%	21.46%	6.55%	17.62%	9.62%	27.06%	26.70%
Industrials	Consumer Staples	Health Care	Materials	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary	Financials	Information Technology	Consumer Staples
20.49%	1.31%	19.32%	18.38%	20.69%	3.45%	16.06%	9.26%	26.18%	17.72%
Financials	Financials	Consumer Discretionary	Health Care	Financials	Communication Services	Financials	Information Technology	Communication Services	Consumer Discretionary
13.86%	-2.99%	17.17%	12.10%	20.02%	-0.94%	15.30%	8.10%	24.00%	13.83%
Materials	Materials	Industrials	Industrials	Materials	Consumer Staples	Health Care	Utilities	Industrials	Financials
12.24%	-3.80%	16.07%	10.22%	17.67%	-1.34%	12.51%	3.19%	18.13%	13.01%
Health Care	Industrials	Materials	Consumer Staples	Health Care	Industrials	Consumer Staples	Communication Services	Financials	Industrials
1.48%	-6.42%	15.79%	6.62%	17.63%	-6.36%	10.06%	2.86%	16.49%	10.05%
Energy	Information Technology	Communication Services	Utilities	Consumer Staples	Energy	Utilities	Consumer Discretionary	Utilities	Communicatio n Services
0.75%	-25.56%	13.81%	3.78%	17.34%	-7.55%	7.08%	0.06%	12.98%	7.80%
Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples	Financials	Utilities	Financials	Communication Services	Consumer Staples	Materials	Materials
0.26%	-28.28%	12.76%	-3.89%	17.33%	-8.94%	-0.26%	-1.26%	2.09%	3.95%
Utilities	Communication Services	Utilities	Energy	Energy	Materials	Energy	Health Care	Energy	Energy
-1.51%	-32.14%	9.81%	-31.74%	6.79%	-9.04%	-1.08%	-9.56%	-6.66%	-3.00%

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## **Canadian equities: Returns**

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year
Value	Value	Growth	Value	Value	Large Cap	Large Cap
10.17%	7.64%	12.27%	15.17%	11.67%	8.38%	8.24%
REIT	Large Cap	Large Cap	Equity Income	Large Cap	Dividend	Dividend
9.39%	5.99%	12.05%	13.58%	11.60%	8.07%	8.13%
Large Cap	Core	Core	Dividend	Dividend	Core	Core
8.76%	5.73%	11.83%	11.87%	11.49%	7.88%	7.63%
Core	Dividend	Value	Large Cap	Core	Growth	Value
8.11%	5.56%	10.51%	10.39%	11.34%	7.75%	7.34%
Dividend	Small Cap	Dividend	Core	Equity Income	Equity Income	Growth
7.32%	5.14%	9.63%	9.67%	11.29%	7.32%	7.16%
Equity Income	Growth	Equity Income	Growth	Growth	Value	Equity Income
7.32%	5.13%	6.97%	6.04%	9.68%	7.13%	6.60%
Small Cap	Equity Income	Small Cap	REIT	Small Cap	REIT	REIT
5.98%	3.67%	4.79%	4.89%	8.37%	5.33%	5.91%
Preferred	Preferred	REIT	Small Cap	REIT	Small Cap	Small Cap
5.48%	2.24%	2.80%	4.57%	4.25%	3.32%	3.95%
Growth	REIT	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred
4.78%	2.08%	-0.73%	-4.30%	-2.99%	-2.84%	-3.79%

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## **Canadian equities: Returns**

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Growth	Value	Value	Small Cap	Equity Income	REIT	Growth	Small Cap	REIT	Growth
12.27%	1.51%	36.18%	12.87%	25.81%	6.29%	13.06%	38.48%	-4.74%	15.94%
Large Cap	Equity Income	Equity Income	Growth	Value	Growth	REIT	Equity Income	Value	Large Cap
12.05%	0.65%	36.10%	10.53%	22.93%	-6.05%	9.85%	28.49%	-6.38%	12.27%
Core	Dividend	REIT	Core	Core	Large Cap	Large Cap	Value	Dividend	Dividend
11.83%	-0.09%	35.22%	5.60%	22.84%	-7.58%	9.78%	27.01%	-7.66%	10.85%
Value	Core	Large Cap	Large Cap	REIT	Dividend	Dividend	Dividend	Large Cap	Core
10.51%	-5.75%	28.05%	5.56%	22.79%	-8.59%	9.33%	24.00%	-7.76%	10.55%
Dividend	Large Cap	Dividend	Dividend	Large Cap	Core	Core	Large Cap	Core	REIT
9.63%	-6.24%	27.82%	1.08%	21.93%	-8.88%	9.08%	21.36%	-8.33%	10.22%
Equity Income	Growth	Core	Preferred	Dividend	Equity Income	Preferred	Core	Growth	Value
6.97%	-7.53%	25.15%	0.05%	21.71%	-10.77%	8.34%	21.08%	-10.53%	5.38%
Small Cap	Small Cap	Small Cap	Equity Income	Growth	Value	Equity Income	REIT	Small Cap	Equity Income
4.79%	-9.29%	20.27%	-7.39%	20.44%	-11.86%	7.61%	17.63%	-13.31%	5.24%
REIT	REIT	Growth	Value	Small Cap	Preferred	Value	Growth	Equity Income	Preferred
2.80%	-16.99%	14.84%	-7.55%	15.84%	-12.21%	5.84%	14.20%	-14.55%	1.72%
Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	REIT	Preferred	Small Cap	Small Cap	Preferred	Preferred	Small Cap
-0.73%	-22.31%	13.65%	-13.08%	-2.02%	-18.17%	2.75%	1.25%	-19.31%	-2.34%

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#### Asset class returns

A traditional Balanced portfolio has outperformed cash on every period from 3-months to 10 years. Investors benefit from staying invested.

3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years
US Equities	US Equities	US Equities	Canadian Dividend	US Equities	US Equities	US Equities
8.93%	7.66%	22.90%	11.87%	14.88%	13.14%	14.48%
Global Equities	Global Equities	Global Equities	US Equities	Global Equities	Global Equities	Global Equities
8.78%	7.40%	21.08%	11.27%	12.58%	11.04%	11.56%
Canadian Government Bonds	Canadian High Yield	International Equities	Canadian Equities	Canadian Dividend	Canadian Dividend	Canadian Dividend
8.49%	7.24%	15.66%	9.67%	11.49%	8.07%	8.13%
Canadian Equities 8.11%	Canadian Equities 5.73%	Balanced Portfolio 12.77%	Global Equities 9.03%	Canadian Equities 11.34%	Canadian Equities 7.88%	Canadian Equities 7.63%
International Equities	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Equities	International Equities	International Equities	International Equities	International Equities
7.74%	5.65%	11.83%	5.74%	7.93%	7.17%	7.06%
Canadian Corporate Bonds	International Equities	Canadian High Yield	Canadian High Yield	Balanced Portfolio	Balanced Portfolio	Balanced Portfolio
7.63%	5.63%	10.00%	3.37%	6.40%	5.75%	6.59%
Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Dividend	Canadian Dividend	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian High Yield	Canadian High Yield	Emerging Market Equities
7.43%	5.56%	9.63%	3.30%	5.03%	5.30%	5.29%
Canadian Dividend	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Cash	Emerging Market Equities	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian High Yield
7.32%	5.24%	8.37%	2.22%	3.34%	5.12%	5.17%
Canadian High Yield	Emerging Market Equities	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Corporate Bonds
6.11%	4.55%	7.31%	-1.23%	2.51%	2.43%	3.10%
Global Bonds	Canadian Government Bonds	Canadian Government Bonds	Canadian Government Bonds	Cash	Cash	Canadian Government Bonds
5.41%	3.68%	6.11%	-3.36%	1.83%	1.58%	2.18%
Emerging Market Equities	Global Bonds	Cash	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Government Bonds	Canadian Government Bonds	Global Bonds
5.27%	3.10%	4.71%	-3.61%	0.86%	1.15%	1.83%
Cash	Cash	Global Bonds	Global Bonds	Global Bonds	Global Bonds	Cash
1.28%	2.52%	2.36%	-6.10%	-2.08%	-0.33%	1.31%



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#### Asset class returns

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
US Equities	Cash	Canadian Dividend	Emerging Market Equities	US Equities	Global Bonds	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Dividend	US Equities	US Equities
22.90%	1.82%	27.82%	16.60%	24.84%	8.09%	28.70%	24.00%	21.59%	23.93%
Global Equities	Canadian Dividend	US Equities	US Equities	Canadian Equities	US Equities	International Equities	Canadian Equities	Global Equities	Global Equities
21.08%	-0.09%	27.61%	16.32%	22.84%	4.23%	17.36%	21.08%	19.55%	15.01%
International Equities	Canadian High Yield	Canadian Equities	Global Equities	Global Equities	Canadian High Yield	Global Equities	Canadian High Yield	International Equities	Balanced Portfolio
15.66%	-5.44%	25.15%	14.45%	21.91%	2.15%	14.99%	16.93%	19.46%	11.66%
Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Equities	Global Equities	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Dividend	Canadian Gov Bonds	US Equities	US Equities	Global Bonds	Canadian Dividend
12.77%	-5.75%	21.31%	9.91%	21.71%	1.53%	13.83%	8.09%	15.22%	10.85%
Canadian Equities	Equities	International Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds	International Equities	Cash		Emerging Market Equities	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Equities
11.83%	-7.76%	10.82%	8.74%	16.45%	1.38%	9.94%	7.74%	7.78%	10.55%
Canadian High Yield	Balanced Portfolio	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Gov Bonds	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Dividend	Balanced Portfolic	Canadian Gov Bonds	Canadian Gov Bonds
10.00%	-9.09%	7.53%	8.69%	12.87%	1.10%	9.33%	6.33%	3.84%	9.29%
Canadian Dividend	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian High Yield	Global Bonds	Balanced Portfolio	Global Equities	Balanced Portfolio	Global Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Global Bonds
9.63%	-9.87%	6.18%	8.18%	12.56%	0.06%	9.27%	4.41%	2.71%	8.49%
Canadian Corporate Bonds	Global Equities	Cash	Canadian High Yield	Canadian High Yield	Balanced Portfolio	Canadian Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds
8.37%	-11.75%	0.17%	6.69%	8.48%	-0.76%	9.08%	3.73%	2.42%	7.58%
Emerging Market Equities	US Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds		Canadian Corporate Bonds	International Equities	Canadian Corporate Bonds	Canadian Gov Bonds	Cash	Emerging Market Equities
7.31%	-12.16%	-1.34%	6.38%	8.05%	-5.55%	3.38%	0.89%	0.63%	7.03%
Canadian Gov Bonds	Global Bonds	Canadian Gov Bonds	Canadian Equities	Canadian Gov Bonds	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Gov Bonds	Cash	Canadian High Yield	International Equities
6.11%	-12.32%	-2.97%	5.60%	6.42%	-6.52%	2.18%	0.51%	-3.81%	4.12%
Cash	Canadian Gov Bonds	Emerging Market Equities	Canadian Dividend	Cash	Canadian Dividend	Cash	Global Bonds	Canadian Dividend	Canadian High Yield
4.71%	-12.34%	-3.06%	1.08%	1.61%	-8.59%	0.56%	-1.91%	-7.66%	2.54%
Global Bonds	Emerging Market Equities	Global Bonds	Cash	Global Bonds	Canadian Equities	Global Bonds	International Equities	Canadian Equities	Cash
2.36%	-13.90%	-7.76%	0.90%	0.54%	-8.88%	0.43%	-2.00%	-8.33%	0.91%

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## US equity performance

3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year
Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Growth
15.26%	11.85%	42.68%	8.97%	19.50%	17.68%	14.86%
Mid Cap Growth	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Core
14.55%	10.59%	26.53%	8.86%	15.52%	13.21%	11.80%
Large Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth
14.16%	8.56%	25.87%	8.86%	13.81%	12.49%	10.57%
Small Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Core
14.03%	8.44%	18.66%	8.36%	12.68%	10.07%	9.42%
Mid Cap Core	Small Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Small Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	Large Cap Value	Large Cap Value
12.82%	8.18%	17.23%	7.94%	11.16%	8.32%	8.40%
Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Core	Small Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value
12.75%	7.54%	16.93%	5.92%	10.91%	8.07%	8.26%
Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Core
12.11%	7.11%	14.65%	2.22%	10.00%	7.76%	7.16%
Large Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth
11.96%	6.03%	12.71%	1.31%	9.97%	7.33%	7.15%
Large Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value
9.50%	4.50%	11.46%	-3.50%	9.22%	6.10%	6.75%

Source: Russell Indices, Bloomberg. US Dollar Total Returns. Data as of December 31, 2023.



## US equity performance

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Large Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value
42.68%	-7.54%	28.34%	38.49%	36.39%	-1.51%	30.21%	31.72%	5.67%	14.75%
Large Cap Core	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Small Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Value
26.53%	-12.03%	28.27%	35.59%	35.47%	-4.75%	25.27%	21.31%	0.92%	13.45%
Mid Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Large Cap Growth	Small Cap Growth	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth	Large Cap Core
25.87%	-14.48%	27.60%	34.63%	31.43%	-4.78%	22.14%	20.00%	-0.20%	13.24%
Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Core
18.66%	-17.32%	26.46%	20.96%	30.54%	-8.27%	21.69%	17.34%	-1.38%	13.22%
Mid Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Large Cap Growth
17.23%	-19.13%	25.16%	19.96%	28.48%	-9.06%	18.52%	13.80%	-2.44%	13.05%
Small Cap Core	Small Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Core	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth
16.93%	-20.44%	22.58%	17.10%	27.06%	-9.33%	14.65%	12.05%	-3.83%	11.90%
Small Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Core	Mid Cap Value	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth
14.65%	-26.36%	14.82%	4.96%	26.54%	-11.01%	13.66%	11.28%	-4.41%	5.60%
Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Value	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Core
12.71%	-26.72%	12.73%	4.63%	25.52%	-12.29%	13.34%	7.33%	-4.78%	4.89%
Large Cap Value	Large Cap Growth	Small Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value	Large Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value
11.46%	-29.14%	2.83%	2.80%	22.39%	-12.84%	7.82%	7.08%	-7.47%	4.21%

Source: Russell Indices, Bloomberg. US Dollar Total Returns. Data as of December 31, 2023.



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