



San Joaquin County Employees Retirement Association

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**SPECIAL MEETING
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF RETIREMENT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024
AT 8:00 AM**

Location: Wine and Roses - Garden Ballroom
2505 Turner Road, Lodi, CA 95242

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1.0 ROLL CALL

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS

4.0 OVERVIEW OF SJCERA - ASSET ALLOCATION, RETURN AND RISK, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

4.01 Presentation by David Sancewich of Meketa Investment Group 03

5.0 KEYNOTE SPEAKER - THE STATE OF THE WORLD IN 2024 AND BEYOND

5.01 Presentation by Jamie Weinstein - Managing Director, Portfolio Manager, PIMCO 29

6.0 PRIVATE MARKET INVESTING

Private Equity, Infrastructure - What's Next and Where are the Markets Today?
Have the Private Markets Bottomed out?

6.01 Moderator Paris Ba of SJCERA with panelists: Judy Chambers of Meketa, Tom Casarella of Oaktree, Brooke Coburn of Capital Meridian, and James Berner of Blackrock

7.0 REAL ESTATE

What Lies Ahead in Real Estate and Where are the Opportunities? What is the Future for Vacant Office Buildings? What are some Emerging Market Constraints in Real Estate?

7.01 Moderator Ryan Farrell of Meketa with panelist: Ronnie Gul of Mesa West, Kosta Karmaniolas of Prologis and Kyle Elfers of Principal 57

8.0 MANAGER DEBATE: IN A CLASSIC DEBATE FORMAT

Watch Teams of Managers Debate Various Topics

8.01 Moderator David Sancewich of Meketa and panelists: Rob Kostow of HPS, Brooks Monroe of Invesco, and George Bruce of PE Diversified

9.0 INFLATION AND STAGFLATION

When will it Stop and What does it Mean? The Global Economy has been Faced with Historically High Inflation that has Leveled off, but Slower Economic Growth is now a Reality. What Investment Trends Make Sense Given the Flat/Falling Interest Rates?

9.01 Moderator Paola Nealon of Meketa with panelist: David Aspell of Mt. Lucas, Christopher Miller of Neuberger-Berman, and Matthew Novac of Loomis

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10.0 OPEN DISCUSSION AND RECAP

Led by David Sancewich of Meketa

10.01 Comments from the Board of Retirement

10.02 Comments from the Public

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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SJCERA Overview

The Defined Benefit Pension Equation

Essential Equation for Pension Funds:

$$C + I = B + E$$

C = Contributions (by Employers and Employees)

I = Interest (investment return – appreciation/income)

B = Benefits

E = Expenses

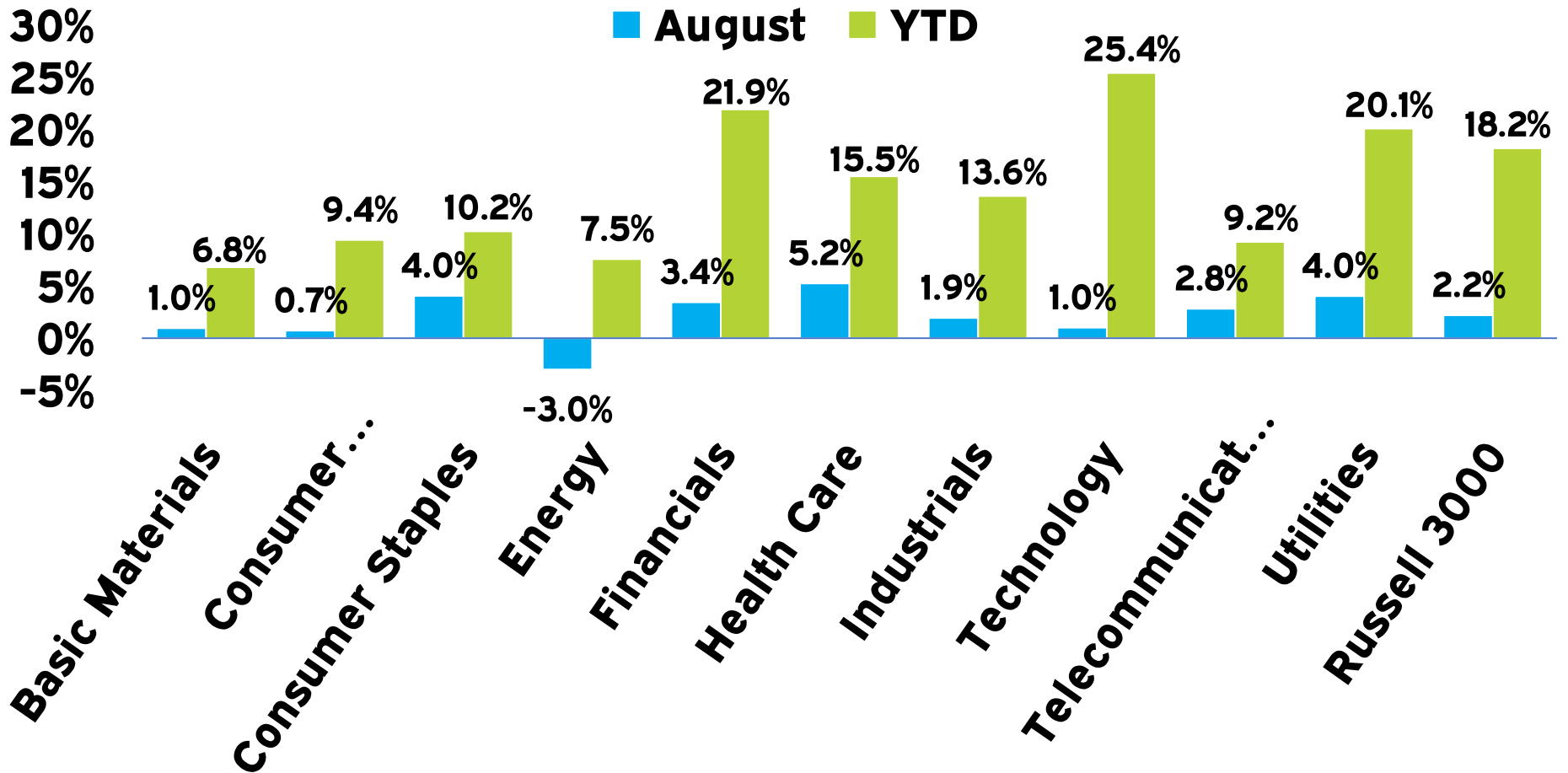
Work Together as Strategic Partners

Capital Markets Review

Domestic Equity (August 2024)

	August (%)	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 YR (%)	3 YR (%)	5 YR (%)
S&P 500	1.4	2.6	18.3	26.2	9.1	15.7
Russell 3000	1.2	3.1	17.0	25.3	7.6	15.0
Russell 1000	1.4	2.8	17.5	25.8	8.0	15.3
R1000 Growth	0.9	-0.8	19.8	30.3	8.7	18.8
R1000 Value	1.8	7.0	14.1	20.0	6.8	11.0
Russell 2000	-2.2	7.8	9.6	18.0	0.3	9.5
R2000 Growth	-1.9	6.2	10.9	17.4	-2.3	8.2
R2000 Value	-2.5	9.4	8.5	18.6	2.7	10.2

Russell 3000 (August 2024)



International Equity (August 2024)

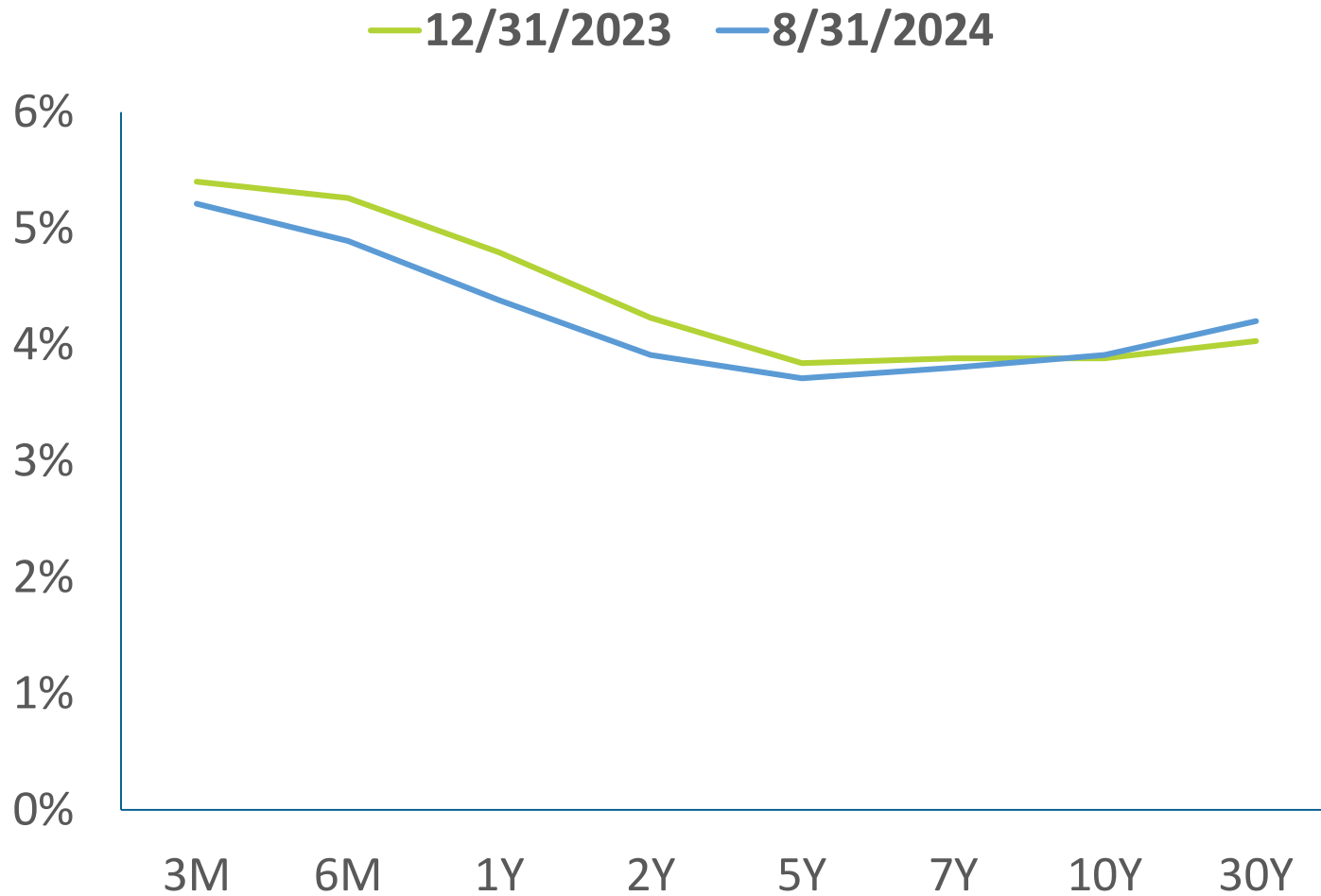
Foreign Equity	August (%)	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 YR (%)	3 YR (%)	5 YR (%)
MSCI ACWI ex. US	3.1	2.5	10.9	18.0	2.3	7.7
MSCI EAFE	3.0	6.0	11.7	19.7	4.2	8.7
MSCI EAFE (Local)	0.2	0.9	12.1	16.6	7.5	9.7
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	1.4	7.2	7.7	15.6	-2.3	6.5
MSCI Emerging Mkt	1.2	1.5	9.1	13.7	-2.3	5.0
MSCI EM (Local)	-0.1	0.5	11.5	14.9	0.6	6.7
MSCI China	-0.4	-1.7	3.0	-4.9	-13.0	-3.5

Fixed Income(August 2024)

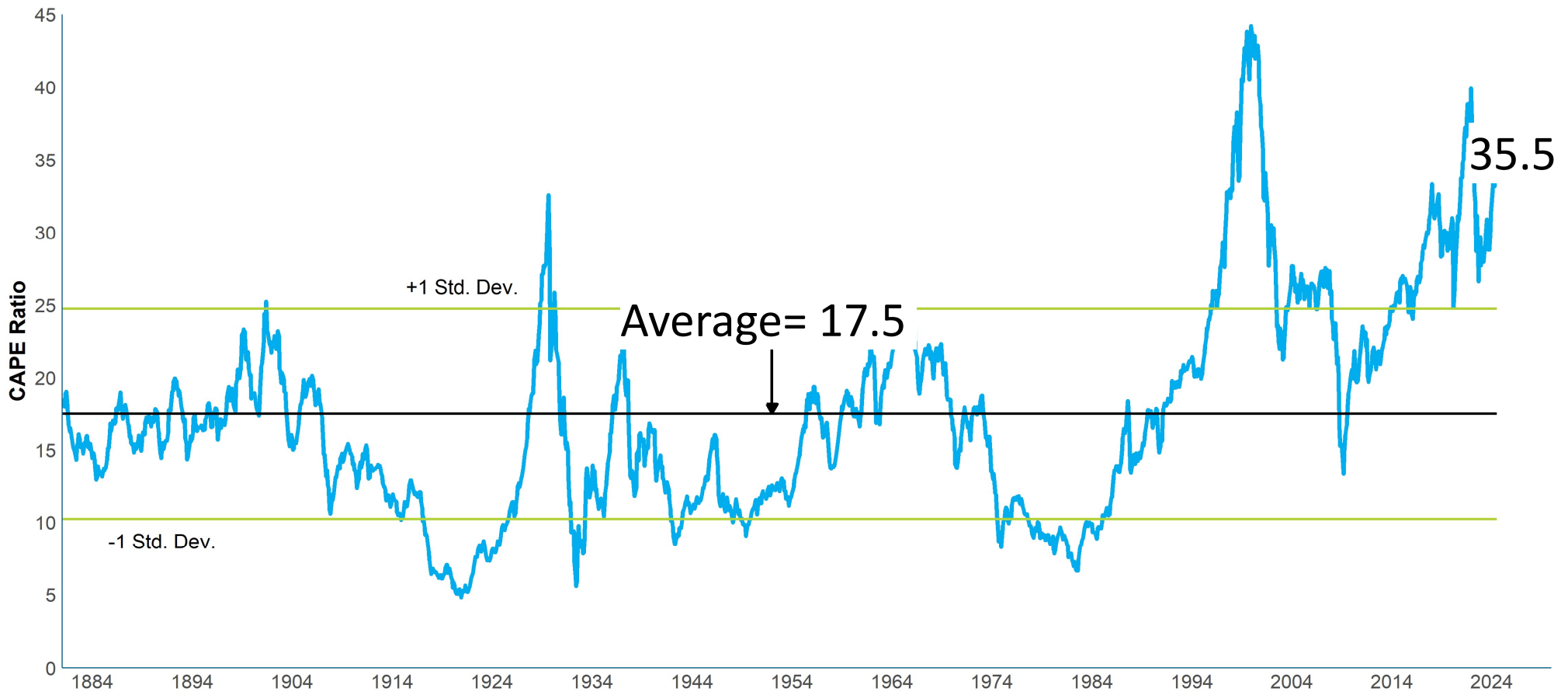
Fixed Income	Aug.	QTD	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	Yield	Dur*
BB Universal	1.7	4.0	3.7	7.9	-1.8	0.3	4.7	6.0
BB Aggregate	1.7	4.1	3.3	7.3	-2.1	0.0	4.4	6.2
BB US TIPS	1.1	2.9	3.7	6.2	-1.3	2.0	4.0	6.9
BB HY	1.6	3.6	6.3	12.6	2.5	4.5	7.3	3.5

* Years

US Yield Curve (As of August 31, 2024)

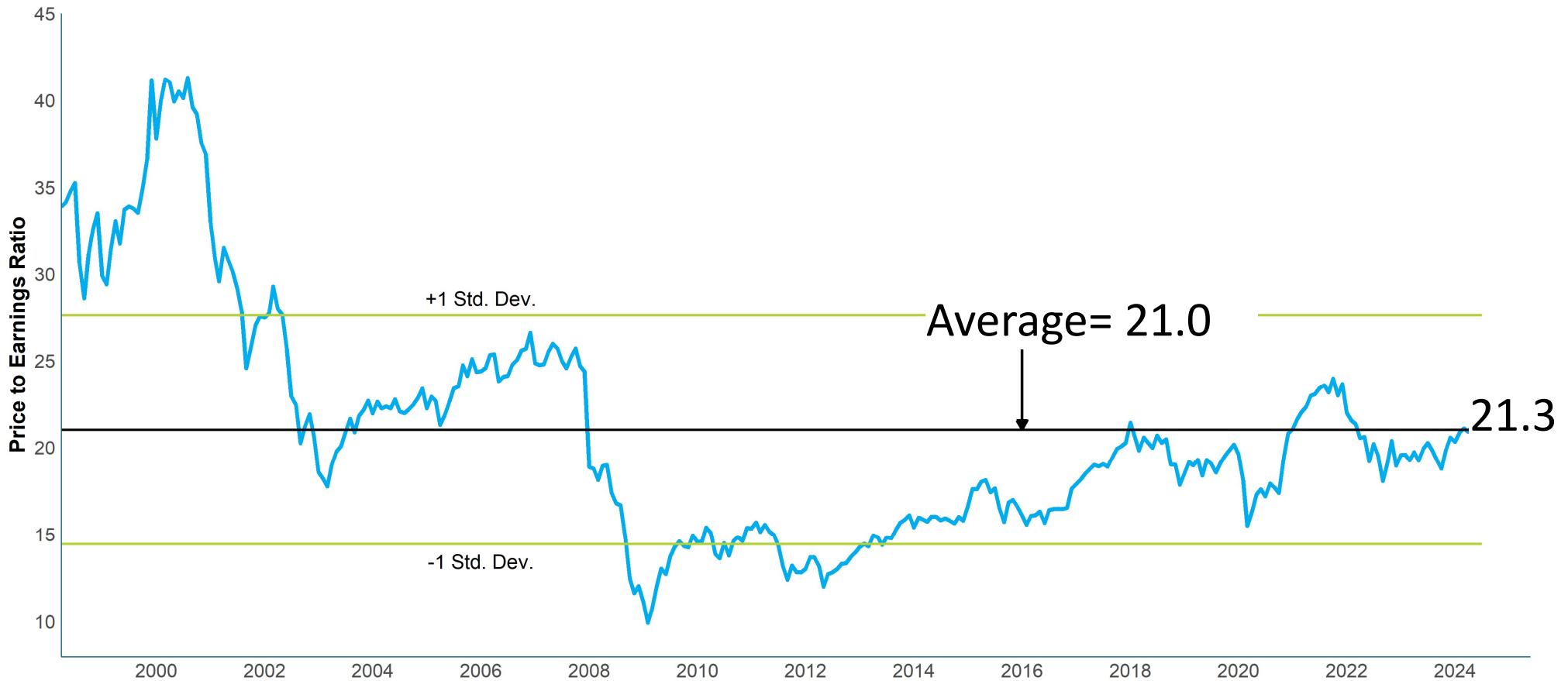


US Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E¹ (As of July 31, 2024)



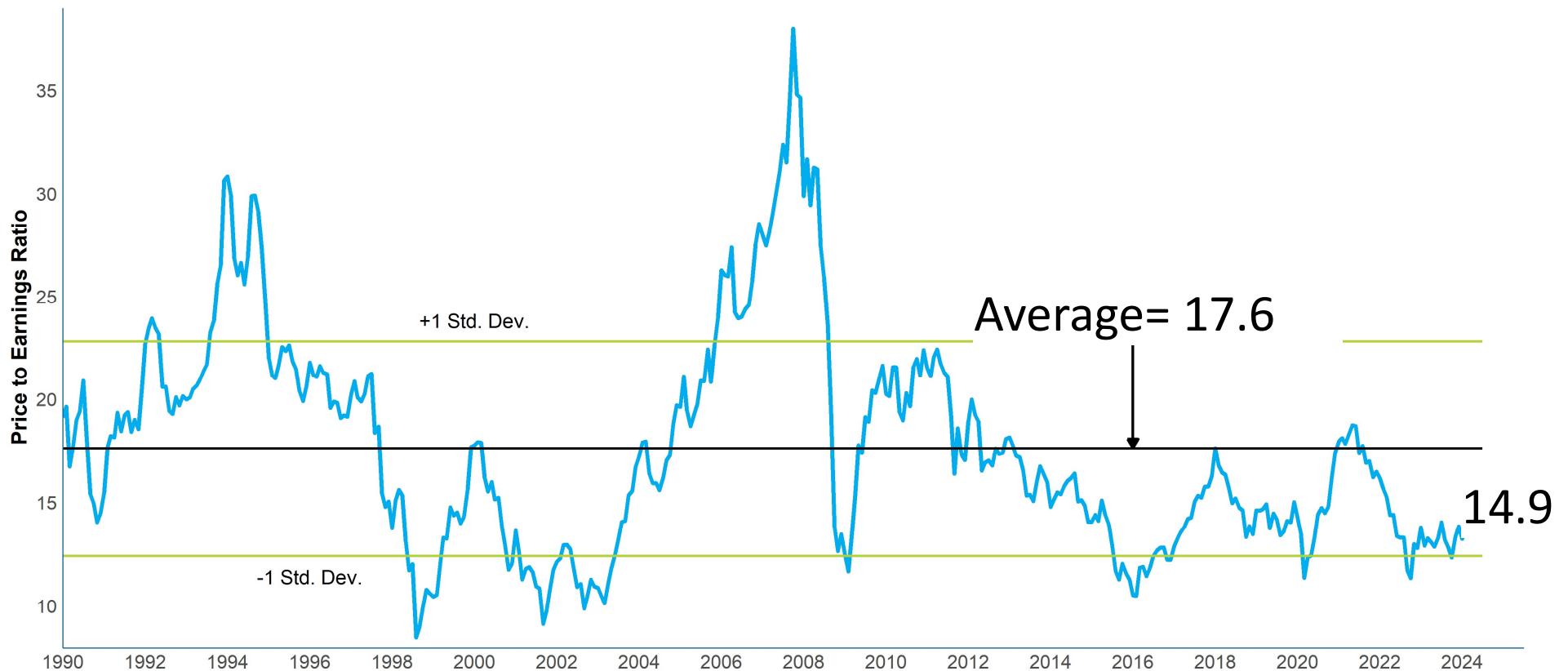
¹ Source: US Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E on S&P 500 Index. Source: Robert Shiller, Yale University, and Meketa Investment Group

Developed International Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E¹ (As of July 31, 2024)



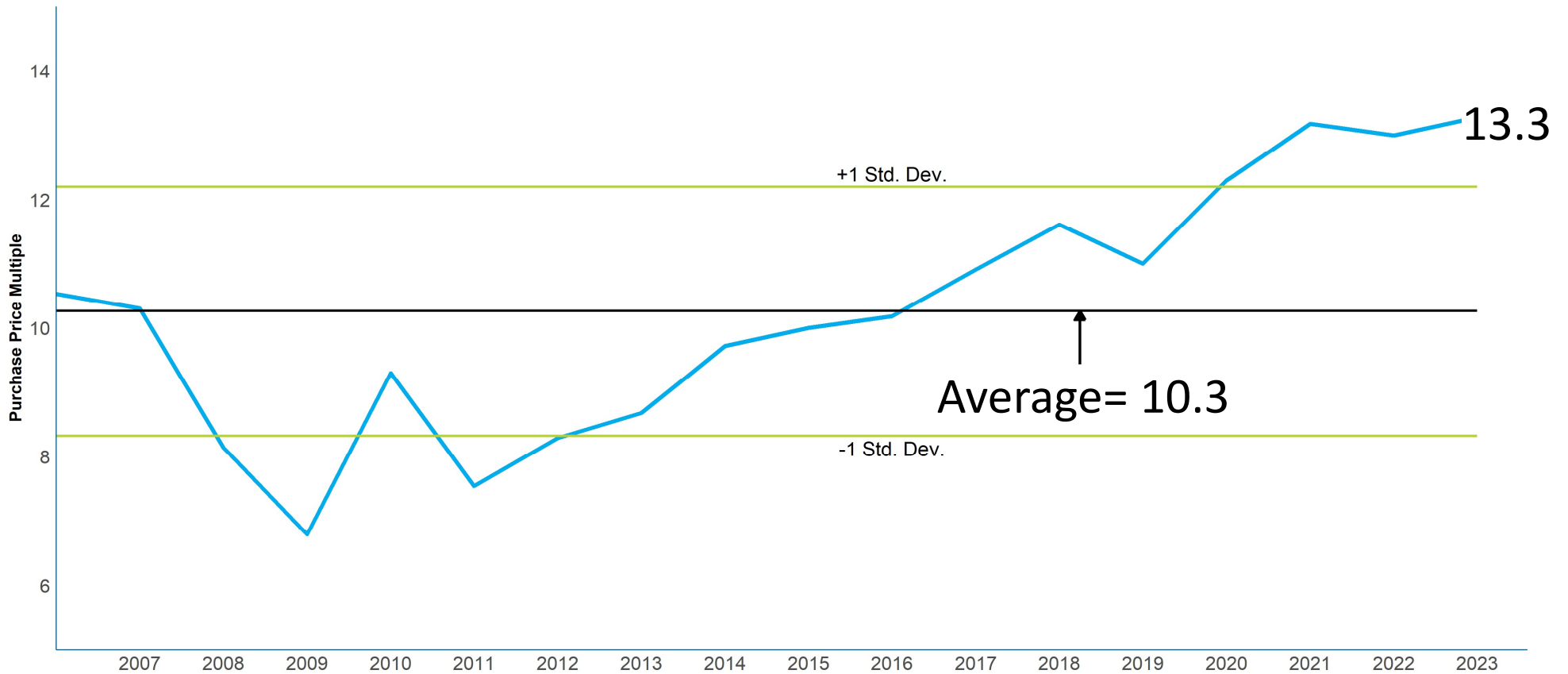
¹ Source: Developed International Equity (MSCI EAFE Index) Cyclically Adjusted P/E – Source: MSCI and Bloomberg. Earnings figures represent the average of monthly “as reported” earnings over the previous ten years.

Emerging Market Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E¹ (As of July 31, 2024)



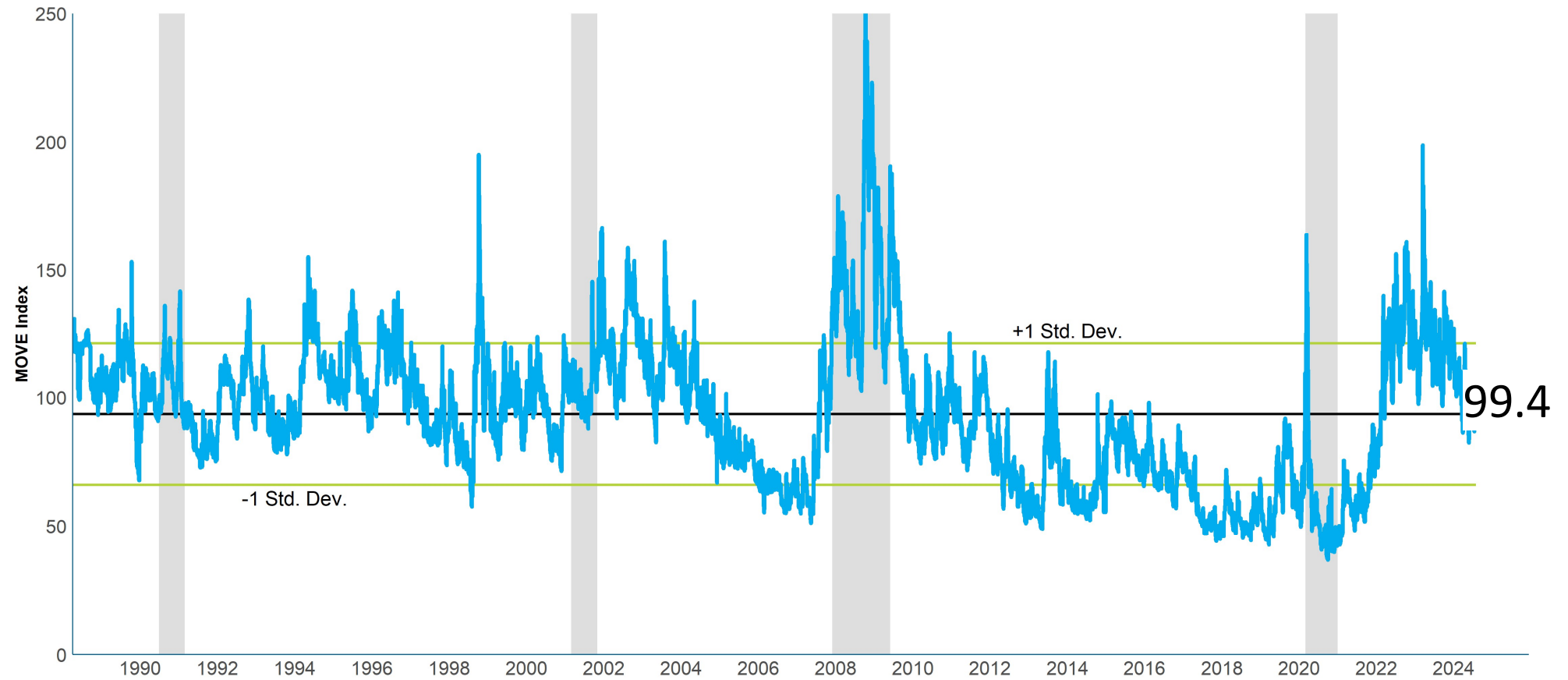
¹ Source: Emerging Market Equity (MSCI Emerging Markets Index) Cyclically Adjusted P/E – Source: MSCI and Bloomberg. Earnings figures represent the average of monthly “as reported” earnings over the previous ten years.

Private Equity Multiples (As of July 31, 2024)



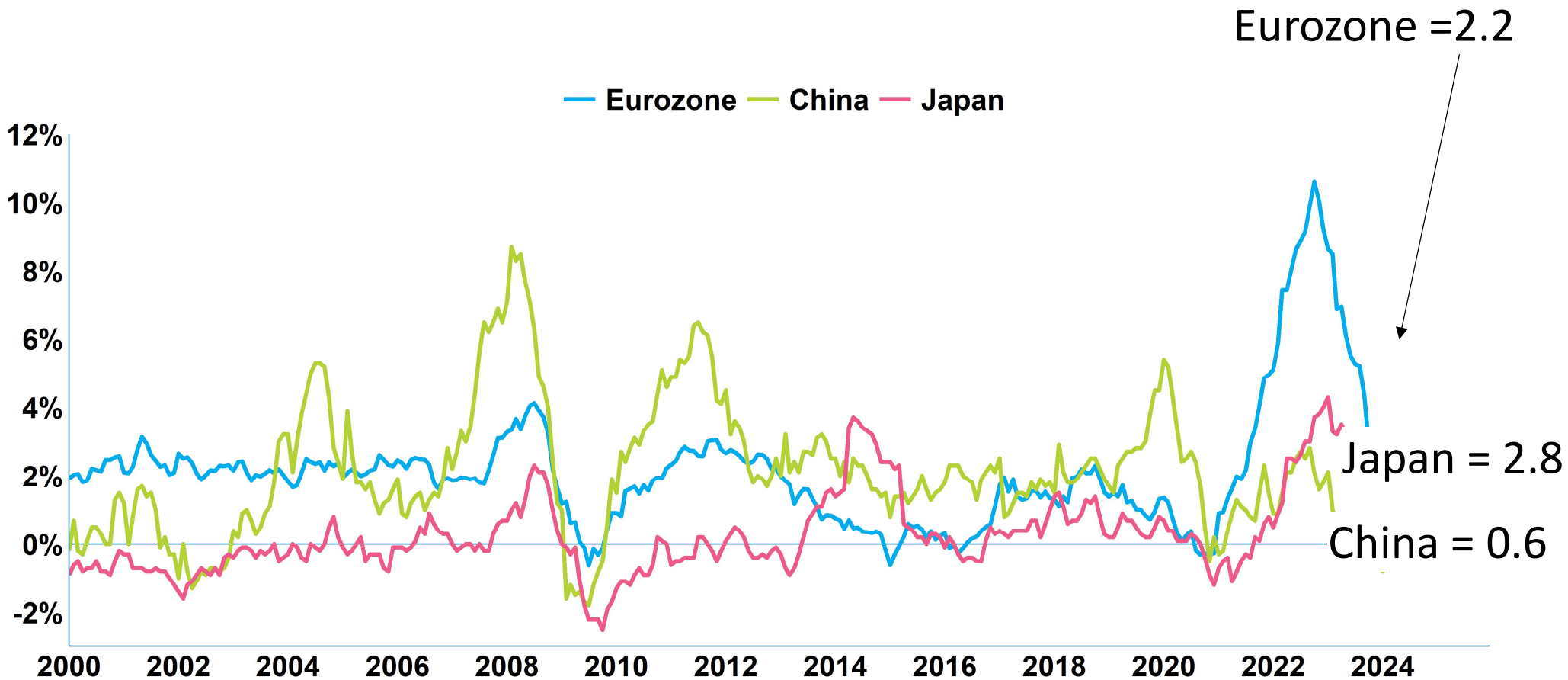
¹ Source: Private Equity Multiples – Source: S&P LCD Average EBITDA Multiples Paid in All LBOs.

Fixed Income Volatility¹ (As of August 31, 2024)



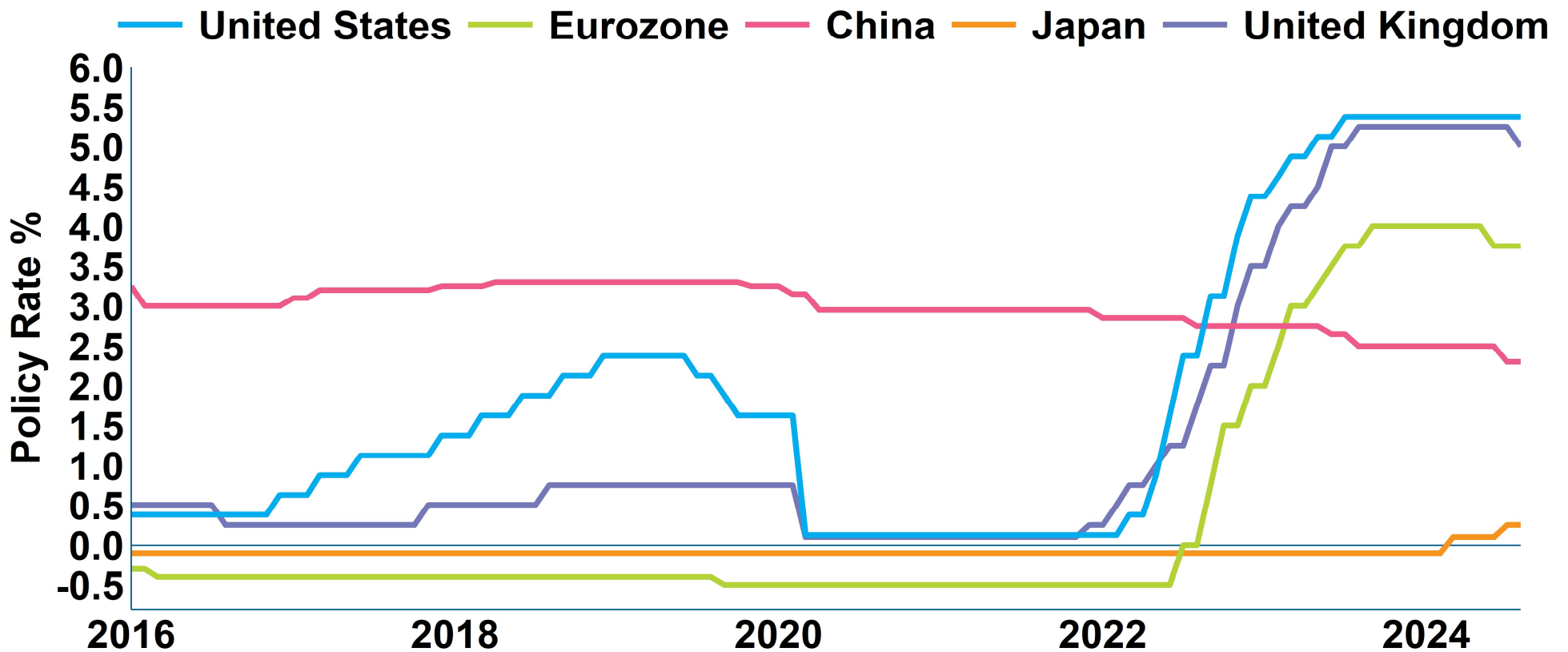
¹ Source: Fixed Income Volatility – Source: Bloomberg, and Meketa Investment Group. Fixed Income Volatility proxied by MOVE Index, a Measure of implied option volatility for US Treasury markets

Inflation (CPI Trailing Twelve Months)



United States CPI and Eurozone CPI – Source: FRED. Japan CPI and China CPI - Source: Bloomberg. Data is as August 31, 2023. The most recent data for Japanese and Eurozone inflation is as of July 2023.

Inflation (Policy Response)



Source: Bloomberg. Policy rate data is as of September 15, 2023. China policy rate is defined as the medium-term lending facility 1 year interest rate. Balance sheet as % of GDP is based on quarterly data and is as of June 30, 2023.

Long-Term Outlook – 10/20 -Year Annualized Expected Returns

Asset Class	Horizon 10-Year Average (%)	Meketa 10-Year (%)	Horizon 20-Year Average (%)	Meketa 20-Year (%)
Cash	3.7	2.4	3.4	2.5
TIPS	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.7
US Core Bonds	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.8
US HY Bonds	6.1	6.5	6.4	6.8
EM Debt	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2
Private Debt	8.3	9.2	8.4	9.2
US Equity (LC)	6.5	6.9	7.0	8.5
Dev. Non-US Equity	7.1	7.7	7.5	8.9
EM Non-US Equity	7.7	7.6	8.2	8.9

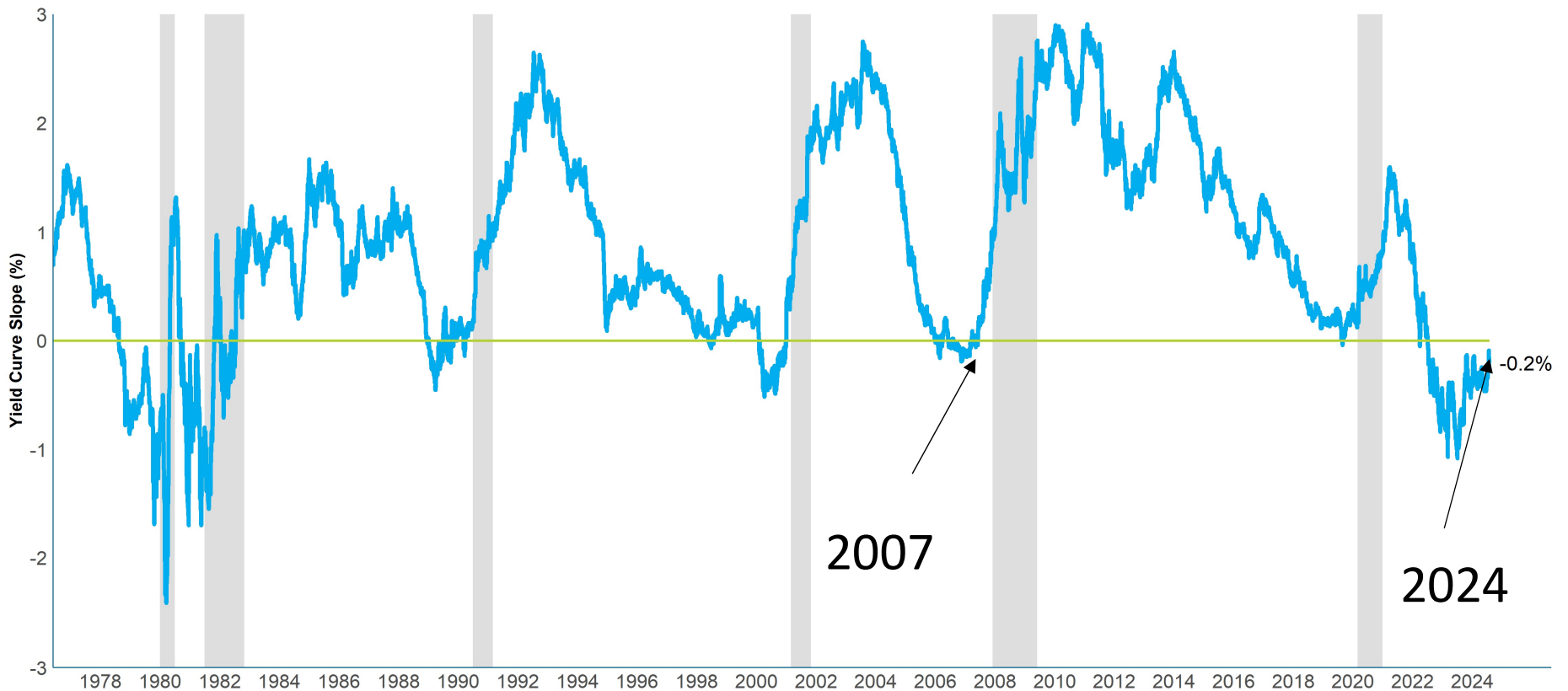
¹The 10-year horizon included all 42 respondents, and the 20-year horizon included 27 respondents. Figures are based on Meketa's 2023 CMEs.

Long-Term Outlook – 10/20 -Year Annualized Expected Returns (continued)

Asset Class	Horizon	Meketa	Horizon	Meketa
	10-Year Average (%)	10-Year (%)	20-Year Average (%)	20-Year (%)
Private Equity	9.1	9.9	9.7	11.2
Real Estate	6.1	6.3	6.2	8.0
Infrastructure	7.3	7.4	7.4	9.0
Commodities	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.3
Hedge Funds	5.9	4.5	6.2	5.8
Inflation	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.8

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Yield Curve Slope (Ten Minus Two) (As of July 31, 2024)



Yield Curve Slope (Ten Minus Two) – Source: Bloomberg, and Meketa Investment Group. Yield curve slope is calculated as the difference between the 10-Year US Treasury Yield and 2-Year US Treasury Yield.

Asset Allocation

SJCERA Structural Framework

High-Level Class	Mid-Level	Strategy
Broad Growth	Aggressive Growth	PE / Non-Core RA
		US Equity
	Traditional Growth	Non-US Equity
		REITs
		Risk Parity
	Stabilized Growth	Liquid Credit
		Private Credit
Core Real Assets		
Core Fixed Income		
Diversifying Strategies	Principal Protection	Long Duration
		Alt. Risk Premia

SJCERA Structural Framework

Strategic Classes	Current
Broad Growth	80.0
Aggressive Growth	16.0
Traditional Growth	34.0
Stabilized Growth	30.0
<i>Risk Parity</i>	6.0
<i>Credit</i>	15.0
<i>Core Real Assets</i>	9.0
Diversifying Strategies	20.0
Principal Protection	7.0
CRO	13.0
20 Year Stats	Current
Expected Rtn	8.4
Average SD	11.5

Investment Performance

2023 Calendar Year Performance (Net of Fees)

	Quarter	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Years
SJCERA	5.0	9.1	4.8	7.2	5.3
Median Peer*	6.6	11.4	4.5	8.3	6.3
S&P 500	11.7	20.8	11.0	14.3	12.6
MSCI EAFE	10.4	10.0	4.6	6.9	4.8
MSCI EM	7.9	-2.9	-7.5	1.0	2.9
BB Agg	6.8	2.1	-3.2	0.8	1.6
Cash	1.3	5.1	2.2	1.9	1.3

* The Investment Metrics Total Fund Public Universe > \$1 Billion, net of fees

August 2024 Performance (Net of Fees)

Preliminary Monthly Flash Report (Net)

	YTD	1-Y	3 Y	5 Y	SI Rtn	SI
Total Plan	7.9	11.5	3.9	6.7	7.6	Apr-90
Policy Benchmark	9.7	14.2	4.7	7.5	7.6	
Difference:	-1.9	-2.7	-0.7	-0.8	0.1	
75/25 Portfolio	12.6	19.6	3.7	9.6	7.1	
Difference:	-4.7	-8.1	0.3	-2.9	0.5	

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Agenda

1 The public sector defined benefit landscape

2 Economic outlook

3 Investment implications

4 Summary

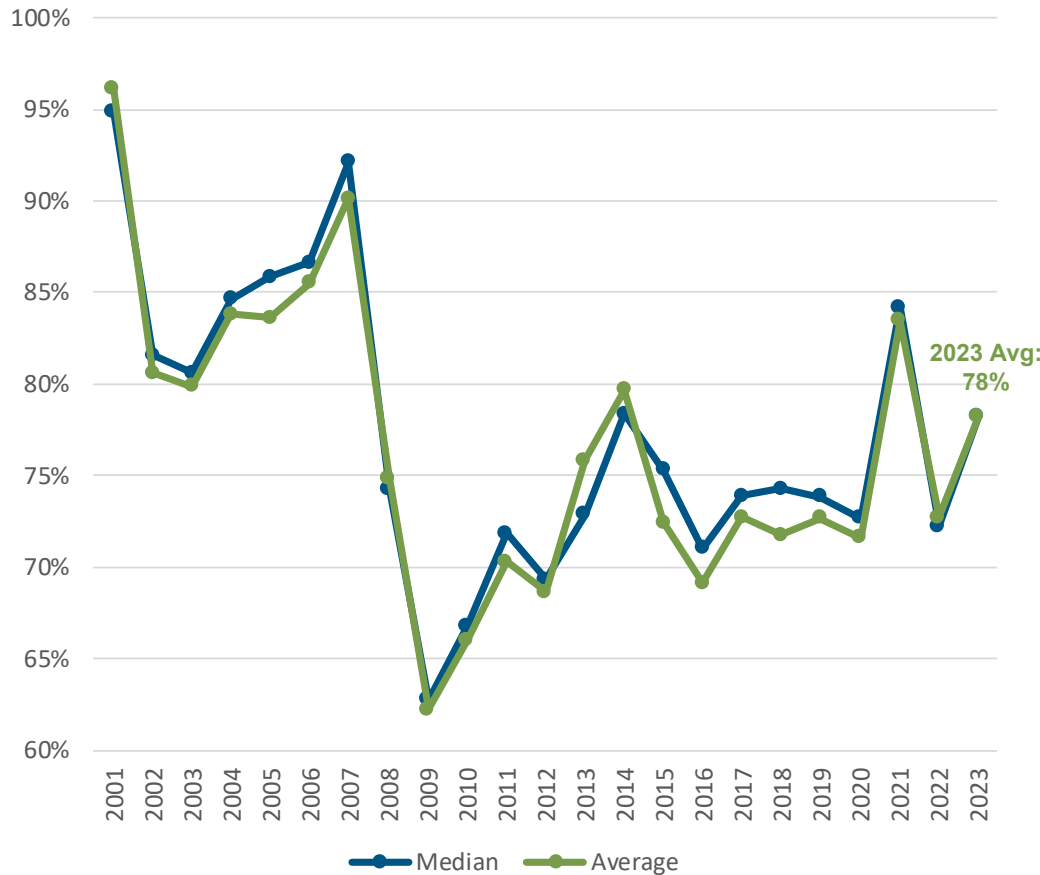


The public sector defined benefit landscape

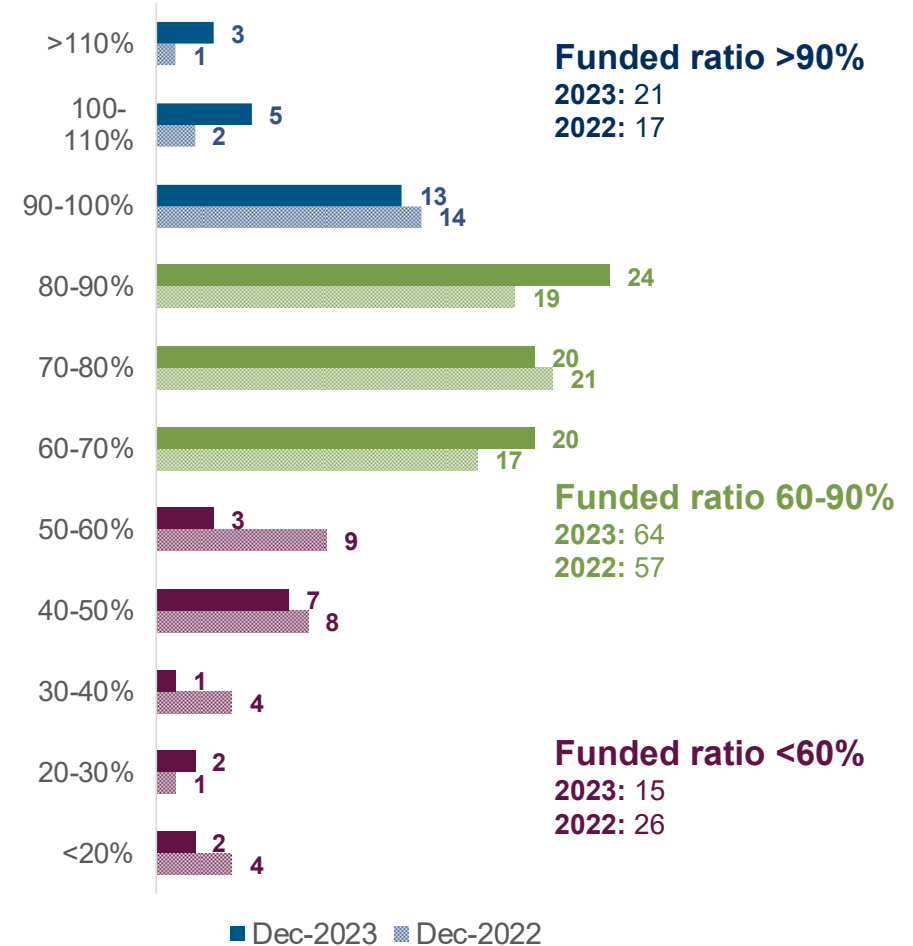
Public Pension Plan Funding – 100 Largest US Public Pension plans

Funded ratios bounced back in 2023 following a drawdown in 2022

Public plan funded ratios over time



Distribution of plan funded ratios



As of 31 December 2023

SOURCE: Public Plans Data - Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, MissionSquare Research Institute, National Association of State Retirement Administrators and the Government Finance Officers Association, Milliman Public Pension Funding Index.

Data for 2001-2022 is based on Public Plans Data. Data for 2023 is based on the Milliman Public Pension Funding Index. Funded status is estimated as market value of assets divided by present value of liabilities.

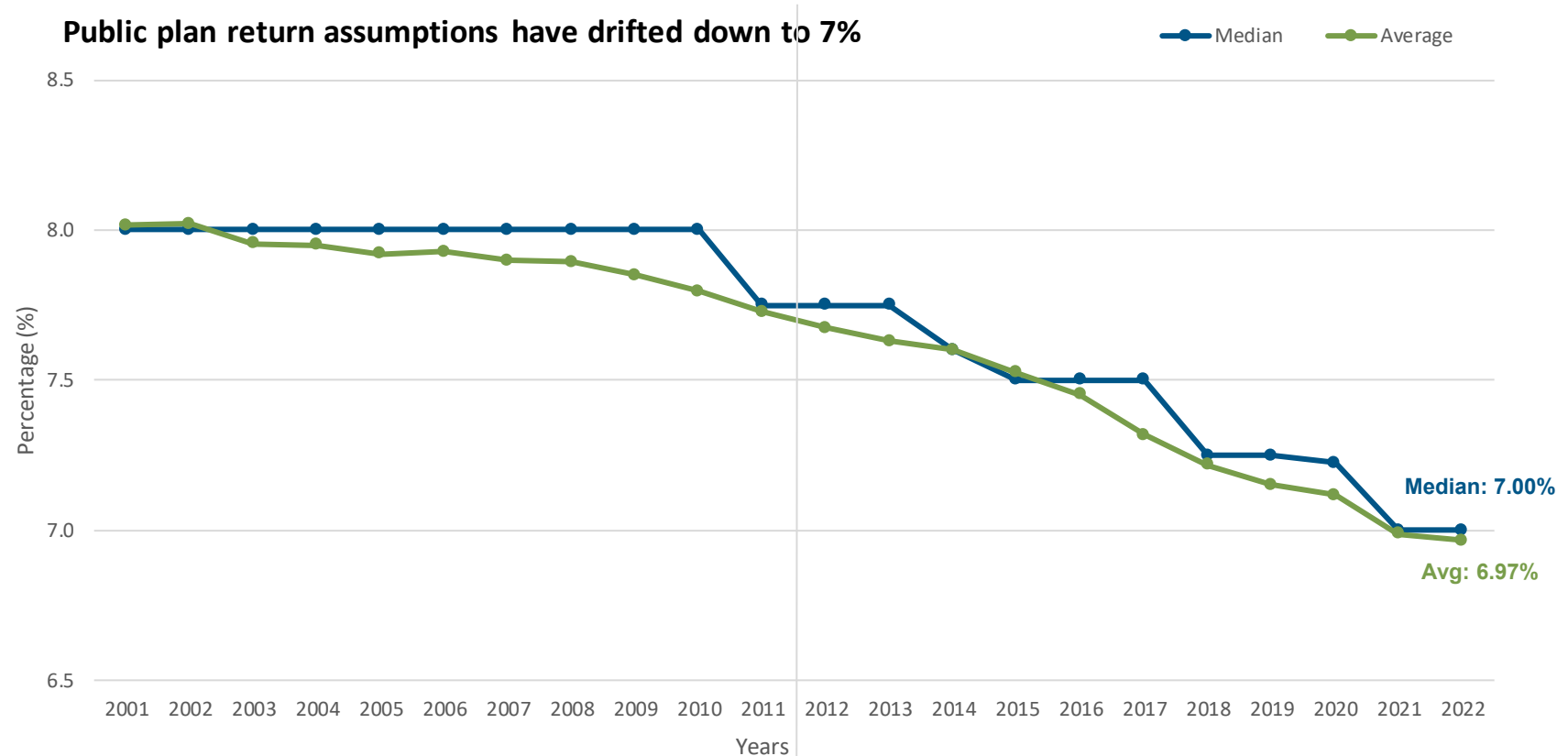
Refer to Appendix for additional index and risk information.

As of 31 December 2023

SOURCE: Milliman Public Pension Funding Index.

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Estimated return for the average public plan is now close to 7%



SOURCE: Public Plans Data - Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, MissionSquare Research Institute, National Association of State Retirement Administrators and the Government Finance Officers Association

As of 31 December 2023. Source: PIMCO, RVK, **Hypothetical performance for illustrative purposes only. Hypothetical performance is not based on actual results, has certain inherent limitations and should not be relied upon as the sole basis for making an investment decision. Investors should carefully review the appendix for additional, important information about hypothetical performance.**

Global Equity: MSCI ACWI Index, Core Bonds: BBG US Agg Index, Private Equity: Private Equity Model, Private Credit: Private Corporate Credit Model, Hedge Funds: HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index, Real Estate: Private Value-Add Real Estate Model, Cash: ICE BofAML 3M US T-Bill Index. Model risk factor exposures are based on analysis of historical index data, third party academic research and/or qualitative inputs from senior PIMCO investment professionals.

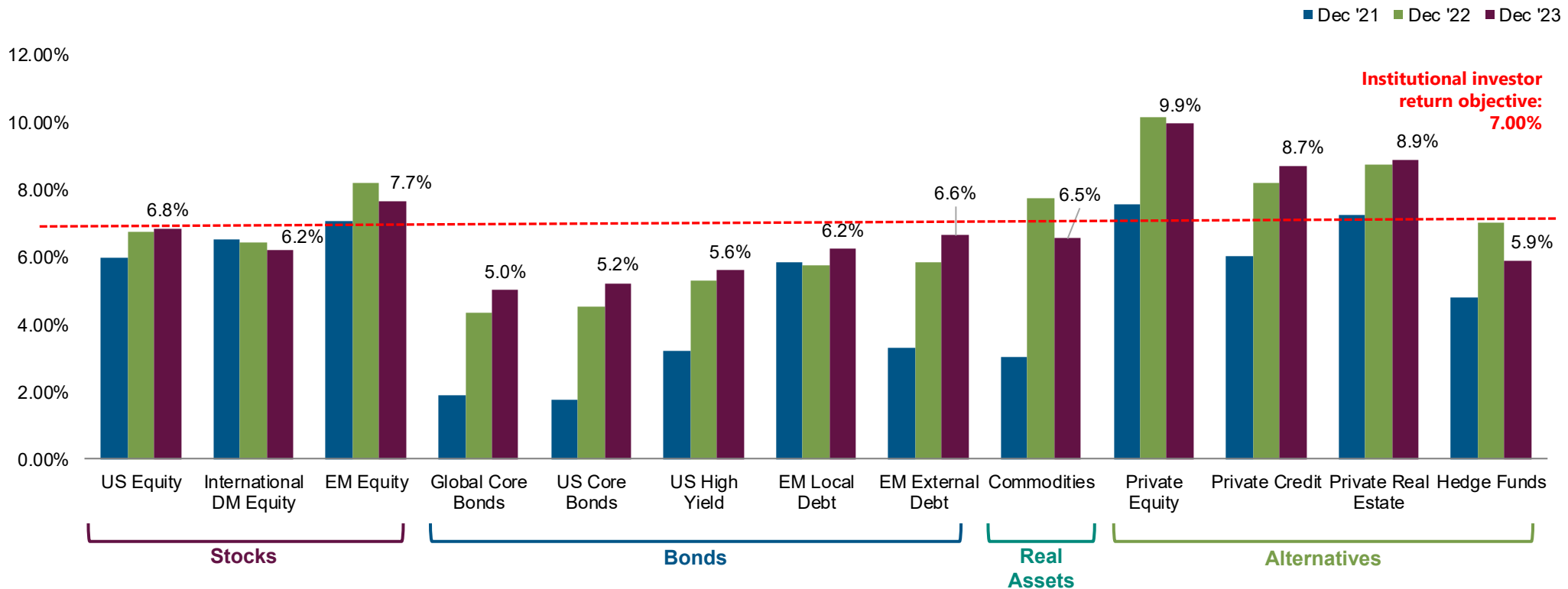
¹Unless otherwise specified, return estimates are an average annual return over a 5-year horizon. Please refer to the appendix for additional information on estimated returns.

²Average public plan asset allocation is based on RVK survey data as of 30 June of each year.

Refer to Appendix for additional hypothetical performance, index, investment strategy, portfolio analysis and risk information.

Multiple asset classes continue to offer projected returns greater than 7%

PIMCO estimated long-term capital market assumptions across key assets vs. institutional return objectives¹



SOURCE: PIMCO, PIMCO Capital Market Assumptions represent 5-year estimates. **Hypothetical performance for illustrative purposes only. Hypothetical performance is not based on actual results, has certain inherent limitations and should not be relied upon as the sole basis for making an investment decision. Investors should carefully review the appendix for additional, important information about hypothetical performance.**

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US Equity: S&P 500 Index, International DM Equity: MSCI World ex US Index, EM Equity: MSCI Emerging Markets Index, Global Core Bonds: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (FX-Hedged), US Core Bonds: Bloomberg US Aggregate Index, US High Yield: Bloomberg US High Yield Index, EM Local Debt: JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index, EM External Debt: JP Morgan EMBI Global Index, Commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index, Private Equity: Private Equity Model, Private Credit: Private Corporate Credit Model, Private Real Estate: Private Value-Add Real Estate Model, Hedge Funds: HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index. Model risk factor exposures are based on analysis of historical index data, third party academic research and/or qualitative inputs from senior PIMCO investment professionals.

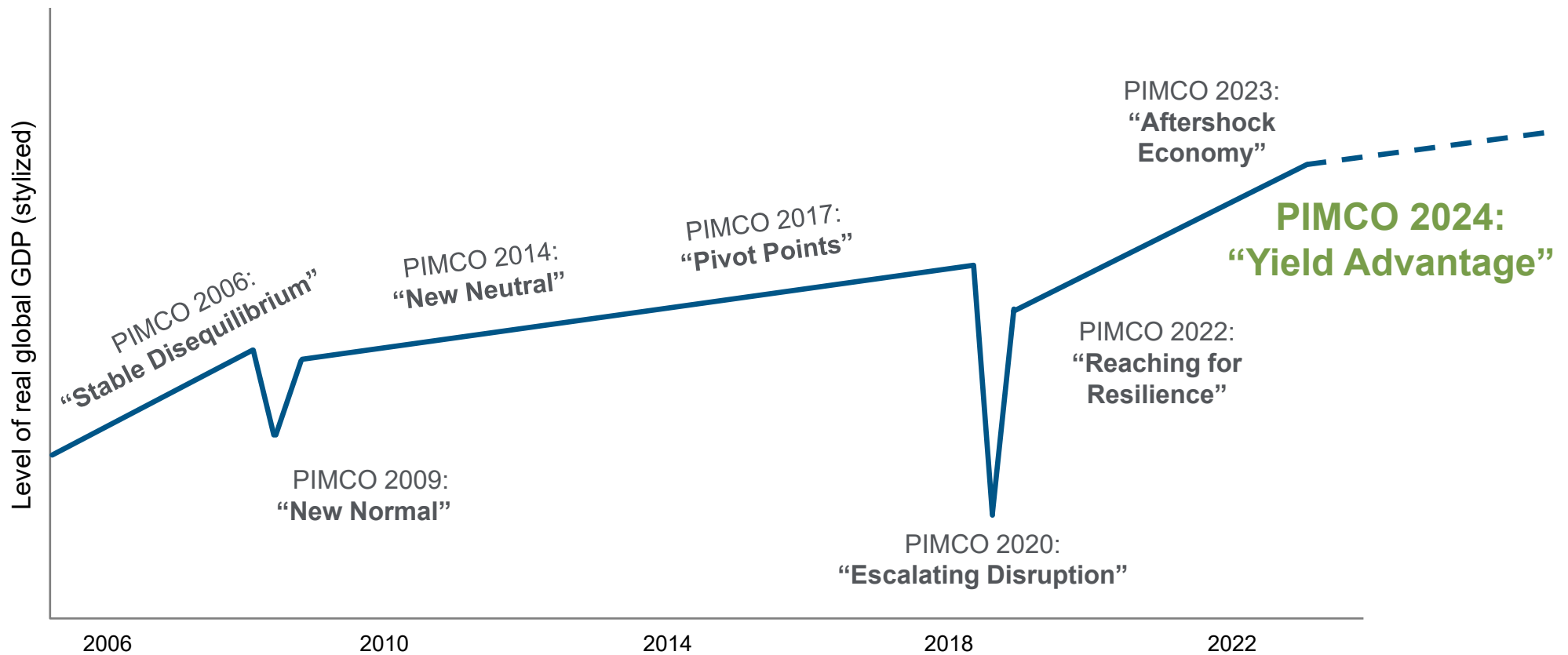
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Economic outlook

PIMCO's secular outlook:

A compass to navigate global markets over the next five years



As of June 2024. Source: PIMCO

Yield advantage: Key macro themes and investment opportunities

Key macro themes

Neutral policy rates to remain low

Disinflation continues, with balanced macro risks

Moving to a multipolar world

Inflation and growth diverging globally

Investment implications

Global opportunities are abundant

Generational reset higher in bond yields

Rise in term premiums poised to continue

Upside potential in asset-based lending

Avoid areas of excess

Potential Disruptors

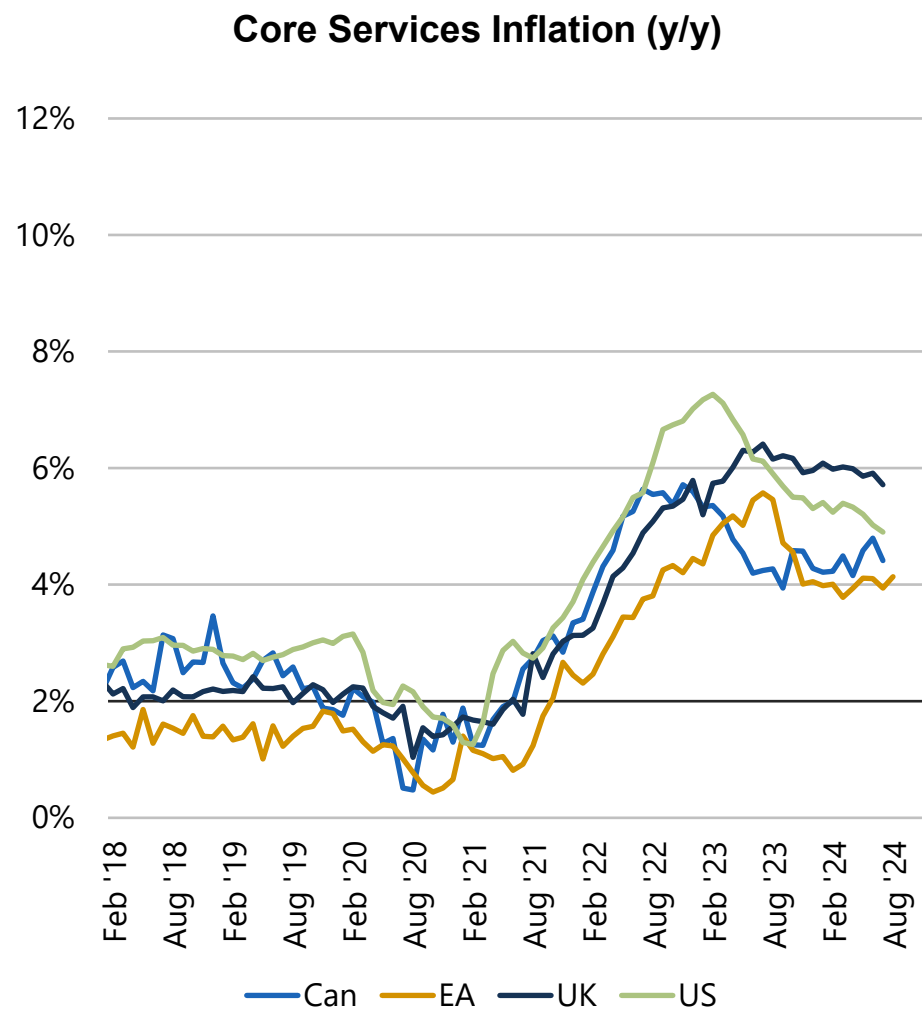
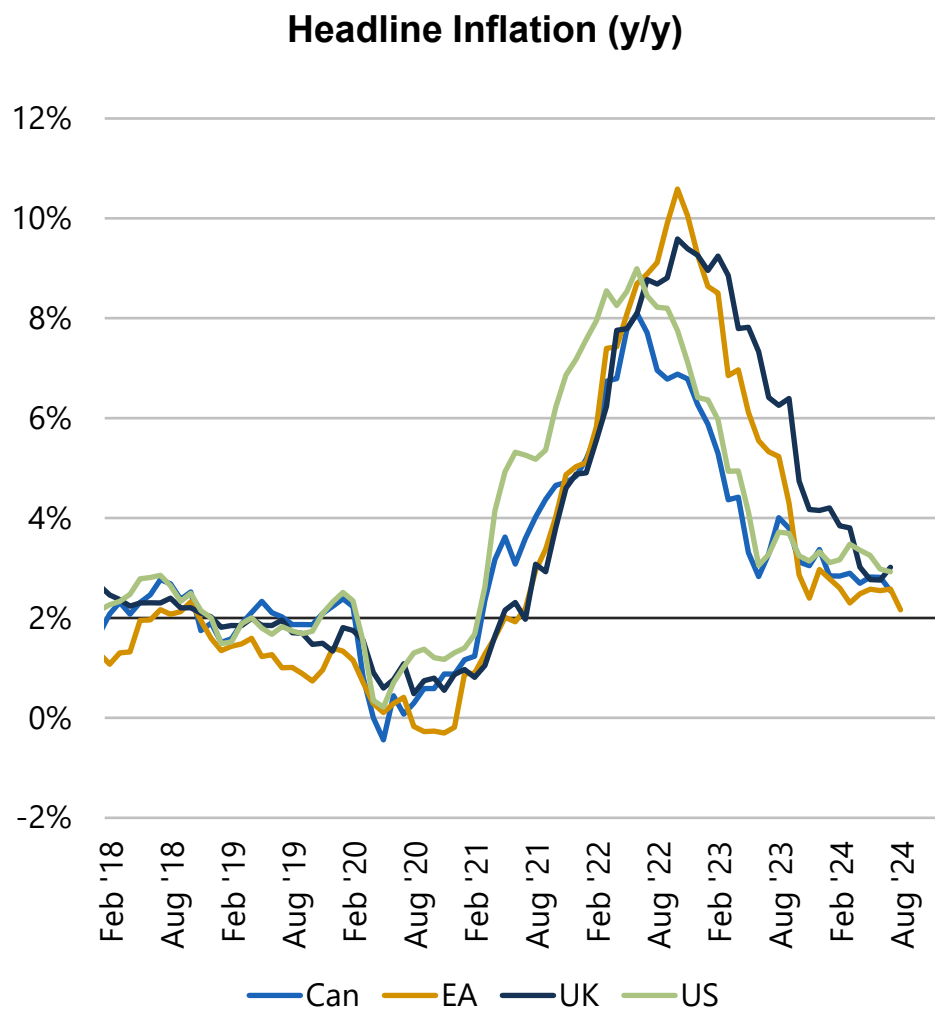
U.S. debt sustainability

AI and productivity

Asset valuations and liquidity risks

Developed market inflation is back in the “two-point-something” zone

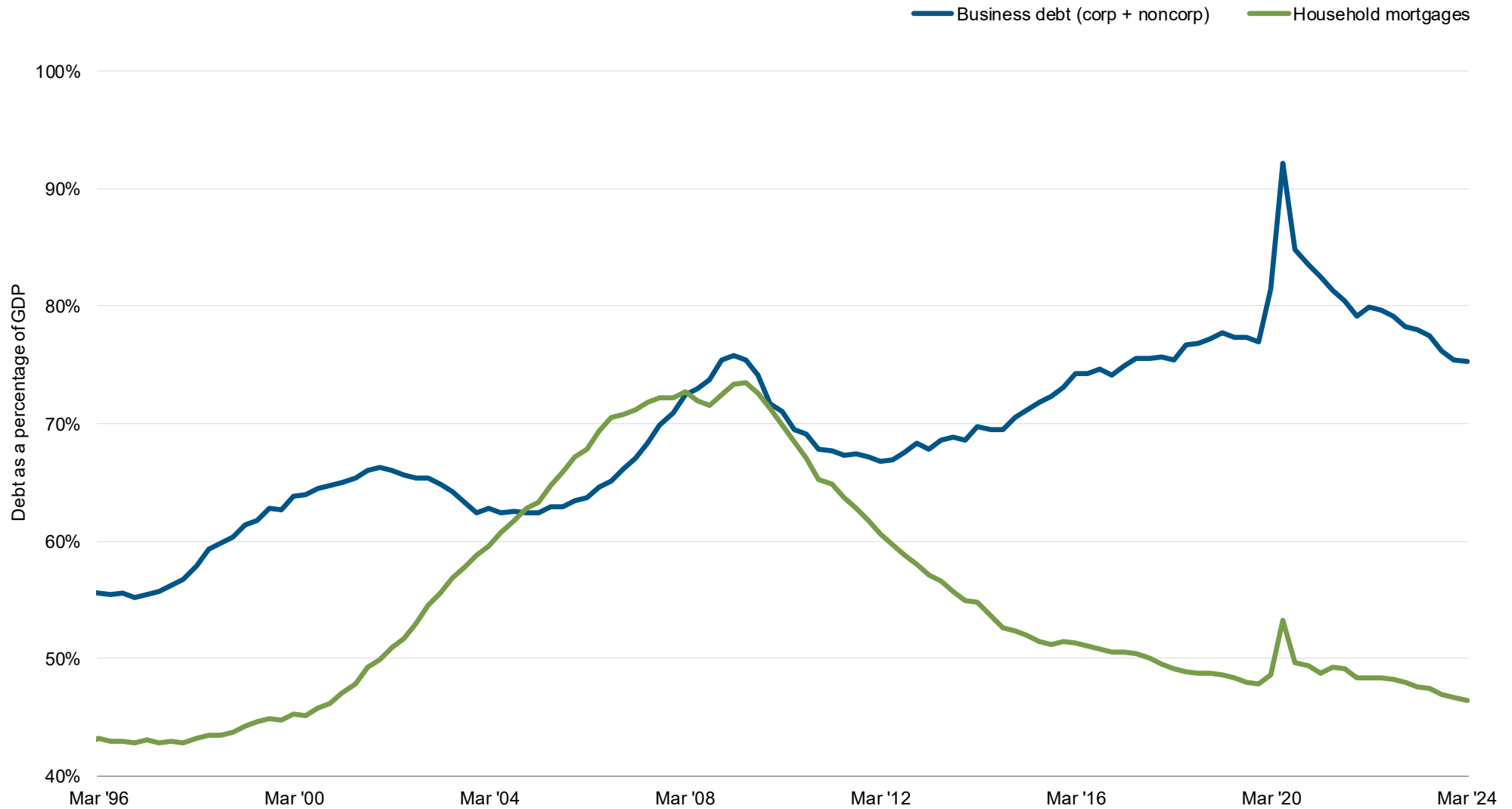
Super core inflation measures remain elevated but should moderate as labor markets soften



As of August 2024. Source: PIMCO, BLS, BEA, ECB, Eurostat, ONS. Refer to Appendix for additional correlation and risk information.

Leverage divergence: U.S. households paid down debt, while non-financial business debt rose

Business debt vs. household mortgage debt (% GDP)



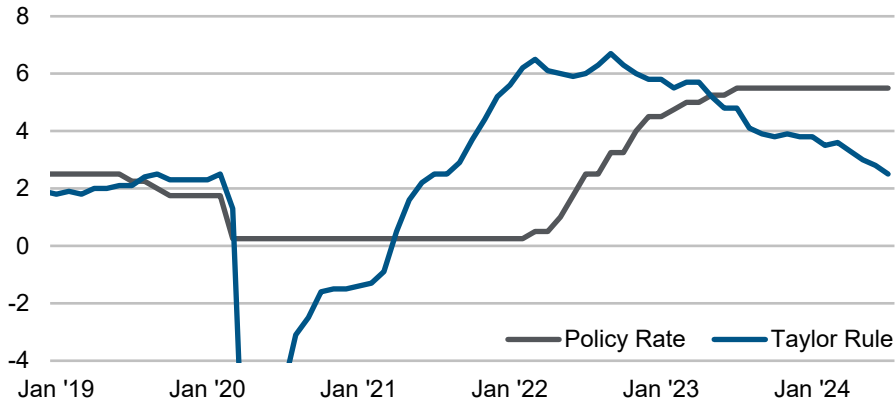
As of 31 March 2024.

Source: Fed Flow of Funds, Haver, PIMCO

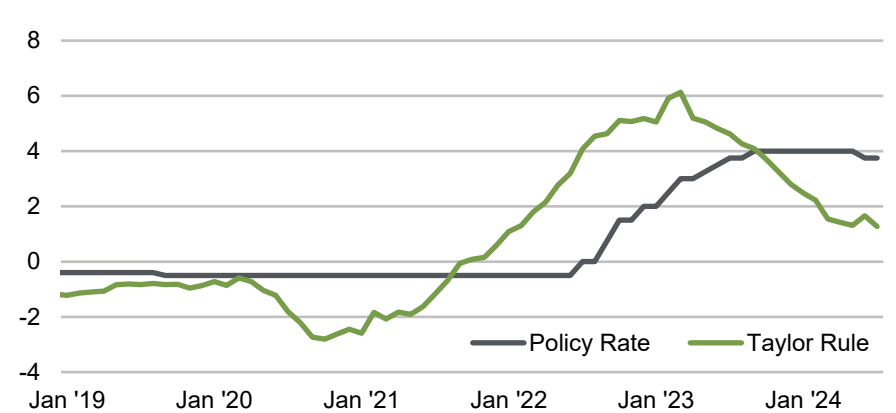
Global central banks have room to cut

Central bank policy rates are above Taylor Rule prescriptions

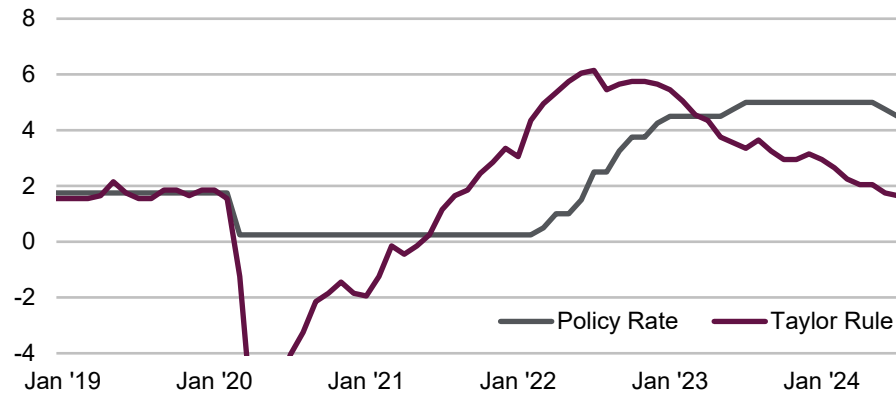
1 US Policy Rate vs Taylor Rule*



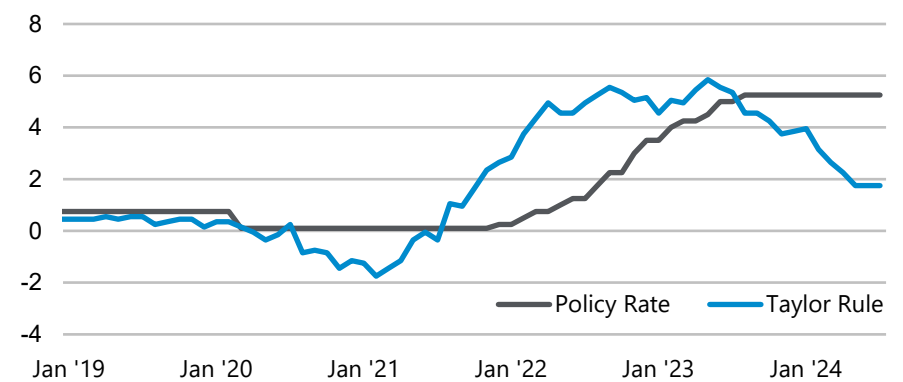
2 EA Policy Rate vs Taylor Rule*



3 CA Policy Rate vs Taylor Rule*



4 UK Policy Rate vs Taylor Rule*



As of August 2024

Source: Haver, PIMCO calculations.

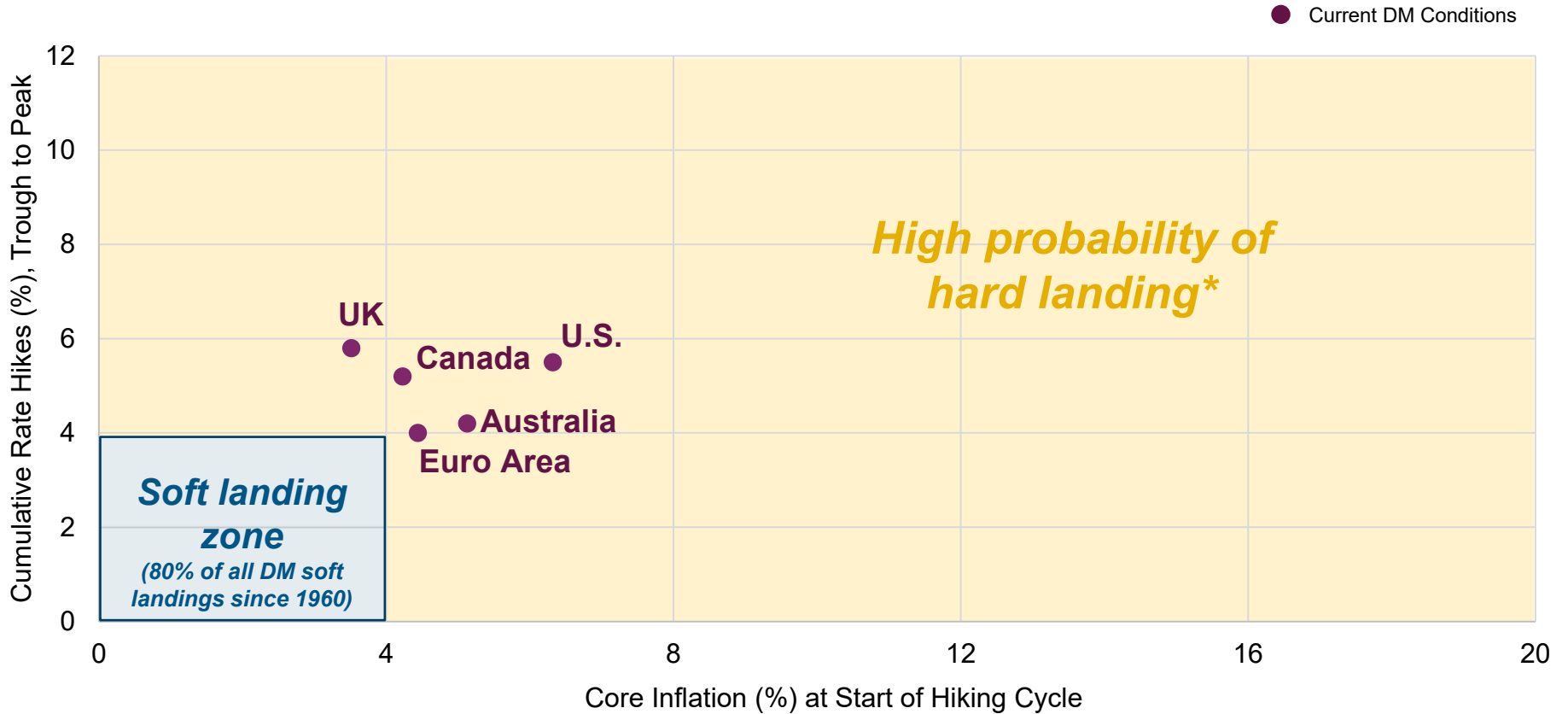
Taylor Rules are based on a 1 coefficient for the inflation term and $0.5 \times (2 \text{ Okun's law}) = 1$ for the unemployment gap. The nominal neutral rate is assumed to be the peak of the hiking cycle preceding the pandemic. U is assumed to be the average unemployment rate at the peak policy rate of the pre-COVID cycle.

Refer to Appendix for additional correlation and risk information.

The hard truth about soft landings: Recessions are difficult to avoid

During periods of elevated inflation and aggressive central bank tightening, soft landings are rare

Developed market (DM) inflation, rate hikes and recession

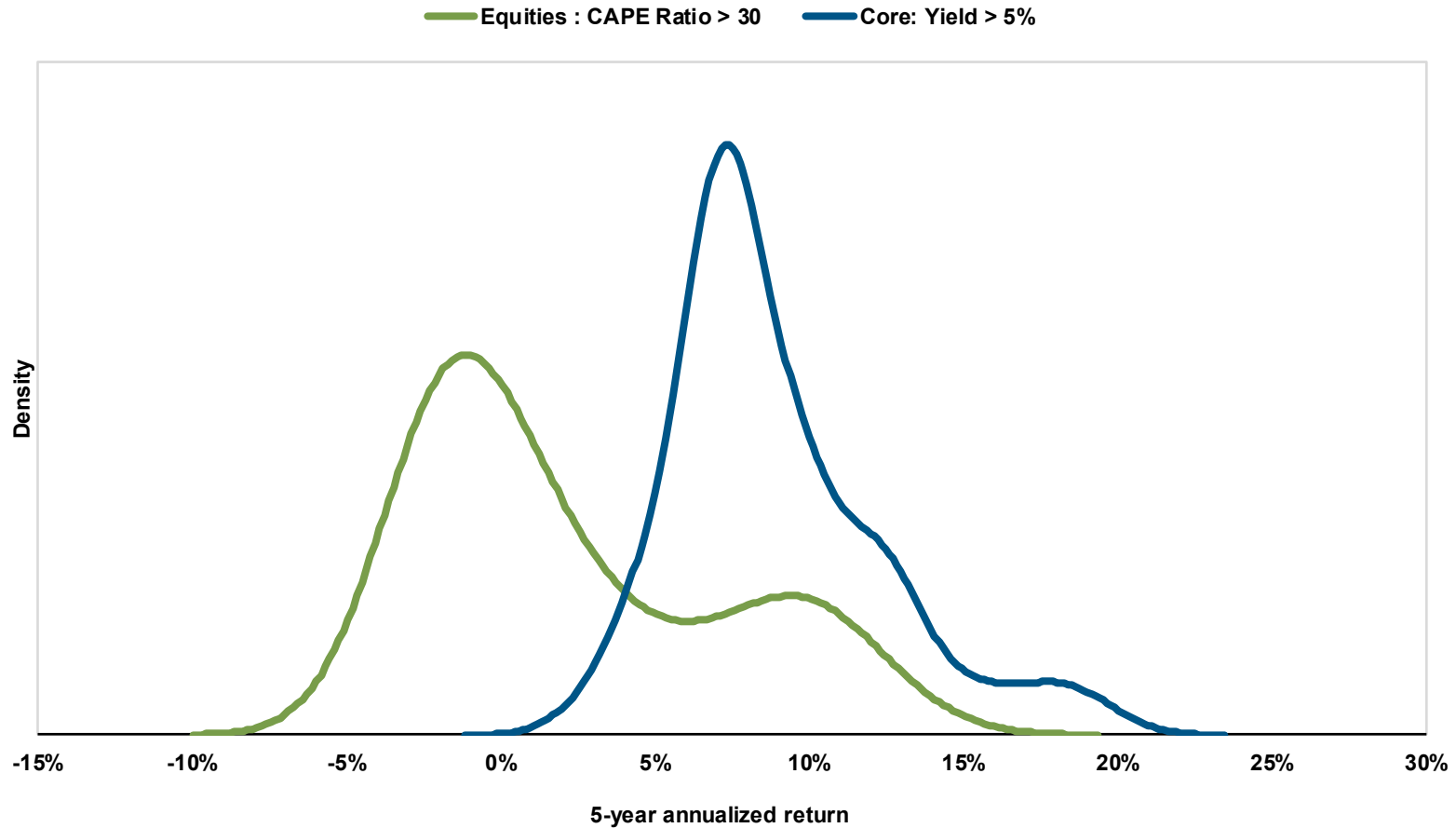


*Hard landing (recession) is defined as having at least 2 quarters of sequential economic contraction, which occurs at some point within 4-years of the start of a rate hiking cycle. Soft landings are everything else.
As of 29 September 2023. Source: Haver, PIMCO Calculations. Countries used in the study for all DM landings since 1960 include: AU, BE, CA, FR, GE, IT, JP, NE, NZ, ES, SW, SE, UK, US. Before the EA was formed we use country specific policy rates. After the EA we use the ECB refi rate.*Sample includes rate hiking cycles of at least 50bps cumulatively over 1-year, 14 developed market countries, from 1960 to today.
Refer to Appendix for additional forecast, outlook and risk information.



Investment implications

Fixed income vs. equities: In these environments, high quality core bonds can deliver returns similar to equities, but with potentially lower volatility



Historically, current starting conditions for Equities and Core (CAPE > 30, Core yield > 5%) have led to better 5-year forward returns for Core

As of 31 August 2024. SOURCE: PIMCO, Bloomberg. For illustrative purposes only.

Chart uses data back to January 1973. Core refers to the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index. CAPE refers to cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio for the S&P 500.

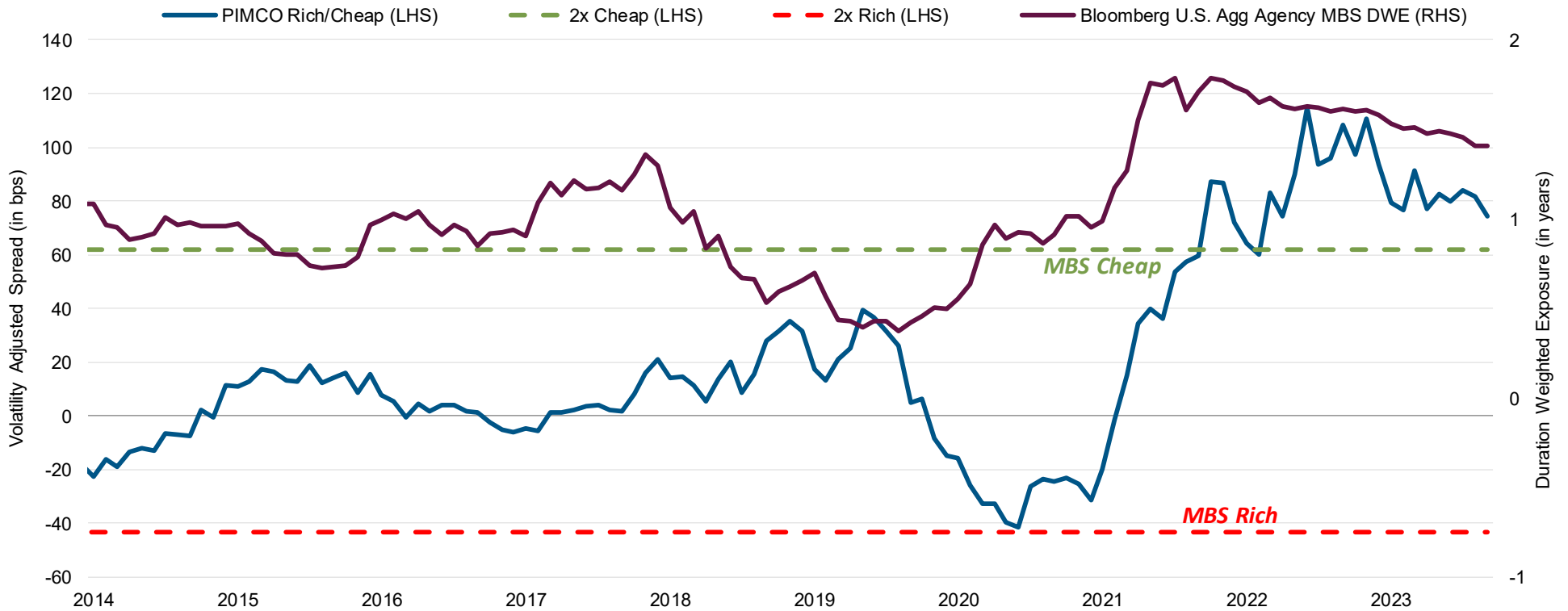
There can be no guarantee that the trends mentioned above will continue. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions, which will fluctuate.

Refer to Appendix for additional index, outlook, and risk information.

Agency MBS: Valuations are Historically Cheap

Agency MBS spreads have widened meaningfully and are near historical wides

Agency MBS: Volatility-Adjusted Spreads vs. DWE



For illustrative purposes only.

As of 31 August 2024. SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO.

"Rich" and "Cheap" defined as 1 standard deviation from average OAS. "2x Rich" and "2x Cheap" defined as 2 standard deviations from average OAS. The terms "cheap" and "rich" as used herein generally refer to a security or asset class that is deemed to be substantially under- or overpriced compared to both its historical average as well as to the investment manager's future expectations. There is no guarantee of future results or that a security's valuation will ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

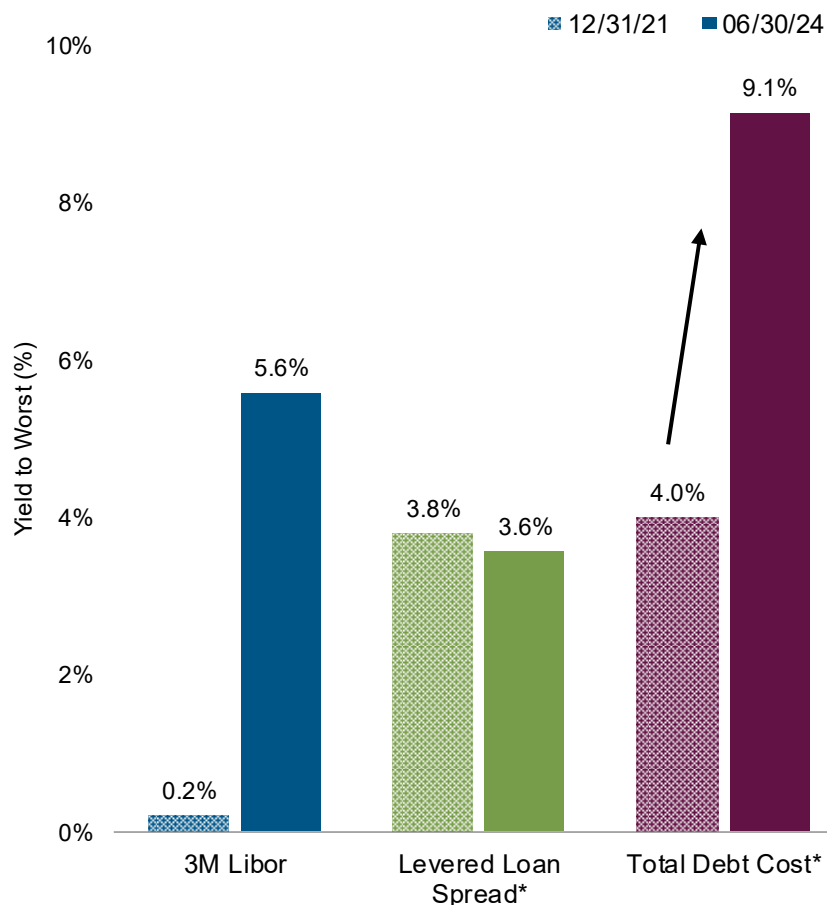
Duration Weighted Exposure (DWE%) is the percentage weight of each sector's contribution to the overall duration of the fund.

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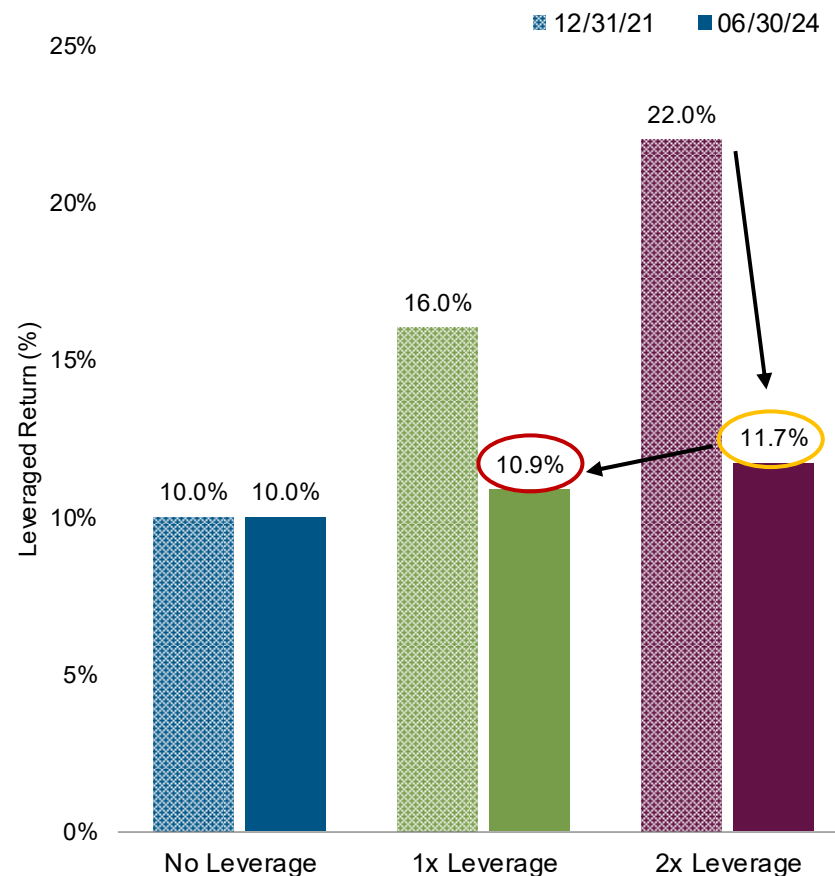
Higher interest rate environment a tailwind for private debt

Increased borrowing costs make buyout deals less attractive but private debt more attractive

Borrowing costs have increased 2x since 2021



Hitting a 15% levered return is challenged by higher cost and reduced availability of leverage



As of 30 June 2024. SOURCE: PIMCO.

*Levered Loan Spread is the Spread of Morningstar LSTA Levered Loan Index. Total Debt Cost is 3M Libor plus Levered Loan Spread.

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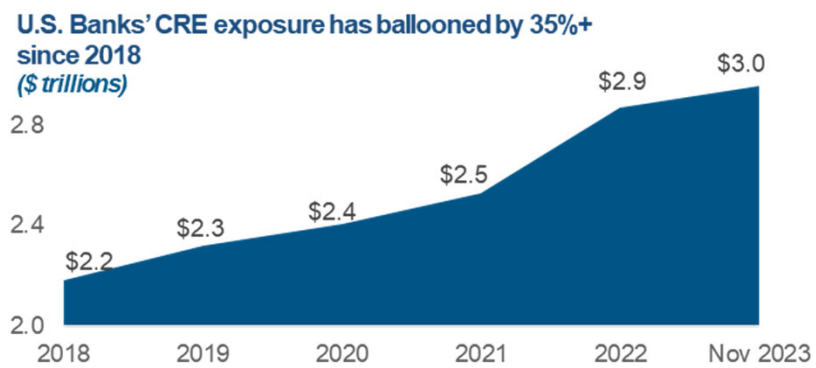
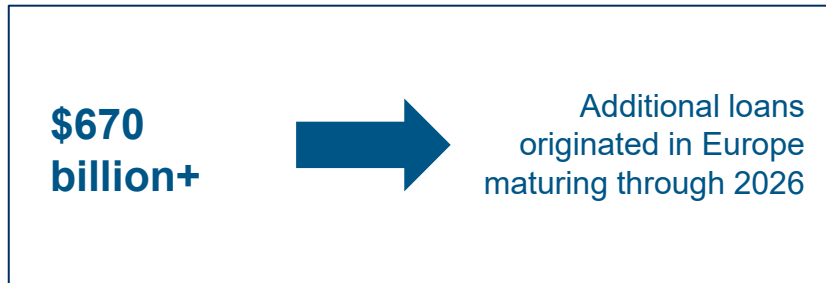
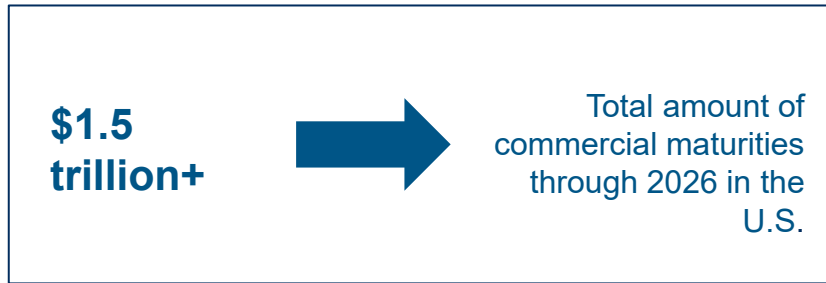
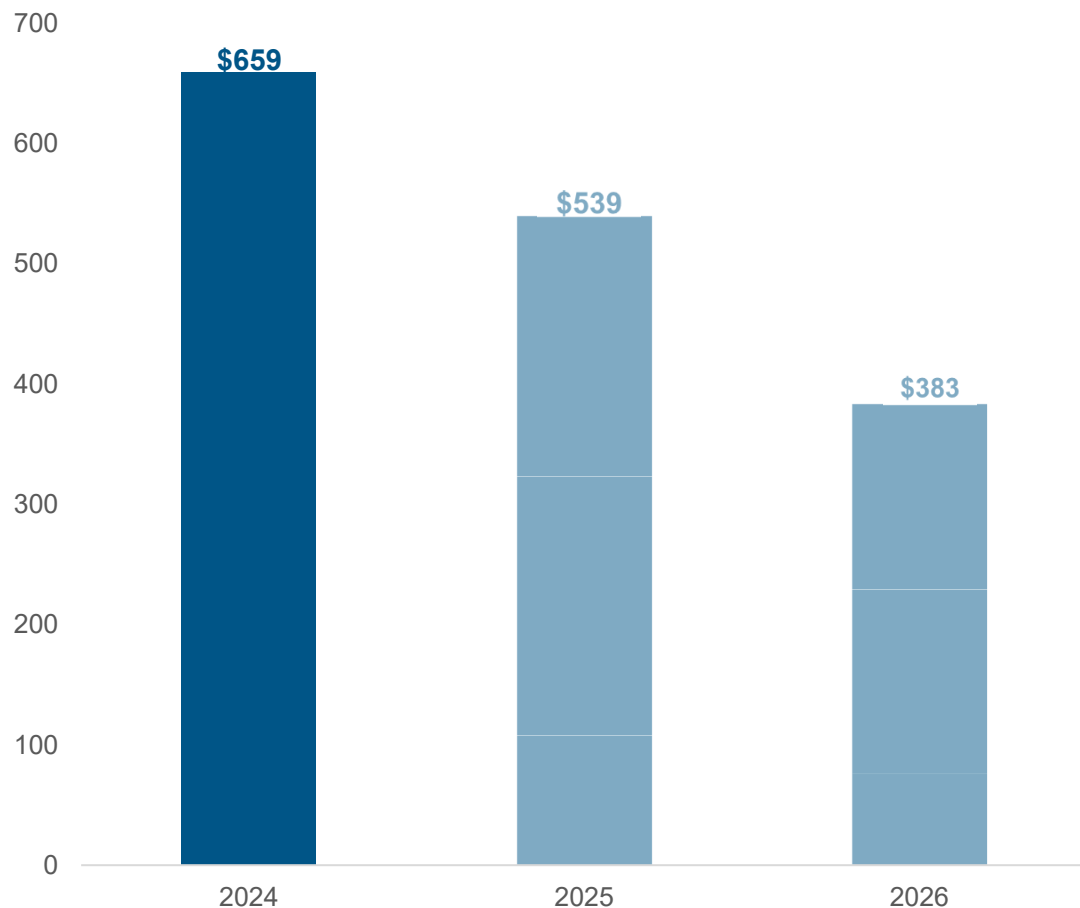
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Bank retrenchment – a regime change in the extension of capital

Significantly elevated maturity levels in coming years as banks look to trim exposure could create opportunities for private lenders

Total U.S. Commercial Mortgage Maturities through 2026
(\$ billions)



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Investors may consider seeking diversified private credit allocations

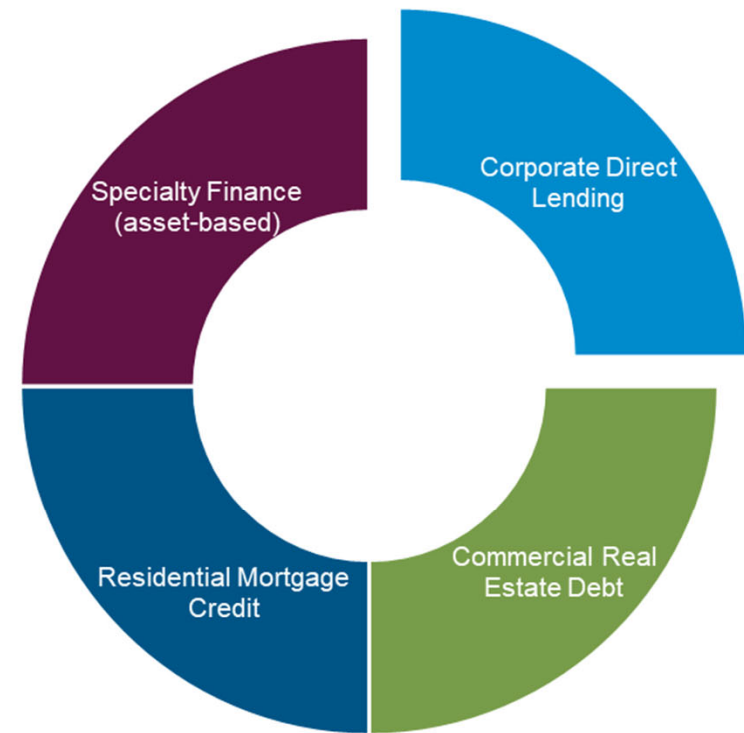
Like fixed income allocations, diversify private credit

Fixed Income



Fixed Income is more than just bank loans

Private Credit

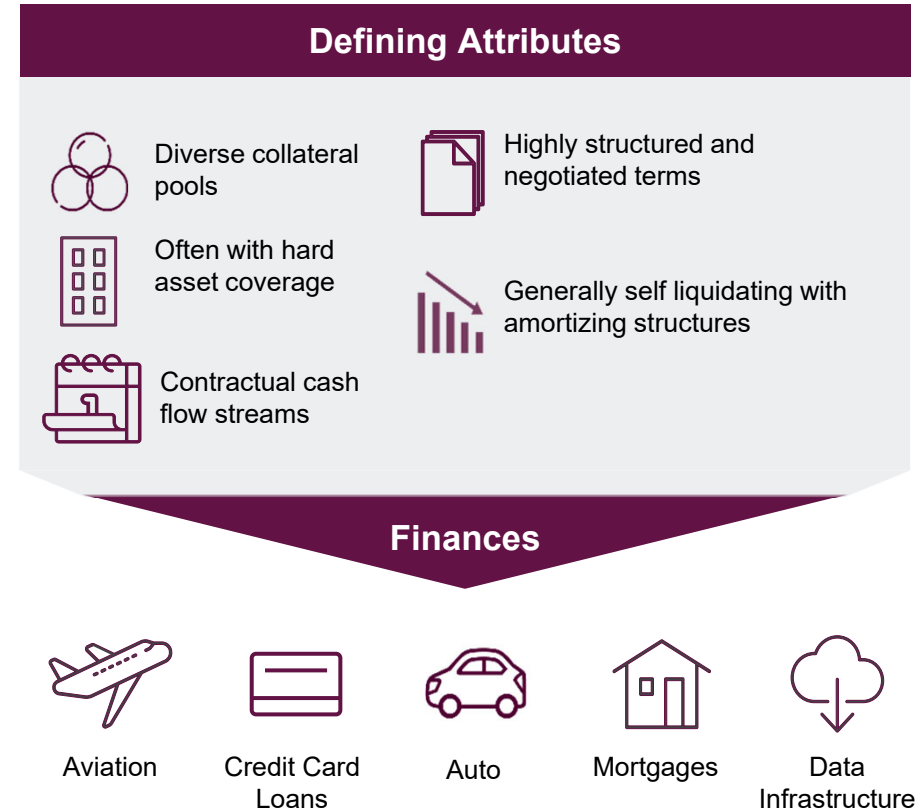
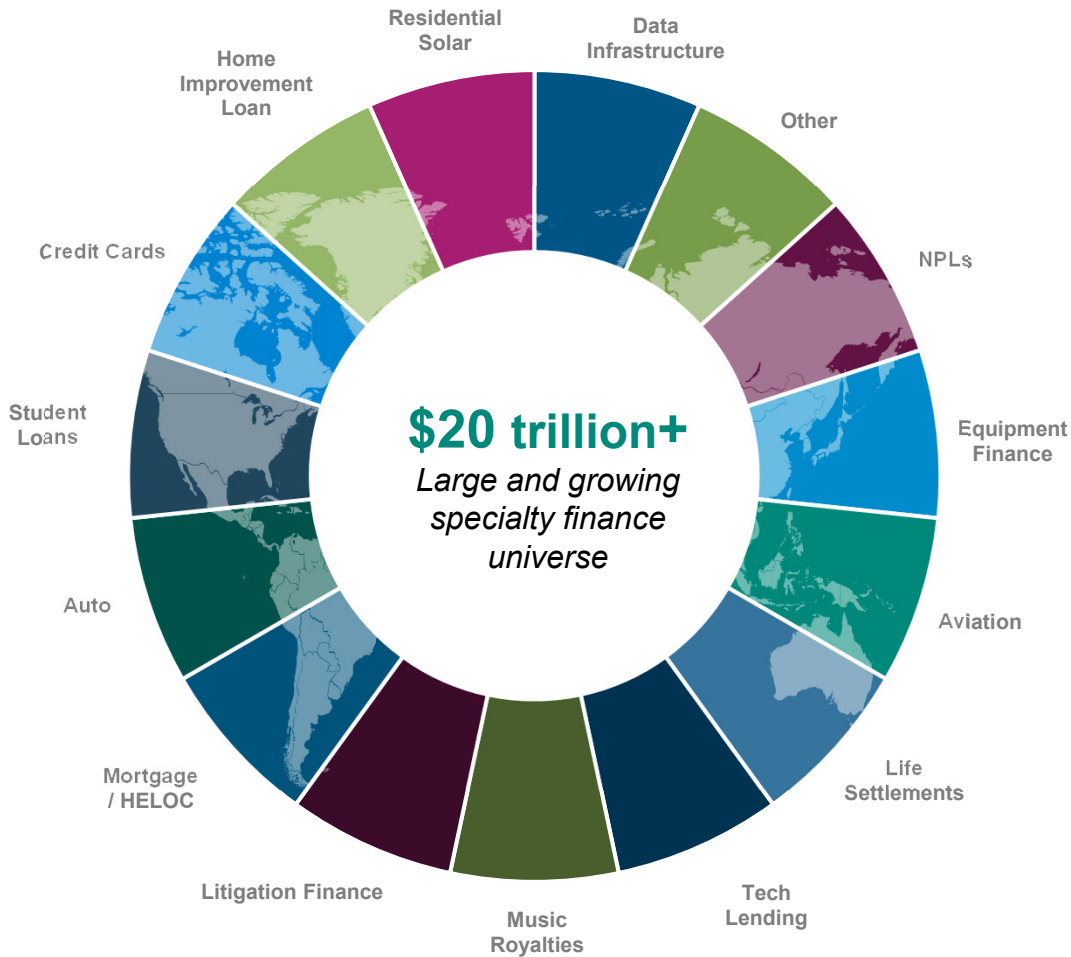


Private Credit is more than just direct lending

SOURCE: PIMCO. As of 31 July 2024.

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Specialty finance is highly diversified and diversifying to direct lending



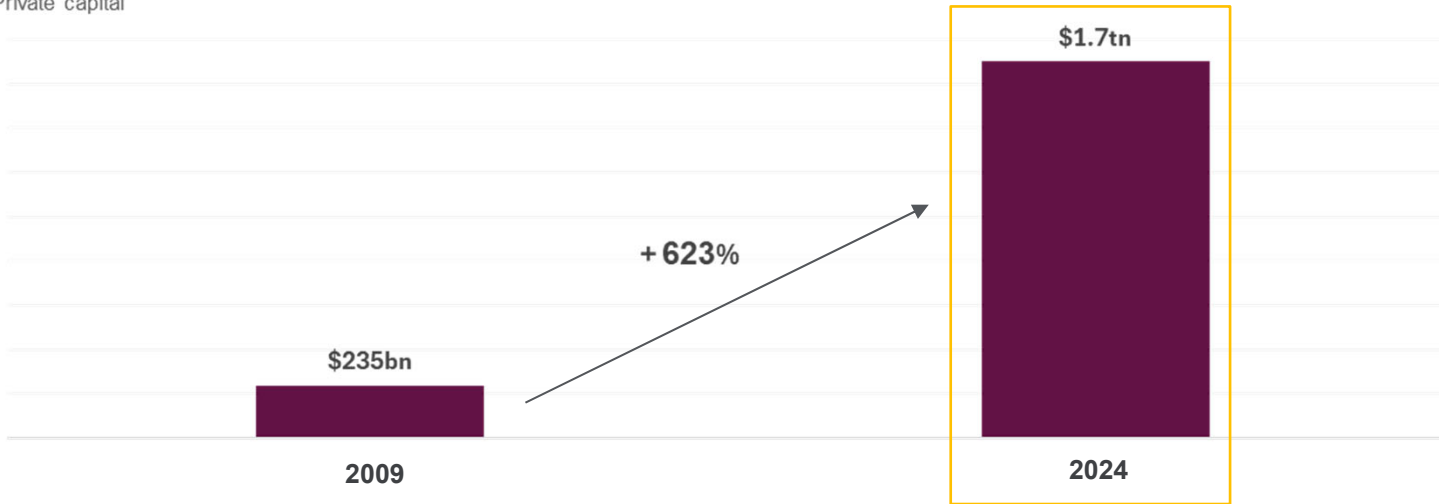
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Early innings: Asset-based lending markets have room to grow

Corporate (non-IG) financing market is \$3tn+

Private capital

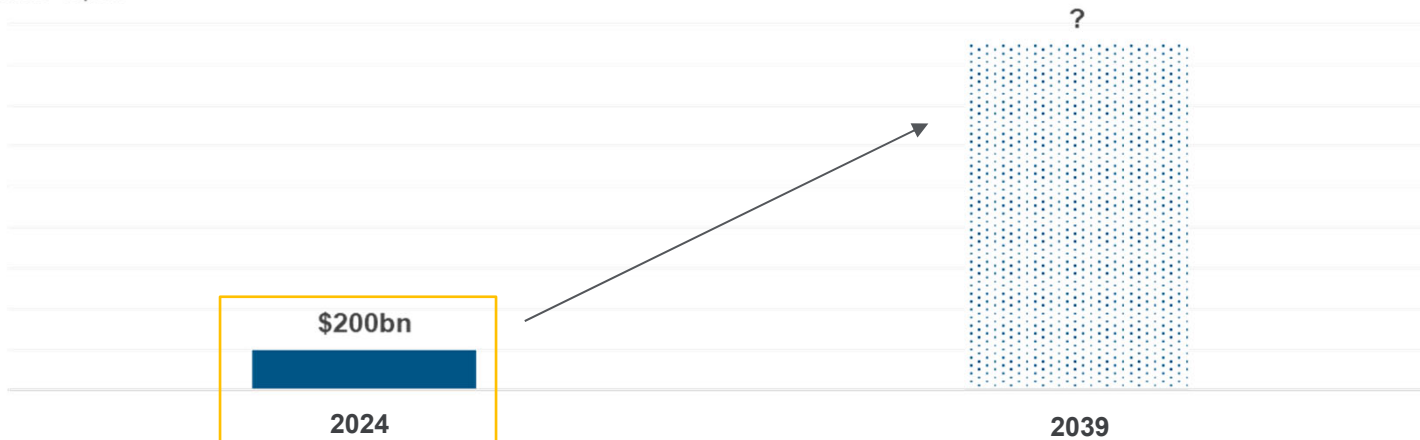


Late stages of private capital formation

- Increased competition among lenders
- Covenant degradation
- Spread compression with continued convergence of private and public markets

Asset-based finance market is \$20tn+

Private capital



Early innings of private capital formation

- Fewer lenders with high barriers to entry
- Structural security through contractual covenants and performance tests
- Elevated spreads benefiting from illiquidity and complexity premia

As of 31 March 2024. Source: PIMCO, Citi, Oliver Wyman

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Summary

Summary

1

**Cautious optimism
for public sector
defined benefit plans**

Noteworthy recovery
from 2022 drawdown

2

**Soft landing is base
case, but risks
remain**

The Fed and other
central banks have
room to adjust rates

3

**Asset class repricing
creates relative value**

Opportunity to align
strategic allocations with
lower volatility strategies

4

Diversification critical

Asymmetries across
economies and markets
merit a diversified
approach



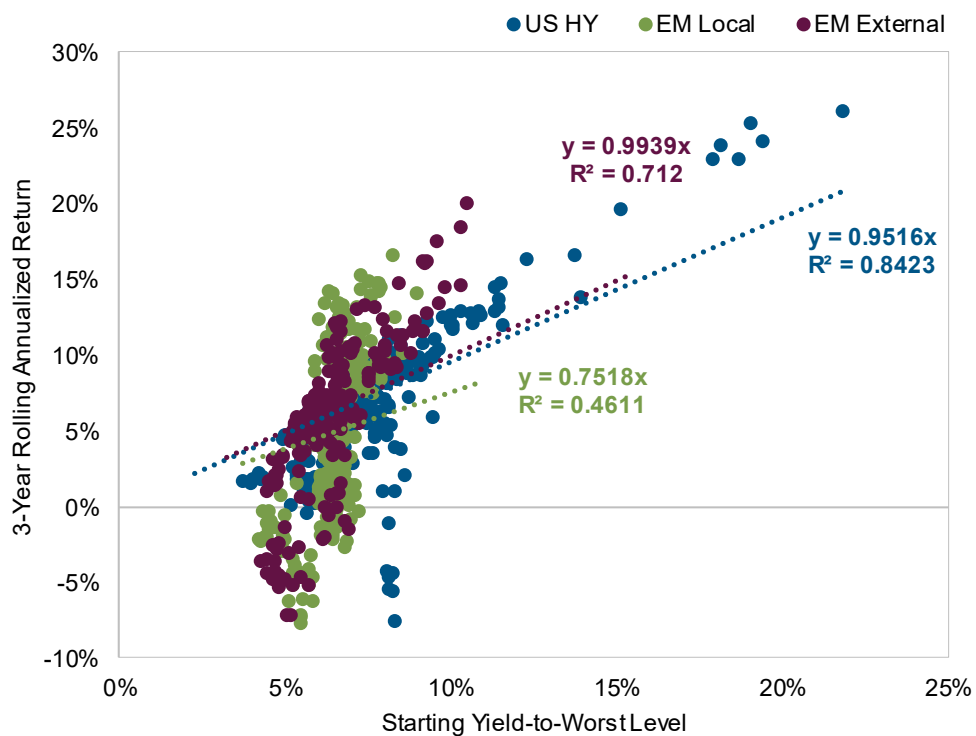
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Current equity yields favor EM over DM

EM equity and debt returns over the next 12 months screen attractive

Current yields

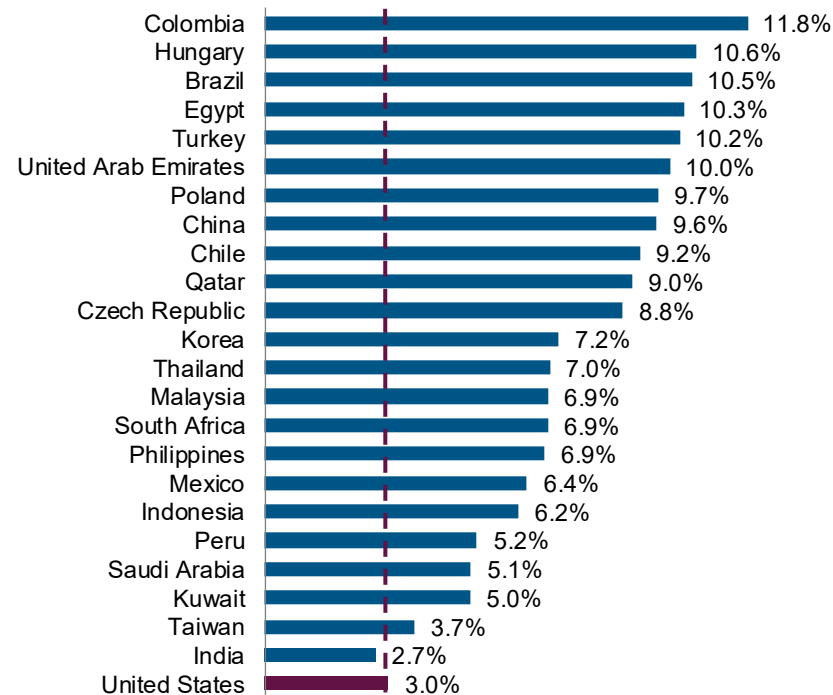
6/28/2024	US HY	EM Local	EM External
YTW	7.9%	6.6%	7.9%



Regression of future realized return on current earnings yield

Market	Regression coefficient*
EM composite (1987-)	0.76
DM composite (1987-)	1.05
DM composite (1967-)	0.94
United States (1967-)	0.97

Cyclically-Adjusted Earnings Yield



*Coefficients are estimated from the regression $r_t^{(10)} = \beta \cdot ey_t + \epsilon_t$ where ey_t is the earnings yield and $r_t^{(10)}$ are annualized future real returns (in USD, adjusted for US inflation) over the following 10 years, observed on a quarterly basis. The DM and EM composite series are based on market-cap weighted aggregates of individual country-level earnings yields and real returns. The underlying sample extend as far as the data is available; Dec. 1987 to Dec. 2012 for EM and Dec. 1967 to Dec. 2012 for DM. Refer to Appendix for additional index, investment strategy, outlook, risk and yield to worst information.

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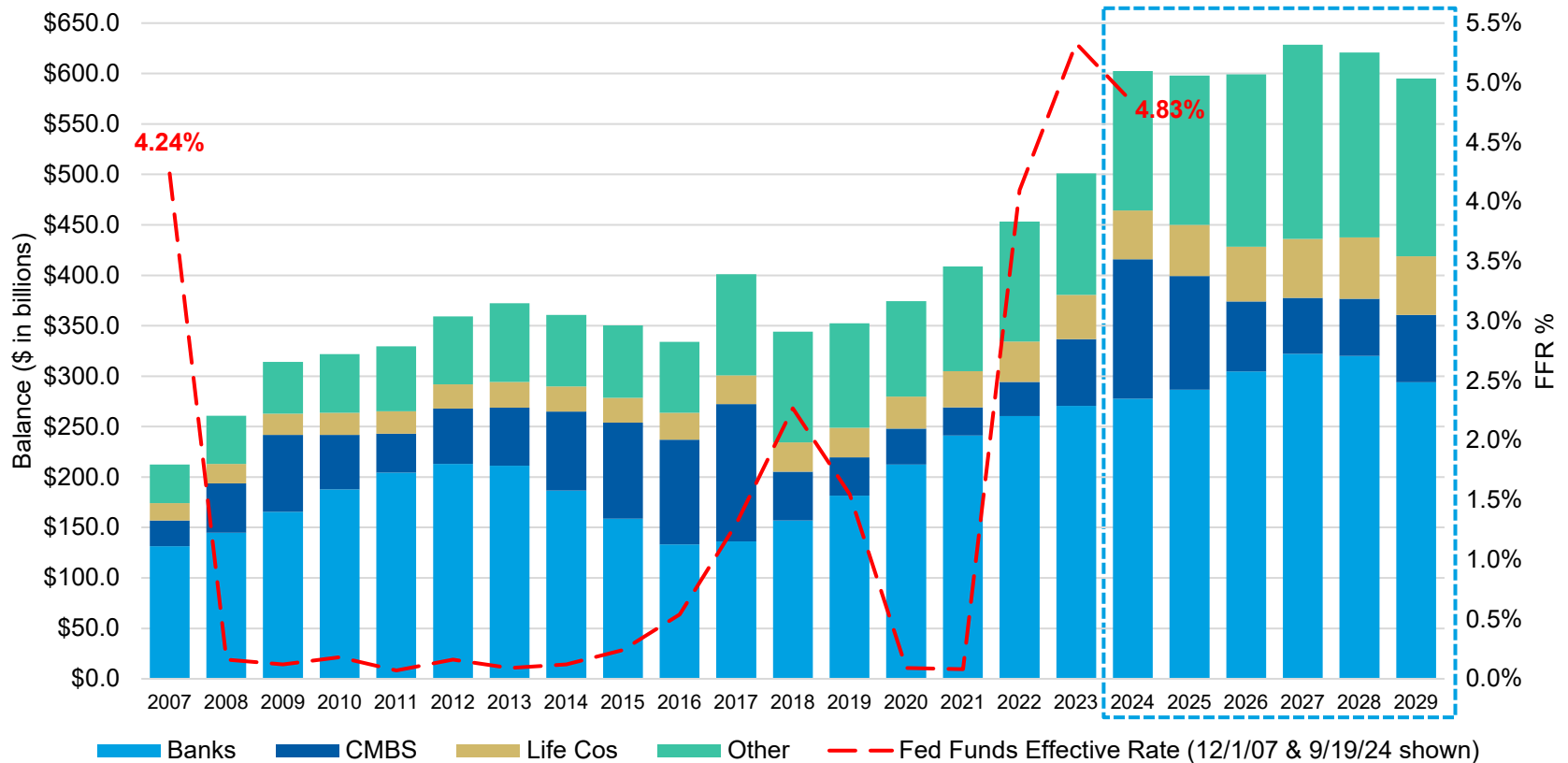
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U.S. CRE Debt Market is Large and Diverse

\$3.6T maturing through '29 while Fed Funds Rate (FFR) exceeds pre-GFC levels

Total Commercial Mortgage Maturities



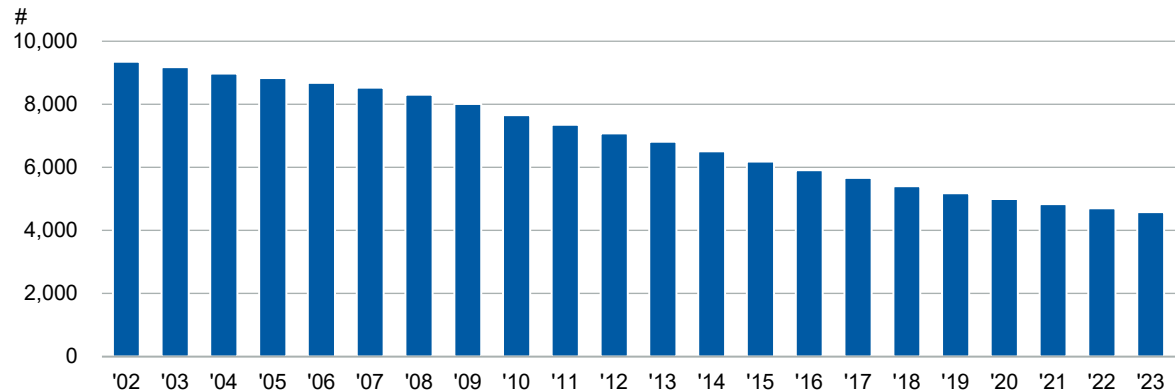
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Supply of Bank Capital Diminishing

Decreasing debt capital supply is further accelerated by regional bank crisis

- Traditional lenders (banks and life insurance companies) are only selectively lending and likely to be further constrained given regional bank crisis
- Debt capital markets for CMBS reduced and uneven, with 2023 US issuance volume down 44% from 2022
- Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac continue to be subject to strict lending caps
- Debt funds have raised additional capital, but pre-COVID they were only a small part (~10%) of the overall originations market⁽¹⁾
- We expect lending standards to continue to be more conservative in the near to medium-term

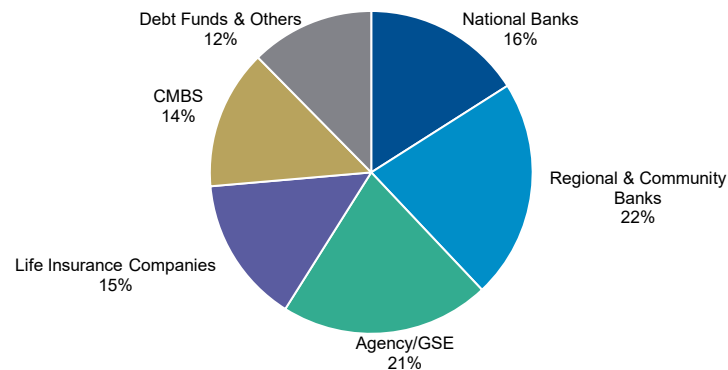
Number of FDIC-Insured Commercial Banks



Source: FDIC, December 2023

Regional & Community Banks Hold Outsized Share of US CRE Debt Balance

% of Outstanding CRE Debt Balance by Lender Type



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, MSREI Strategy, April 2024

1. Source: Mortgage Bankers Association

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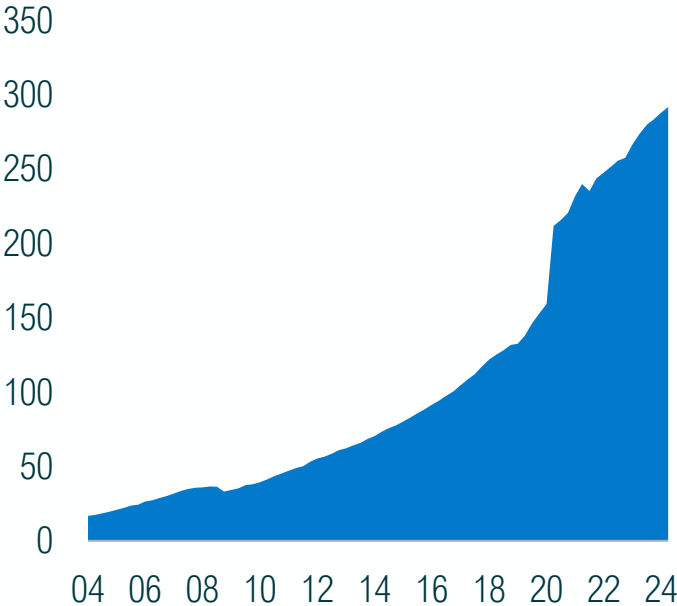
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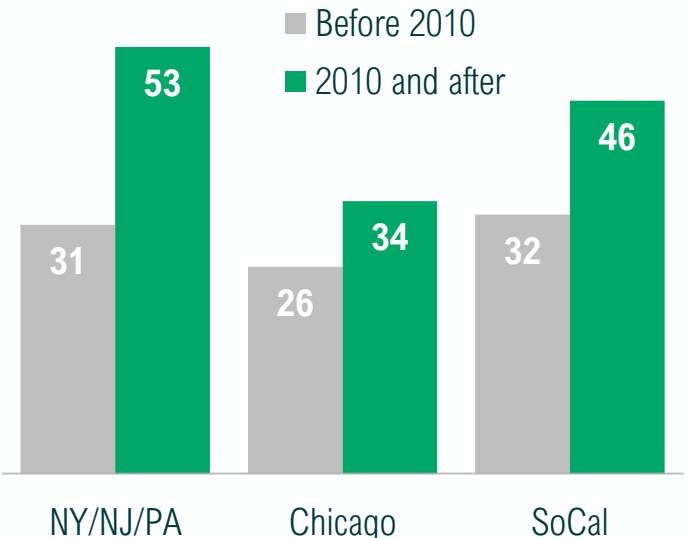
Logistics real estate benefited from structural trends

These trends spanned 3 arenas and 2+ decades

Demand | e-commerce¹
quarterly volume of sales, \$B, SA



Supply | rising barriers²
miles, new development average distance from city center



Investment | influx of capital³
%, logistics invested in ODCE funds

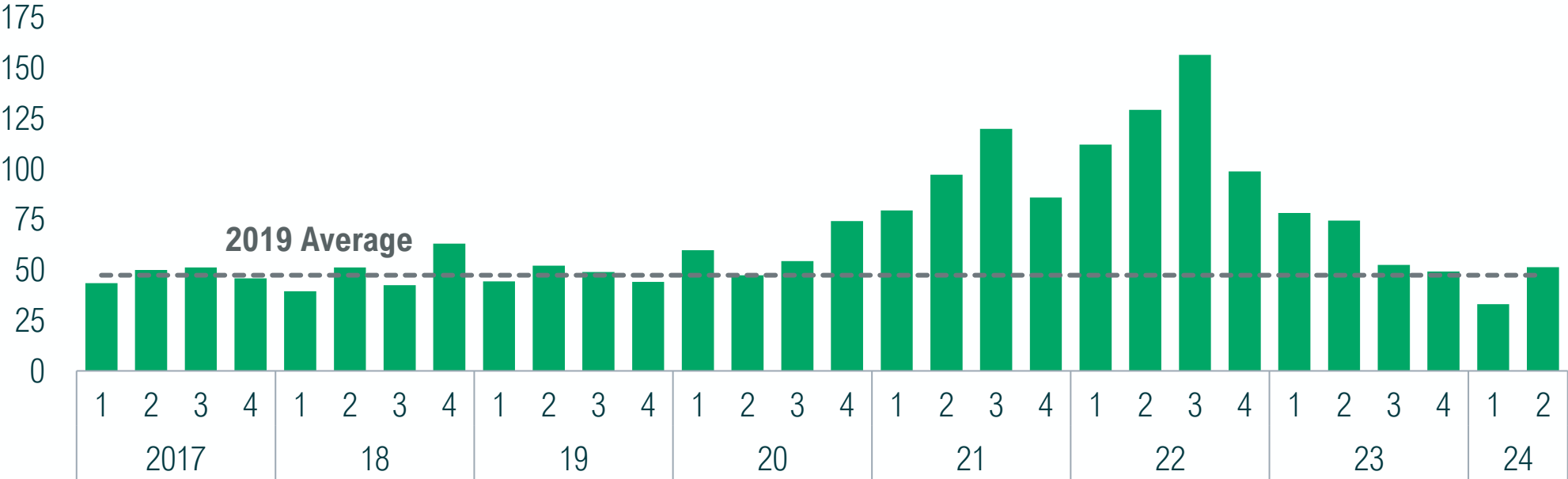


1. Source: U.S. Census Bureau
2. Source: Prologis
3. Source: NCREIF

Starts have more than halved

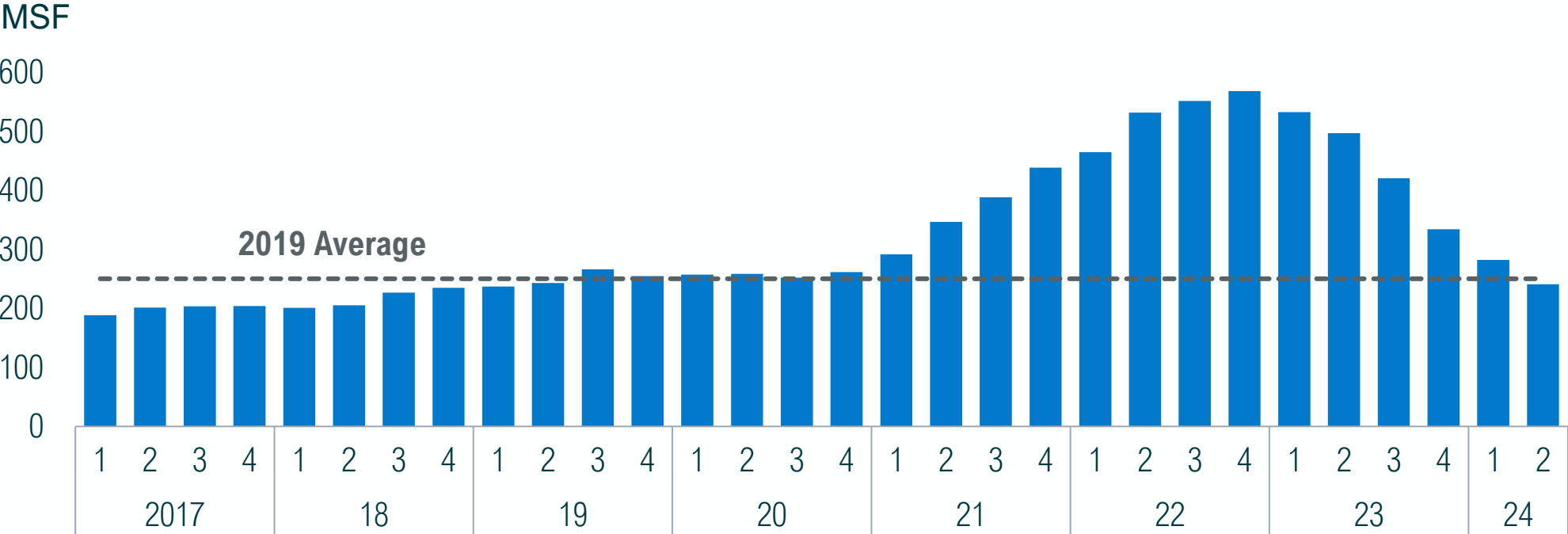
Logistics real estate construction starts, U.S.

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Pipeline has halved

Logistics real estate under construction, U.S.



Source: CBRE, Cushman & Wakefield, JLL, Colliers, Prologis Research

Gradual demand resumption

Net absorption, U.S.

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Supply to fall back to historical norms

Completions, U.S.

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Vacancy rate will peak at a low level before declining

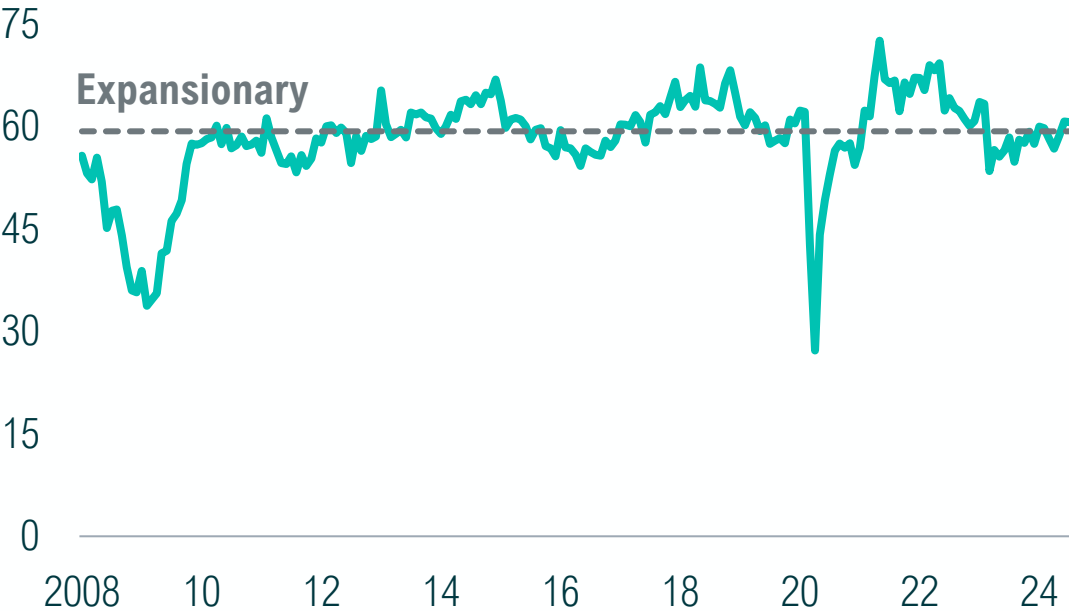
Vacancy, U.S.



Expansionary activity, but need to backfill grey space

Activity index

50=neutral, SA



Utilization rate

%



E-commerce is re-accelerating

E-commerce proportion of retail goods sold, U.S.

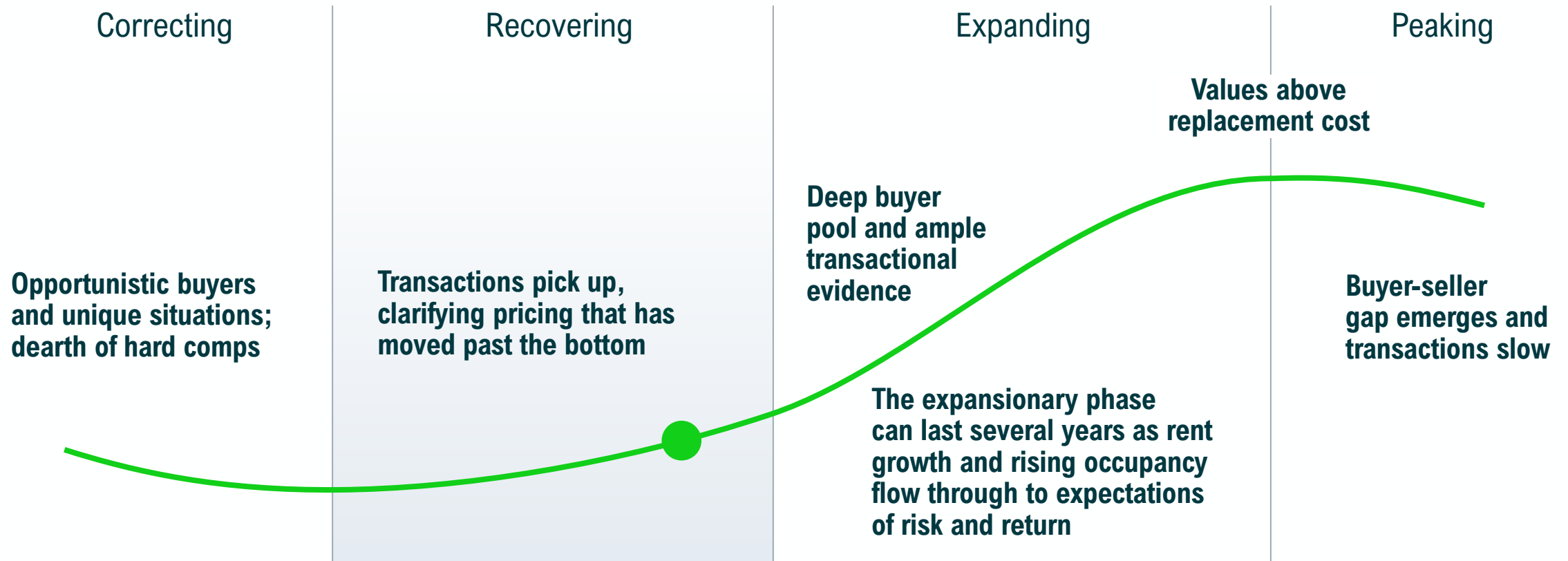


Online retailers use **3X** the logistics space relative to brick-and-mortar

Source: Euromonitor, Census Bureau, Prologis Research



Capital markets cycle





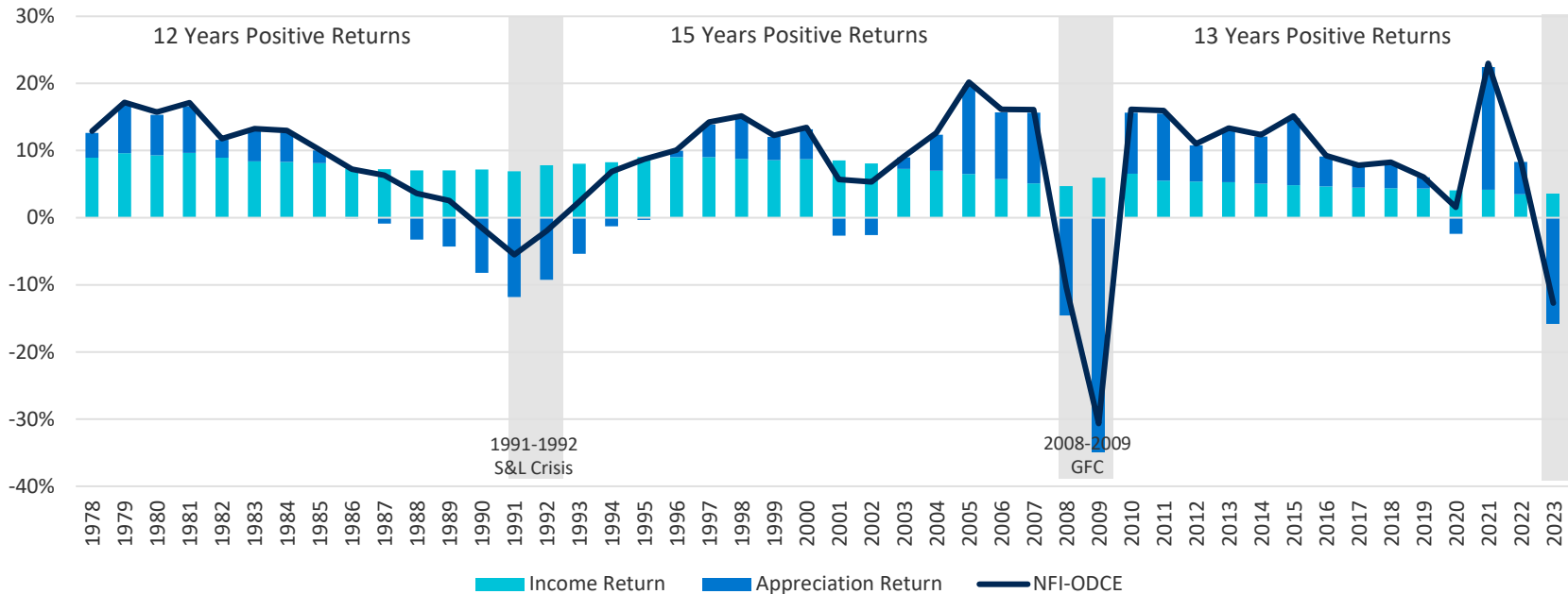
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Kyle Elfers- Managing Director Portfolio Management

NFI- ODCE Historical Performance

In the past, value corrections have set the stage for extended periods of positive total returns

- The average calendar year return of NFI-ODCE¹ is 7.9% since its inception in 1978
- Only 6 out of 45 calendar years have seen a negative total return; excluding these 6 years, the average annual return since inception is 10.8%
- Value correction could set the stage for another positive run







As of 30 June 2024. Source: Principal Real Estate. ¹NFI-ODCE Equal Weight. Past performance of the index does not guarantee future results. Performance shown does not reflect any product from Principal. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. The views expressed regarding events in 2023 that could set the stage for another positive return cycle in the NFI index are the views and opinions of Principal Real Estate and are subject to change without notice.

Sector conditions and outlook

KEY:





- Improving ● Neutral ● Deteriorating
- ↑ Positive ↗ Moderately positive → Neutral ↘ Moderately negative ↓ Negative

		Current condition	Outlook
<p>APARTMENT</p> 	<p>The apartment sector is beginning to see stabilization in market fundamentals. Strong demand is starting to offset supply-side issues that have troubled several Sunbelt markets. While rental trends remain flat, there are signs that the pricing pendulum may be shifting in favor of landlords. The sector continues to be a favorite among investors, with debt capital remaining available from all sources.</p>	●	↗
<p>INDUSTRIAL</p> 	<p>The industrial sector continues to face dual headwinds of slower demand and strong new supply. However, net absorption has rebounded from its early-year decline, as both e-commerce retailers and 3PLs have increased leasing activity in the second half of the year. The sector remains well-capitalized, and investment activity appears to be picking up. Higher interest rates and weaker market performance have reduced under-construction activity by more than 50% from its peak, which should help markets adjust in the near term.</p>	●	↗
<p>OFFICE</p> 	<p>The most recent data suggest signs of life for office demand, though much remains to be done for a sustained recovery. Individual asset valuations are still in a corrective phase, which will take more time to resolve. Some opportunistic investors have begun entering the market to capitalize on pricing dislocations. While in-office attendance has improved, it remains well below pre-pandemic levels, and hiring in office-using industries—a key demand driver—has been modest in the second half of 2024.</p>	●	↓
<p>RETAIL</p> 	<p>The retail sector has outperformed on several measures and remains among the top performers in commercial real estate. Valuations appear to have stabilized, and the lack of new supply has helped maintain healthy occupancy levels. Consumer spending at brick-and-mortar stores has grown moderately, but there are concerns that household balance sheets may lead to a reduction in discretionary spending. Slower economic growth remains a risk, but neighborhoods and communities with value-oriented stores are expected to remain healthy.</p>	●	↗

Sector conditions and outlook

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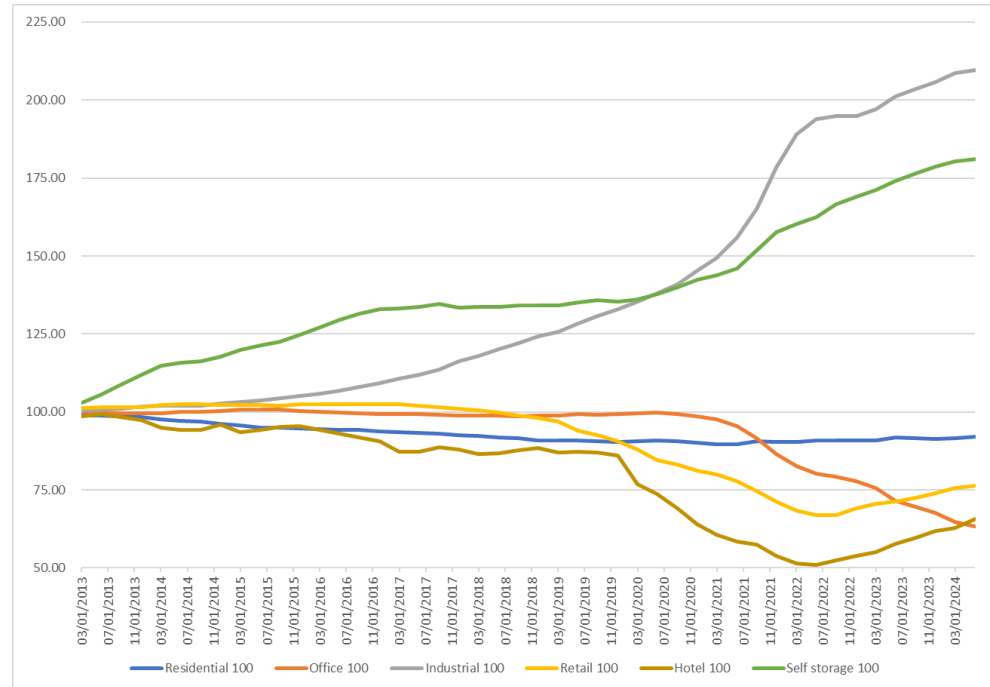
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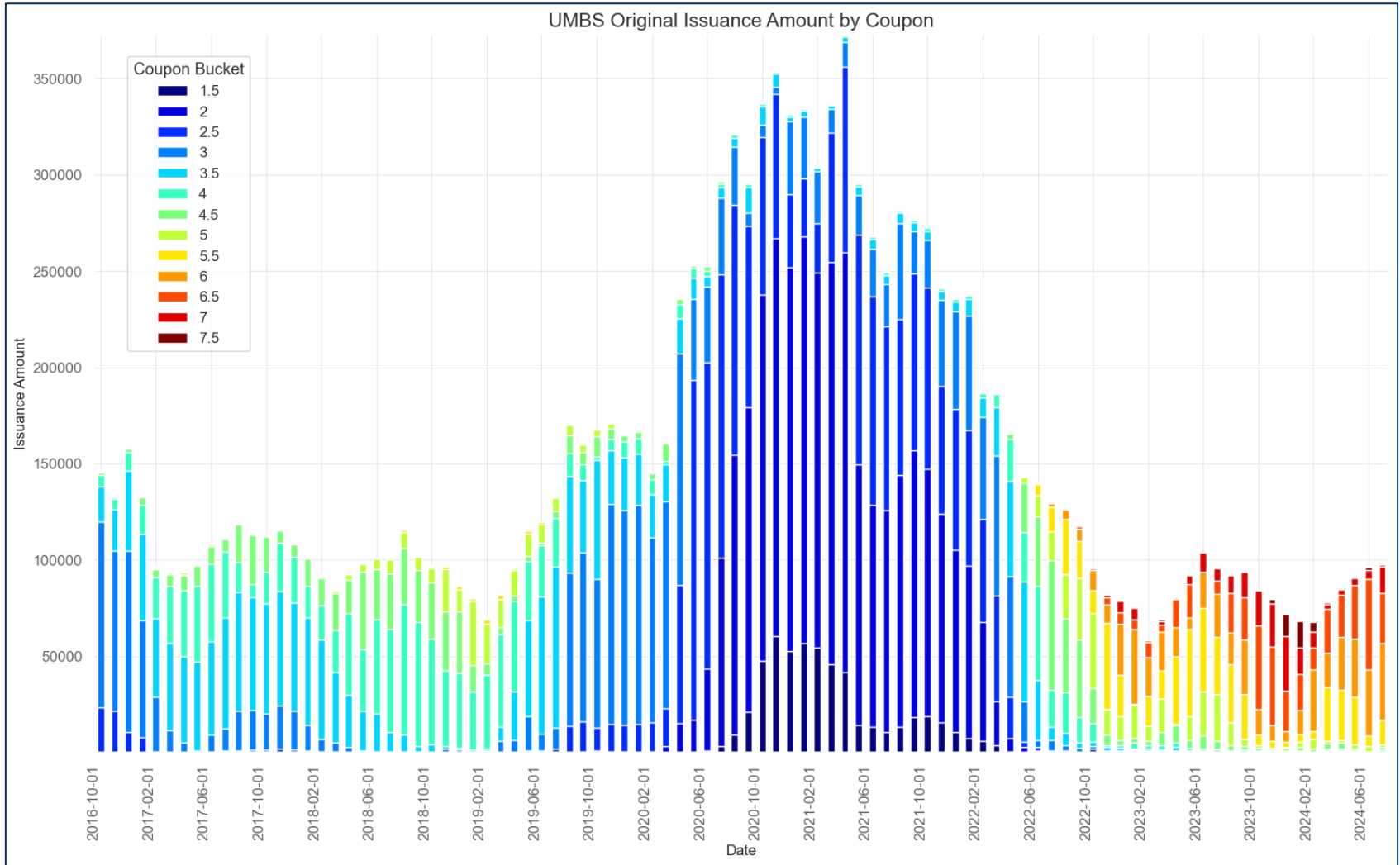
		Current condition	Outlook
<p>SINGLE-FAMILY RENTAL</p> 	<p>The single-family and built-to-rent sectors remain healthy and well-positioned. Fundamentals are strong, driven by solid demand and favorable affordability metrics compared to both the single-family for-purchase market and equivalent multifamily units. While rental growth has slowed compared to the previous year, this trend has been exacerbated in a few metros due to increased build-to-rent activity. Although lower interest rates could improve affordability in the for-purchase market, elevated home prices will likely limit a broader shift in the near term.</p>	●	↗
<p>DATA CENTERS</p> 	<p>The data center sector remains extremely tight, with vacancy rates across major markets averaging under 2%. Rental growth in core markets is approaching 30% on a year-over-year basis, as new supply cannot keep pace with increasing demand. Debt capital remains available for existing assets, but high development costs have limited lending primarily to larger investment banks.</p>	●	↑
<p>STUDENT HOUSING</p> 	<p>The student housing sector continues to perform well, with preleasing close to 90% through mid-year. Rent growth remains stable, and overall demand supports rental increases in the mid-single digits. While demographics continue to favor healthy performance, tailwinds may fade as key cohorts decline and enrollment rates in four-year institutions have flattened in recent years.</p>	●	↗
<p>LIFE SCIENCES</p> 	<p>The sector continues to face significant headwinds following its stellar performance during the pandemic. The lack of capital for start-ups has challenged occupancy amid a rapid pace of development in several metros. While well-capitalized biotech and life science companies continue to perform well and attract interest as tenants, the sector overall is struggling. Exacerbating these issues is the lack of hiring within life science occupations, partly due to insufficient venture capital funding. Although funding has improved from its lowest point, it remains well below its highs.</p>	●	↓

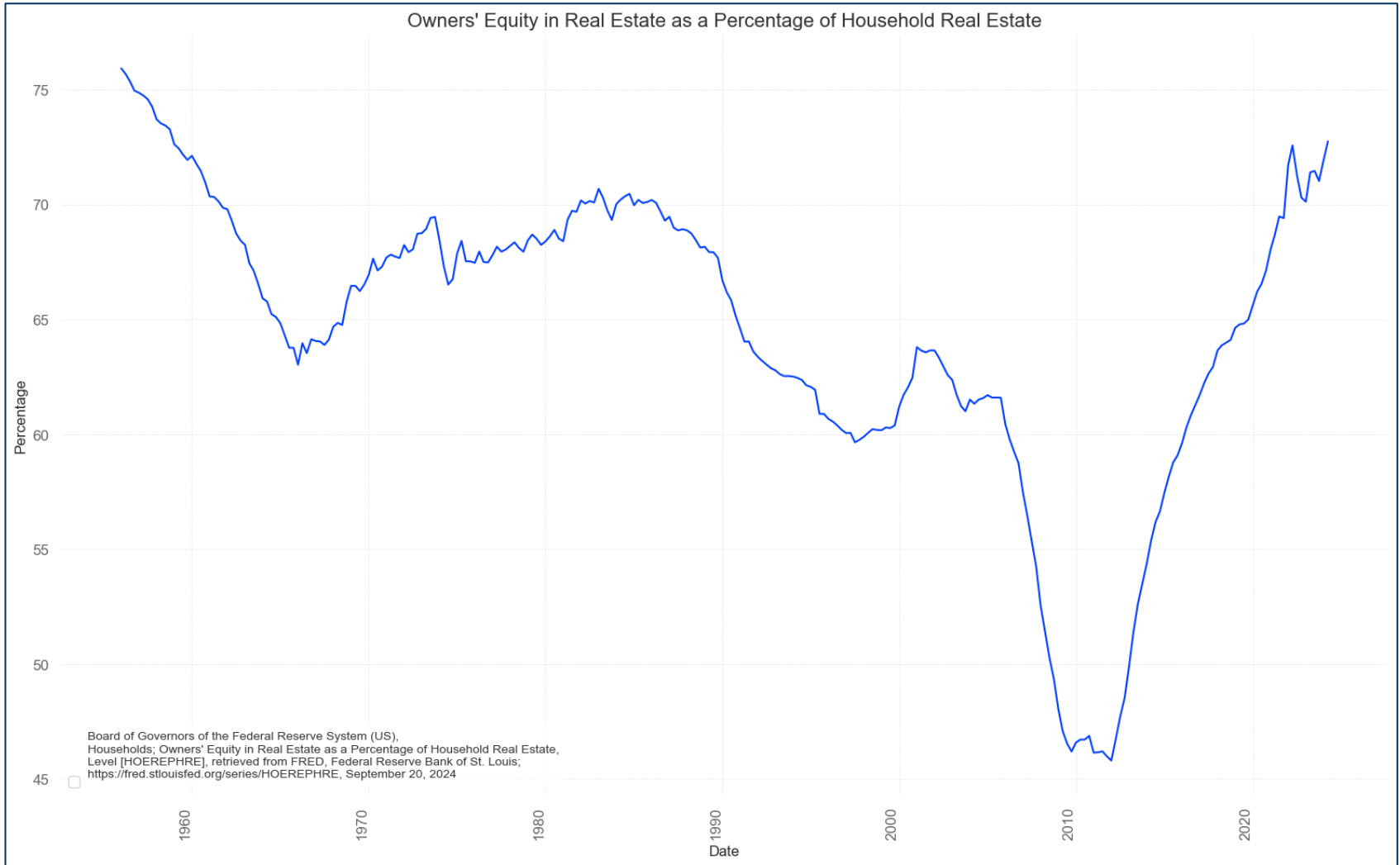
NFI- ODCE¹ Historical Performance – last 46 quarters

NFI-ODCE	All						
12/31/2012							
03/31/2013	2.16%	1.10%	2.20%	2.58%	3.38%	0.84%	4.98%
06/30/2013	2.80%	2.65%	2.61%	3.04%	2.98%	3.40%	5.54%
09/30/2013	2.89%	2.77%	2.70%	3.30%	2.97%	1.84%	5.90%
12/31/2013	2.62%	2.32%	2.47%	3.32%	2.67%	1.79%	5.43%
03/31/2014	2.36%	1.66%	2.45%	2.56%	2.97%	-0.08%	5.01%
06/30/2014	2.66%	2.02%	3.06%	2.74%	2.95%	1.78%	3.53%
09/30/2014	2.83%	2.73%	2.91%	2.74%	2.84%	2.89%	3.18%
12/31/2014	3.04%	2.29%	3.34%	3.70%	2.80%	4.69%	4.23%
03/31/2015	3.16%	2.50%	3.46%	3.72%	3.12%	0.86%	5.02%
06/30/2015	3.14%	2.48%	3.31%	3.60%	3.29%	3.72%	4.46%
09/30/2015	3.31%	3.25%	3.19%	3.92%	3.02%	4.31%	4.22%
12/31/2015	2.89%	2.69%	2.44%	3.58%	3.37%	3.15%	4.63%
03/31/2016	2.12%	1.85%	1.99%	2.90%	2.11%	0.88%	4.11%
06/30/2016	2.15%	1.90%	1.93%	3.07%	2.17%	0.90%	4.03%
09/30/2016	1.88%	1.82%	1.52%	2.93%	1.84%	0.57%	3.45%
12/31/2016	1.55%	1.20%	1.31%	2.75%	1.59%	0.22%	2.60%
03/31/2017	1.68%	1.26%	1.64%	2.97%	1.60%	-2.07%	1.85%
06/30/2017	1.73%	1.44%	1.74%	2.89%	1.23%	1.87%	2.15%
09/30/2017	1.70%	1.52%	1.43%	3.22%	1.29%	3.21%	2.43%
12/31/2017	1.88%	1.44%	1.64%	4.08%	1.38%	1.25%	0.99%
03/31/2018	1.81%	1.39%	1.78%	3.41%	1.30%	-0.08%	1.98%
06/30/2018	1.72%	1.20%	1.74%	3.49%	0.99%	2.20%	1.75%
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03/31/2019	1.54%	1.35%	1.65%	2.88%	0.35%	0.13%	1.55%
06/30/2019	1.28%	1.34%	1.61%	3.29%	-1.63%	1.42%	1.93%
09/30/2019	1.44%	1.21%	1.42%	3.26%	-0.25%	1.31%	2.10%
12/31/2019	1.47%	1.35%	1.67%	3.22%	-0.65%	0.15%	0.96%
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Sector	# qtrs outperf	% qtrs outperf
Industrial 100	10	21.7%
Self storage 100	15	32.6%
Office 100	44	95.7%
Residential 100	19	41.3%
Hotel 100	20	43.5%
Retail 100	44	95.7%







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Our Key Fixed Income Investment Views

Global Growth: Moving on from Post-GFC / Post-Covid Dynamics

- Expect slowing growth and moderating inflation in 2H:24
- With reduced central bank intervention, growth risk to be more two-way and macro will drive outcomes
- Expect more frequent and shorter business cycles, higher real rates and the return of term premium

Monetary Policy: The Path is Clear, The Timing Is Now Set

- Rate cuts in EU started, the timing for Fed adjustment of policy rates is now set
- The impact of higher rates is being felt by economies; the longer central banks stay put, the greater the risk of a policy mistake

Interest Rates: Reduced Volatility, Increased Dispersion

- Rate volatility should move lower but is not likely to be low; expect greater regional dispersion given divergence in economic performance
- Maintain focus on short and intermediate maturities given curve shape and debt sustainability risks

Credit: Emphasis on Selectivity

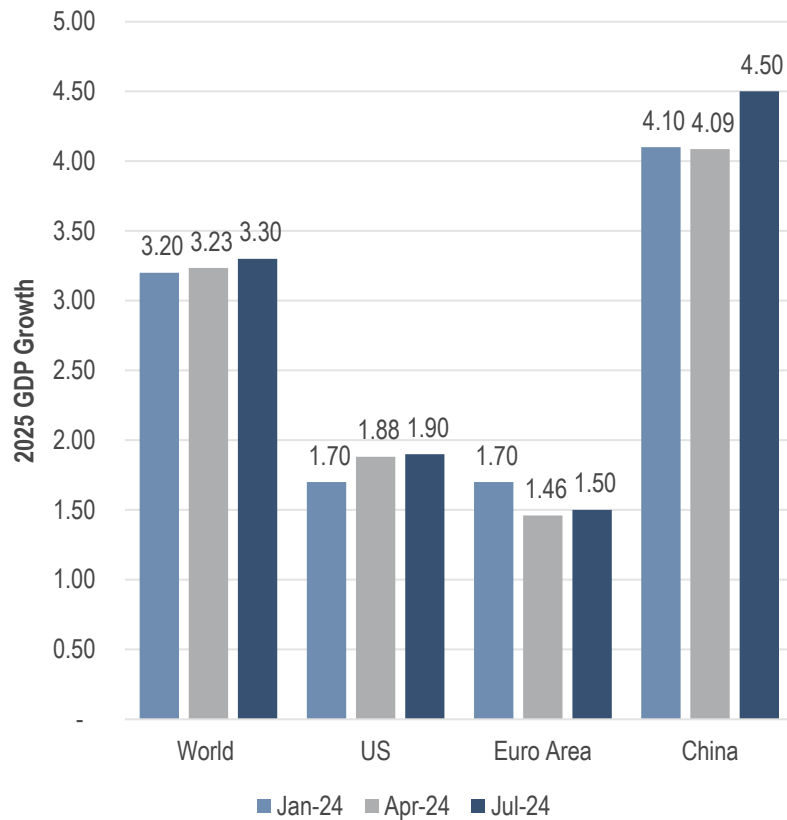
- Though corporate spreads are tight relative to history, all-in yields are attractive
- Up-in-quality, defensible balance sheet credits are desirable

Source: Neuberger Berman views. As of September 16, 2024.

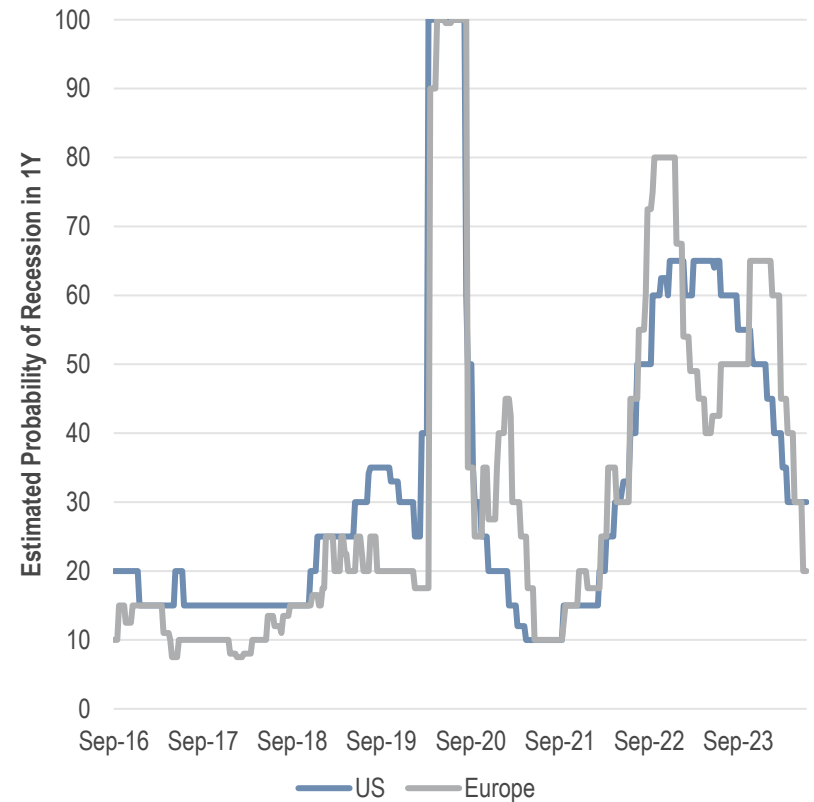
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Global Growth Risk Skewed to the Downside, the Market is Complacent on Risks

IMF has kept growth forecasts stable, driven by U.S. strength and moderate outcomes in China



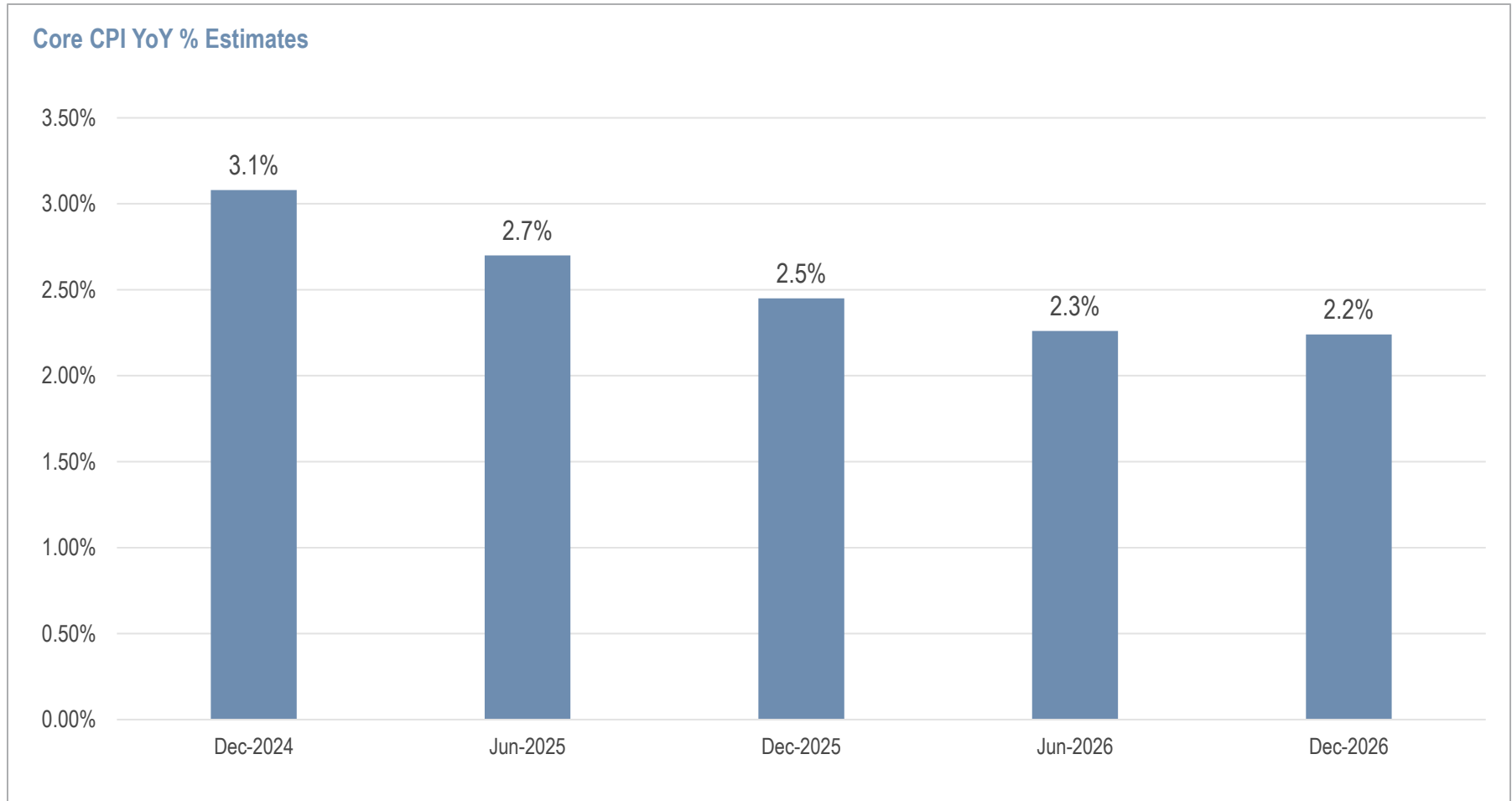
Forecasts of a recession in U.S and Europe near pre-pandemic levels



Source: Left chart: IMF WEO, as of July 2024. Right chart: Bloomberg, as of 5 July 2024.

Estimated Trajectory for U.S. Core Inflation

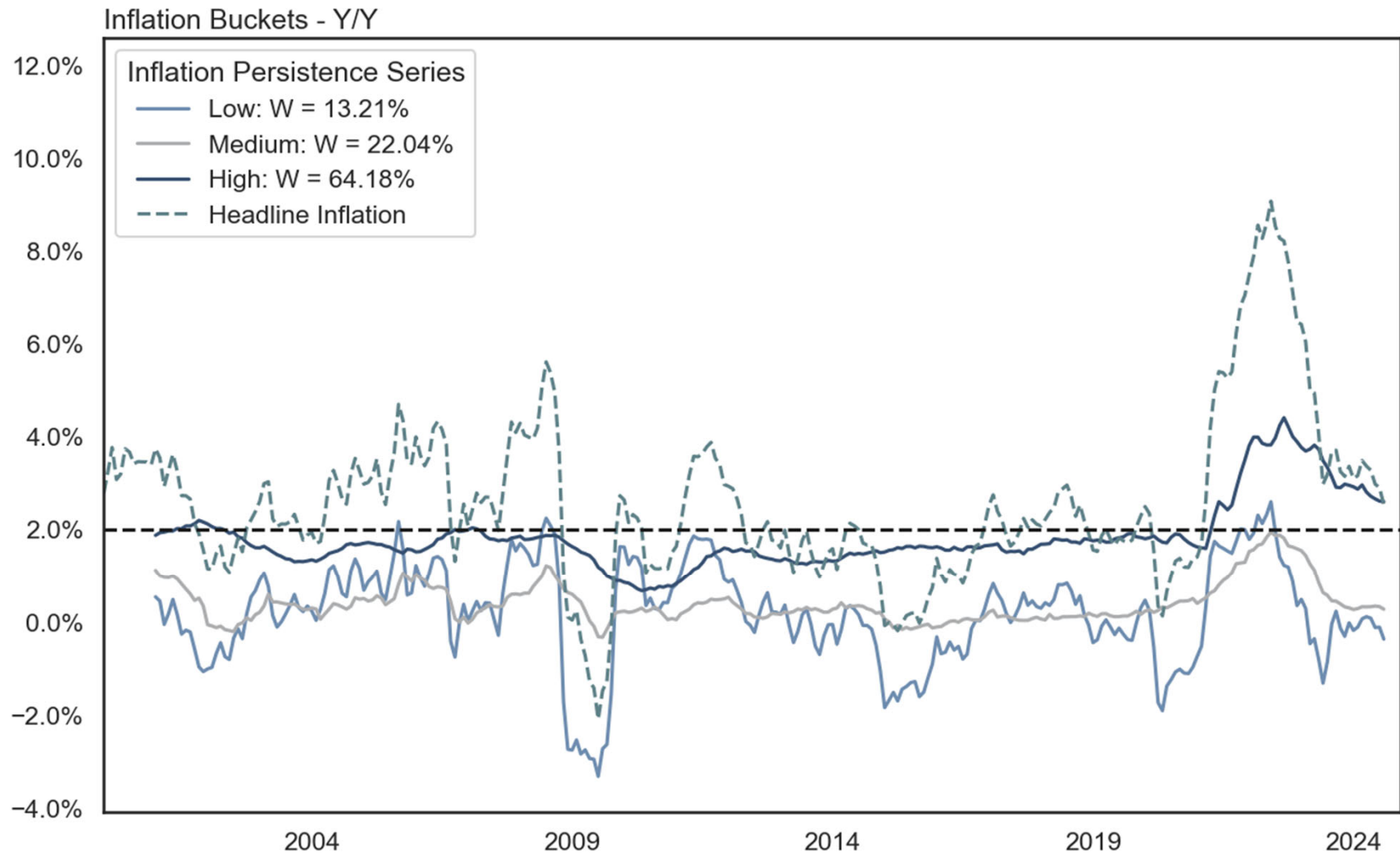
Expect Core CPI to continue to decline towards 2.5% by end-2025



Source: Bloomberg, Neuberger Berman calculations and forecasts. As of September 2024.

Measuring Inflation Persistence

Disinflation starting to show in high persistence components



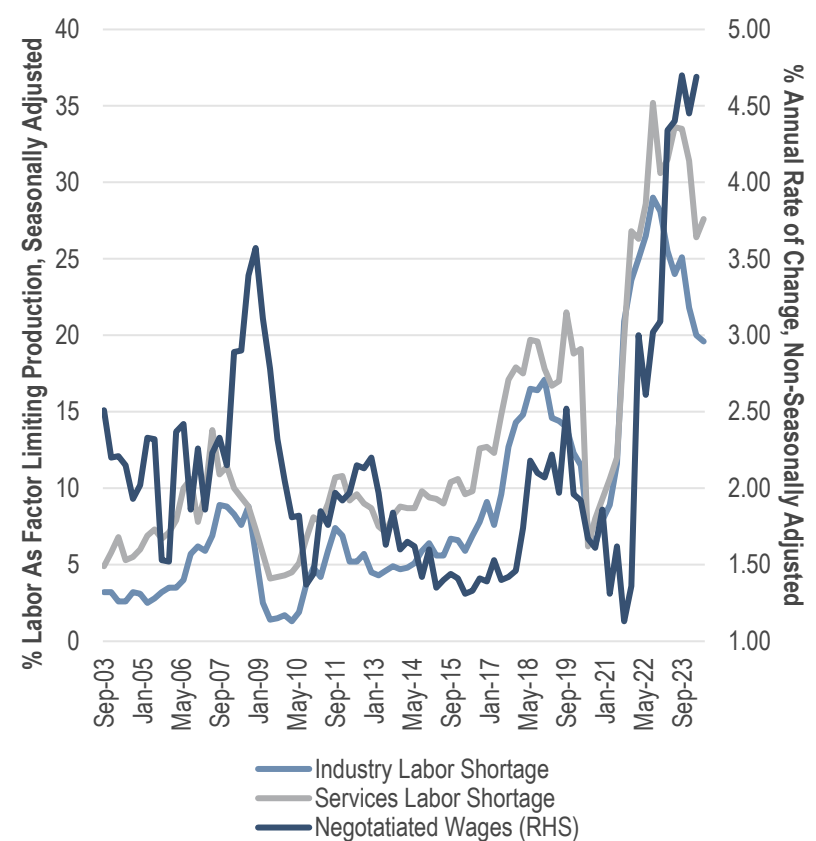
Source: BLS, NB Calculations

European Growth Optimism May Be Misplaced

Little room for fiscal as Germany stays within its debt brake and pressure on France and Italy to make budgetary improvements



Labor shortages improving as wages catch up for past inflation, the outlook appears to be more moderate wage growth

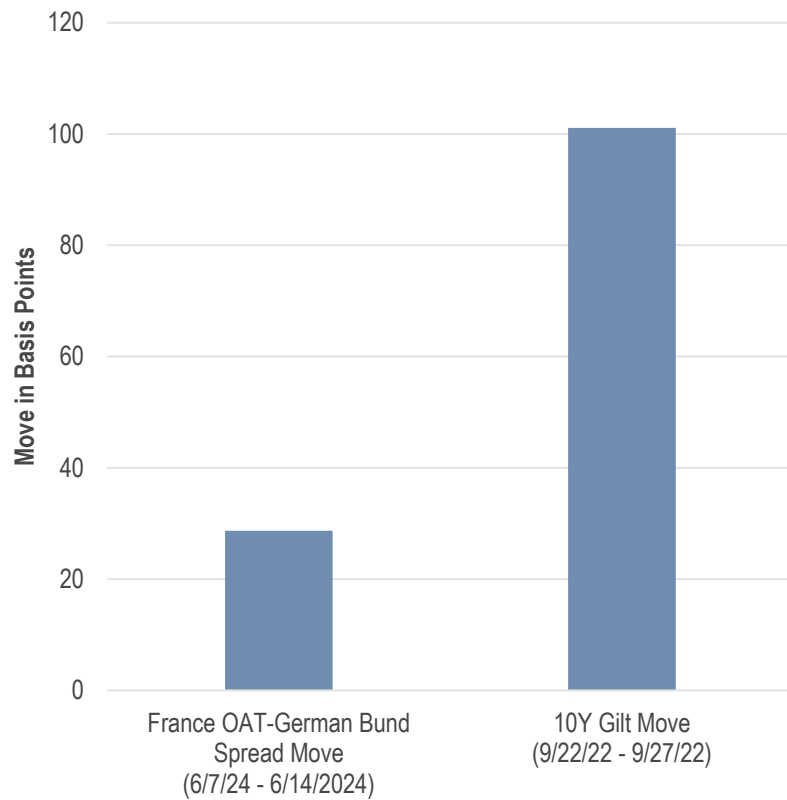


¹GDP in 2023 was +0.5%. ECB June Staff Forecasts had 2024 and 2025 growth at +0.9% and +1.4% respectively IMF April 2024 WEO at 0.8%/1.5% and OECD May 2024 Economic Outlook at +0.7/1.5%

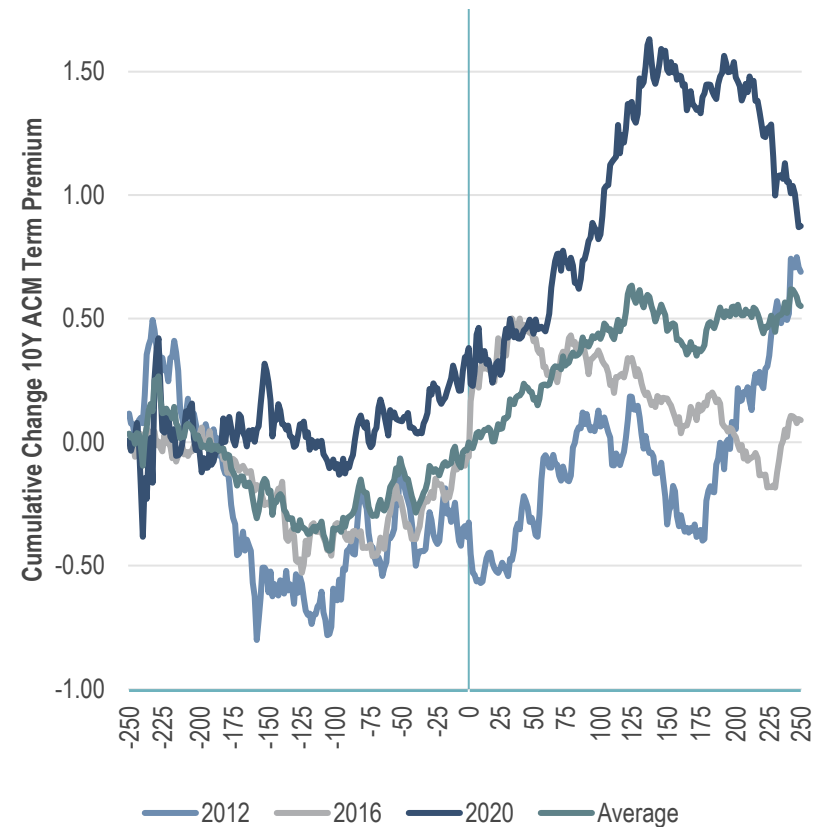
Source: ECB, IMF, OECD for forecasts. Eurostat for historical deficit/GDP numbers as of 2023. Forecasts from Bloomberg as of 9 July 2024. Labor as a factor limiting growth from European Commission as of 2Q24 and Negotiated wages from Bloomberg, as of 1Q24.

The Election Cycle and Fiscal Outlook Are Having An Impact on Bond Markets

Recent snap elections in France reminiscent of the U.K. fiscal concerns in 2022



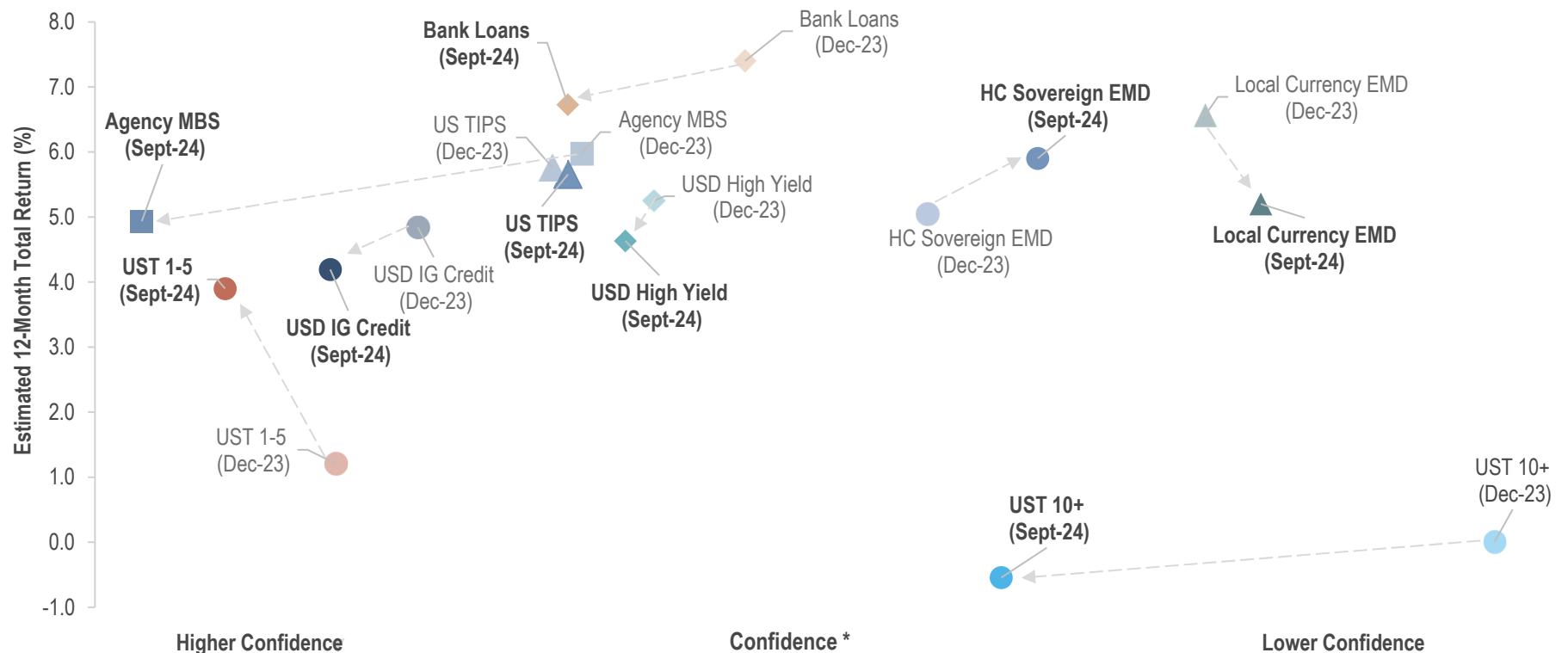
Historically term premium and inflation expectations start to increase 4-5 months before the election



Source: Bloomberg.

Sector Estimated Returns (Exclusive of Rate Assumptions for Credit Sectors)

As of September 2024



*Confidence quantifies the confidence of the estimated return by measuring return standard deviation across states of the world. A wider dispersion of the states of the world, represented by a larger standard deviation, indicates a lower degree of confidence, or a higher degree of uncertainty.

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Yield Advantage is the estimate for income earned relative to the benchmark.

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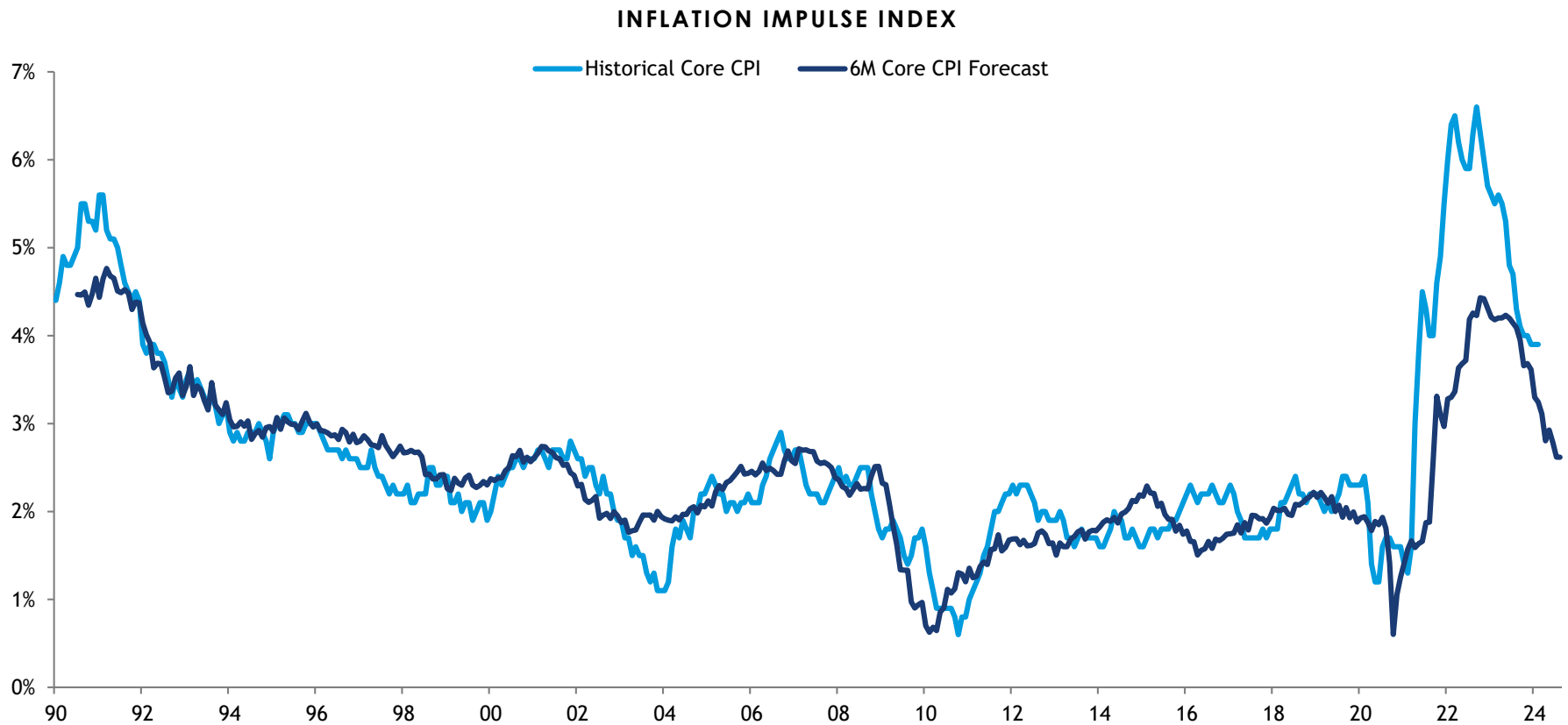


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we believe inflation should continue drifting lower

- The current forecast from our model suggests Core CPI can fall to 2.61% year-over-year by the March 2025 reading.
- This represents a significant decline from the current core inflation print of 3.2% year-over-year.



Source: Loomis Sayles, as of 9/11/2024.

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we believe inflation will head lower

OUR CORE INFLATION MODEL UTILIZES 21 VARIABLES BUCKETED INTO SIX BLOCKS

The level or year over year change of economic and financial market variables within each block help us analyze where core CPI is likely headed over the next six months.

	WEIGHT	CURRENT VALUE Z-SCORE	6 MONTH CORE CPI FORECAST
INFLATION IMPULSE INDEX		0.29	2.67
Labor Related Block	10%	0.51	0.06
Inflation Expectations Block	35%	0.71	0.29
Global Factors Block	15%	-0.81	-0.14
Capacity Block	10%	0.12	0.01
Commodities Block	10%	-0.93	-0.11
Housing Block	20%	0.96	0.22
Intercept			2.34

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Charts above are comprised of standardized indices of the underlying data for each block. The specific variables are listed on the following slide. For the first block "Labor", would be comprised of the Unit labor costs, Atlanta wage tracker, unemployment gap, JOLTS Openings, employment to population ratio, and Unemployment to JOLTS openings. A similar pattern works for the other "Blocks".

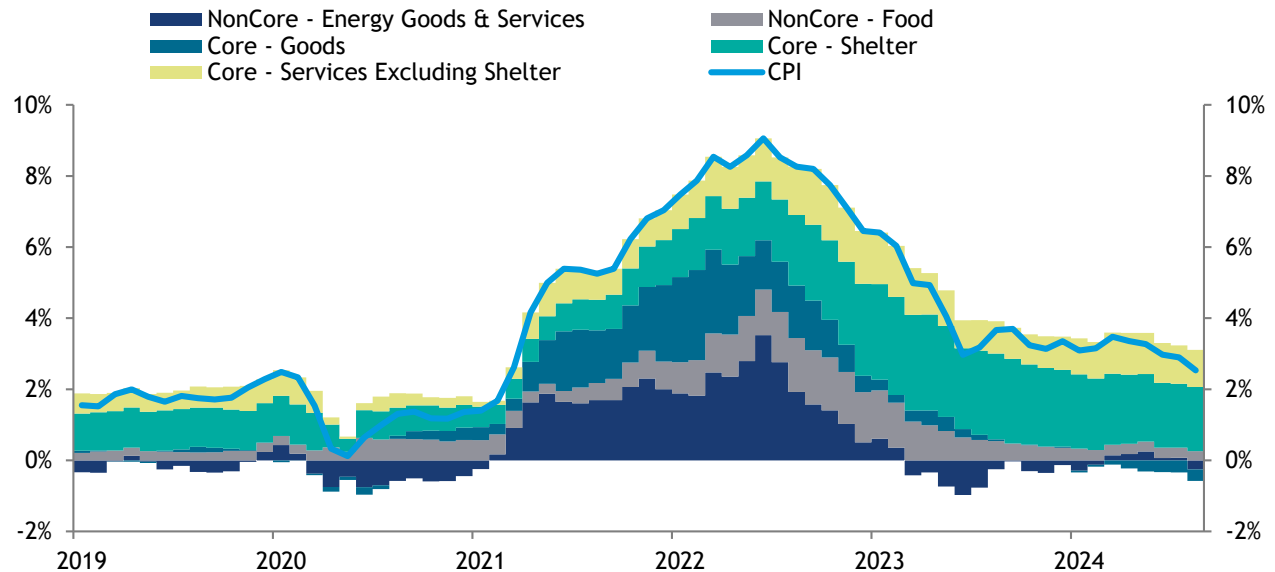
CPI inflation

Our View:

- Shelter inflation is a large component of the CPI Index and an even larger slice of the Core CPI index.
- Shelter inflation continues to prove sticky, which is keeping CPI indices elevated.
- Outright deflation can be seen in Energy and Goods prices.

CPI INFLATION SCORECARD				
	WEIGHT	Y/Y %	3M/3M % Ann	M/M % Ann
NonCore - Food	13.4%	2.1%	1.3%	1.4%
NonCore - Energy Goods & Services	6.8%	-4.0%	-10.6%	-8.1%
Core - Goods	18.4%	-1.9%	-3.7%	-1.8%
Core - Shelter	36.5%	5.2%	4.1%	5.5%
Core - Services Excluding Shelter	24.8%	4.5%	2.1%	3.6%
CPI	100%	2.5%	1.0%	2.9%
Core CPI	79.8%	3.2%	1.8%	3.1%

HEADLINE CPI DECOMPOSITION



Source: Loomis Sayles, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of 9/11/2024.

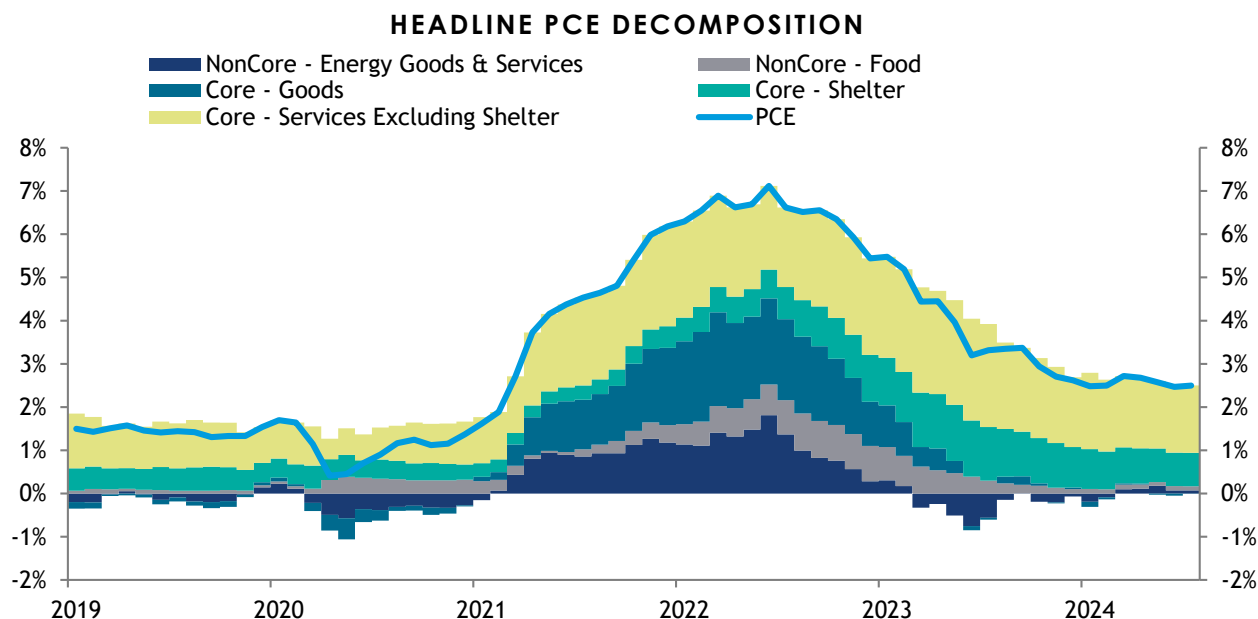
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PCE inflation

Our View:

- Core PCE is more closely linked to the goods and services consumers actually purchase.
- The Federal Reserve (Fed)'s preferred measures of inflation come from the PCE report.
- A smaller shelter weighting in Core PCE is driving readings lower than what is seen in Core CPI.
- Year-over-Year inflation still appears high but if you annualize recent month-over-month changes you can see inflation close to the Fed's target.

PCE INFLATION SCORECARD				
	WEIGHT	Y/Y %	3M/3M % Ann	M/M % Ann
NonCore - Food	7.6%	1.4%	0.2%	0.1%
NonCore - Energy Goods & Services	4.0%	1.9%	-11.8%	-6.2%
Core - Goods	22.4%	0.0%	-2.2%	-0.9%
Core - Shelter	15.5%	5.3%	4.5%	4.9%
Core - Services Excluding Shelter	50.5%	3.3%	2.4%	2.3%
CPI	100%	2.5%	1.2%	2.1%
Core CPI	88.4%	2.6%	1.8%	2.3%



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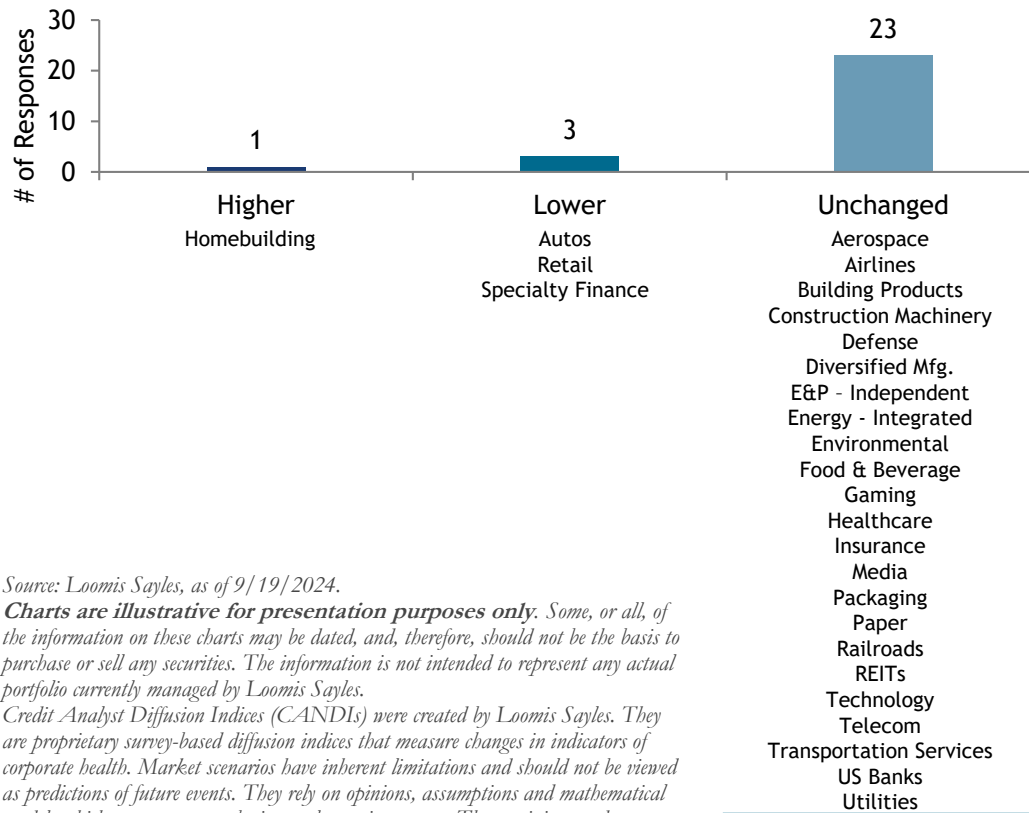
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where do we expect pricing power to trend?

PRICING POWER CANDI: 46.3

Quarter-over-quarter change: **-0.3**



Source: Loomis Sayles, as of 9/19/2024.

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PRICING POWER
Sub-Components

Services: 43.3, +0.4

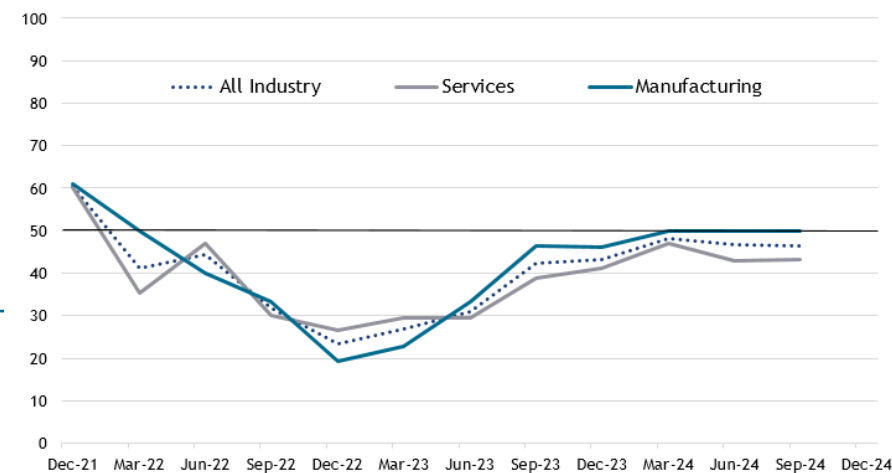
Manufacturing: 50.0, 0.0

Manufacturing Pricing Power is neutral for the third quarter in a row.

Services Pricing Power is falling, which could put some pressure on margins for those industries.

Inflation should continue trending lower as long as corporate pricing power is contained, and it is.

Where do you expect pricing power to trend?



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