

US Weekly Kickstart

Lifting our 12-month S&P 500 target to 5100 as inflation falls, the Fed turns dovish, and real yields plunge

We raise our year-end 2024 S&P 500 index target to 5100 representing 8% upside from the current level. Decelerating inflation and Fed easing will keep real yields low and support a P/E multiple greater than 19x. Since late October, S&P 500 has surged by 15% and Russell 2000 has soared by 23% as real rates plummeted from 2.5% to 1.7%. Our prior year-end 2024 forecast assumed yields of 2.3% and a P/E of 18x. Upside risk exists to our above-consensus EPS estimate of 5% growth. The improved macro outlook implies a more conducive environment for bringing IPOs to market. Resilient growth and falling rates should benefit stocks with weaker balance sheets, particularly those that are sensitive to economic growth.

Performance

The S&P 500 was up 3.0% this week. Real Estate was the best-performing sector (+6.5%) while Communication Services was the worst-performing sector (-0.4%). We expect the S&P 500 will end 2024 at 5100 (+8.1%).

S&P 500 earnings and valuation

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	2023E	2024E	2023E	2024E
EPS	\$224	\$237	\$221	\$245
Growth	1 %	5 %	(0)%	11 %
	NTM	2024E	NTM	2024E
P/E	20.0x	19.9x	19.6x	19.2x

Source: I/B/E/S, FirstCall, Goldman Sachs Investment Research

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Conversations we are having with clients: Raising our S&P 500 12-month price target to 5100

We raise our S&P 500 year-end 2024 price target to 5100 representing 8% upside from the current level. This outcome aligns with the <u>scenario</u> we outlined last week, where lower inflation and dovish Fed policy allow real yields to fall. The new year-end 2024 target reflects a P/E greater than 19x compared with our prior target of 4700 that forecast a multiple of 18x. Our 3-month and 6-month targets are 4800 and 4900.

The bevy of encouraging economic data releases this week support our upwardly revised equity market outlook. The CPI and PPI reports this week both signaled that inflation is nearing the Fed's target. Our economists expect that core PCE inflation will register just 3.1% year/year in November. In fact, by some measures the trend is already at or near 2%. Above-consensus retail sales growth further evidenced economic resilience, while lower-than-expected jobless claims affirmed that the labor market remains healthy.

Equities were already pricing positive economic activity but now reflect an even more robust outlook. The performance of cyclical vs. defensive stocks has moved from pricing GDP growth of 1.5% to above 3% during the last seven weeks (Exhibit 3).

Our stronger view of the equity market also dovetails with our colleagues' upgrades to the US GDP growth and interest rate outlooks. Following the Fed's dovish signaling, our economists now expect the FOMC will cut the policy rate sooner and faster than they previously anticipated. Their revised funds rate <u>forecast</u> assumes consecutive 25 bp cuts in March, May, and June followed by quarterly cuts that will place the policy rate at 4.0%-4.25% at year-end 2024. Futures prices currently imply a total of six cuts to 3.75%-4.0% by the end of next year.

Our interest rate strategists also revised their forecast to reflect the Fed pivot. They now expect the 10-year Treasury yield will fall to 3.75% in 1H 2024 (previously 4.65%) before rising to 4.0% at the end of next year (previously 4.55%), only 10 bp above the current level of 3.9%. The move in real yields has been particularly dramatic and strongly influences equity valuations. In October, the real rate equaled 2.5% but it has since plummeted to 1.7%. The yield gap between real rates and earnings yield now equals 350 bps. We forecast it will remain roughly at this level at year-end 2024.

We see upside risk to our above-consensus S&P 500 earnings estimate of 5% year/year growth in 2024. Our top-down EPS estimate of \$237 compares with the median strategist estimate of \$230. Financial conditions have loosened substantially since October and should boost economic activity and company earnings.

The improved macro outlook implies a more conducive environment for bringing IPOs to market during 2024. Our IPO Barometer gauges whether the macro environment is favorable to IPO issuance by combining measures relating to equity market performance, valuation, interest rates, CEO confidence, and economic activity. The barometer has rebounded to 89, near the level associated with the typical frequency of IPOs. Looking ahead, higher share prices and an improving cost of capital would imply the friendliest new issuance environment in nearly 2 years (Ex. 5).

We do not view the potential for increased equity issuance in 2024 as a headwind to stock performance during the next 12 months. We would expect that the lower cost of capital driving issuance would simultaneously boost buyback activity, helping offset the net effect on equity supply. In addition, falling yields might represent one catalyst for a reversal of recent fund flow dynamics that have challenged equities. Investors have poured \$1.4 trillion into money market funds YTD as interest rates have climbed, while US equity funds have received just \$95 billion of inflows (Exhibit 6). As rates begin to fall investors may rotate some of their cash holdings toward stocks.

A lower cost of capital should also allow stocks with weak balance sheets to "catch up" to the few stocks that have led the market in 2023. A small group of stocks has been responsible for the bulk of equity returns this year. The seven largest companies in the S&P 500 now account for 28% of S&P 500 market cap, and market breadth hovers near 0.5 standard deviations below average (Ex. 7). The Information Technology sector has delivered stellar returns (+56% YTD). Despite the long duration of those companies' cash flows, investors had expected their strong balance sheets to insulate them from rising interest rates.

Looking forward, the new regime of both improving growth and falling rates should support stocks with weaker balance sheets, particularly those that are sensitive to economic growth. We published our 2024 US Equity Outlook in mid-November and recommended that investors tactically own beaten-down cyclicals to capture upside around positive economic data surprises. During the last month, the equal-weighted screen has soared by 10%, outpacing both the aggregate (+5%) and equal-weight (+8%) S&P 500 indices. Similarly, the Russell 2000 index outpaced the S&P 500 by 5 pp on Wednesday and Thursday as markets priced the likelihood of lower interest rates coupled with stronger growth. An environment of falling interest rates and improving economic growth expectations historically has been supportive for small-caps, which have recently traded at depressed valuations.

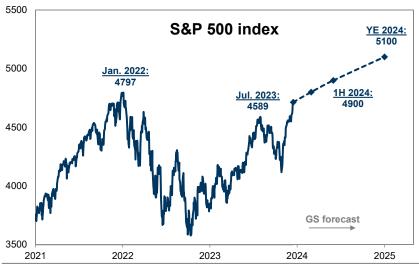
Our High Sharpe Ratio basket (ticker: GSTHSHRP) represents another method of screening for cyclical laggards that should outperform if the operating outlook continues to strengthen. GSTHSHRP identifies companies with the highest prospective risk-adjusted returns relative to their sector peers. We define a stock's prospective Sharpe Ratio as the return to the consensus 12-month price target divided by the 6-month option-implied volatility. The strategy has a long track record of outperforming the S&P 500 on an absolute and risk-adjusted return basis. But YTD, it has lagged the S&P 500 by 11 pp and outpaced the equal weighted index by just 1 pp.

We rebalance our High Sharpe Ratio basket in this report. The median constituent is expected to generate more than 4x the return of the median S&P 500 stock during the next 12 months (19% vs. 4%) with a similar level of implied volatility (24). As a result, based on consensus targets, the basket is projected to generate a risk-adjusted return that is more than 4x greater than the S&P 500 (0.9 vs. 0.2). Constituent turnover was high in our semi-annual rebalance with 33 new constituents out of 50 (Exhibit 9).

Charts we are watching: S&P 500 year-end 2024 price target and NTM P/E multiple

Exhibit 1: Our new S&P 500 price target for year-end 2024 is 5100

as of December 14, 2023



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

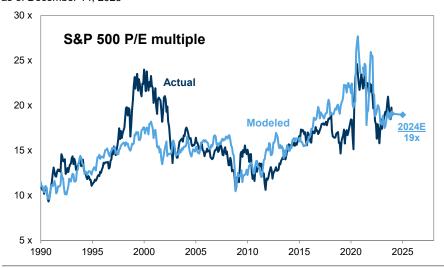
Exhibit 3: Equities appear to price US GDP growth above 3%

as of December 15, 2023



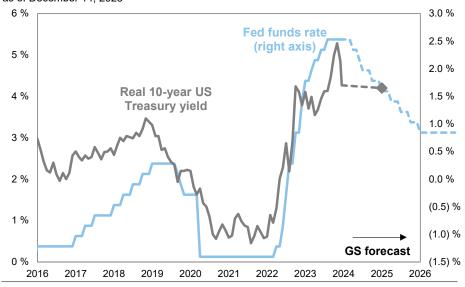
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Exhibit 2: We expect the S&P 500 P/E multiple to remain above 19x at YE 2024 as of December 14, 2023



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 4: GS expectations for Fed funds rate and real 10-year US Treasury yield as of December 14, 2023

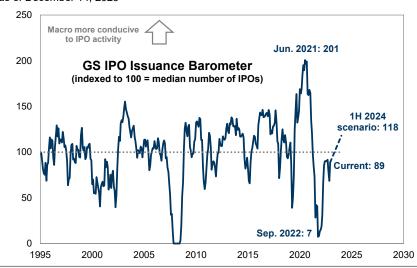


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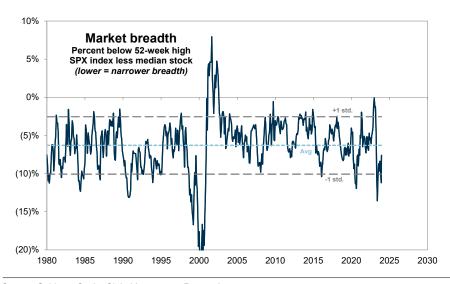
Charts we are watching: IPO Issuance Barometer, fund flows, and equity market breadth

Exhibit 5: GS IPO Issuance Barometer now registers 89 and could rise in 2024 as of December 14, 2023



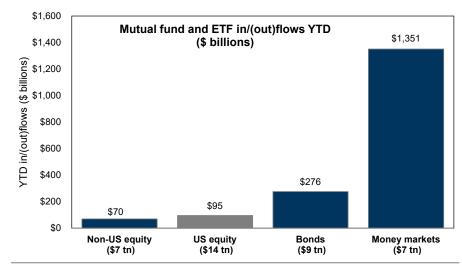
Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 7: Market breadth hovers near 0.5 standard deviations below average as of December 14, 2023



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 6: Limited US equity inflows vs. \$1.4 trillion in money market inflows as of December 14, 2023



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 8: Performance of High Sharpe Ratio basket vs. equal-weight S&P 500 as of December 14, 2023



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Constituents of our High Sharpe Ratio basket (GSTHSHRP)

Exhibit 9: Constituents of our High Sharpe Ratio basket

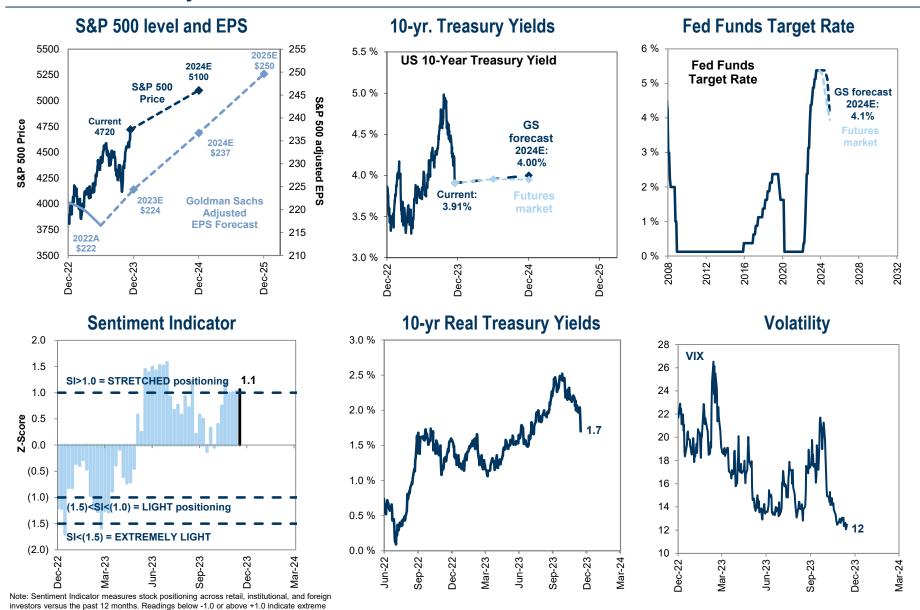
as of December 14, 2023; bold indicates new constituent

				Return to	6-mo	Expected
		NTM	YTD	consensus	implied	return /
Company	Ticker	P/E	return	price target	volatility	implied vol
COMMUNICATION SERVICES						
T-Mobile US Inc.	TMUS	16 x	13 %	17 %	19 %	0.9
Charter Communications	CHTR	10	13	21	30	0.7
Fox Corp.	FOXA	9	1	16	24	0.7
News Corp.	NWSA	30	29	18	26	0.7
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY						
LKQ Corp.	LKQ	11 x	(11)%	32 %	24 %	1.3
Las Vegas Sands	LVS	16	2	34	30	1.2
Wynn Resorts, Limited	WYNN	19	10	29	32	0.9
General Motors	GM	5	9	26	30	0.9
Aptiv PLC	APTV	15	(5)	29	34	0.8
Starbucks Corp.	SBUX	23	1	17	22	8.0
CONSUMER STAPLES						
Bunge Global SA	BG	9 x	8 %	30 %	24 %	1.3
Constellation Brands	STZ	18	6	22	21	1.1
Walmart Inc.	WMT	22	9	18	18	1.0
ENERGY						
Exxon Mobil Corp.	XOM	11 x	(5)%	27 %	24 %	1.1
Halliburton	HAL	10	(7)	36	33	1.1
FINANCIALS						
Arch Capital Group	ACGL	10 x	19 %	28 %	23 %	1.2
Berkshire Hathaway	BRK.B	21	16	14	14	1.1
Everest Group Ltd.	EG	6	11	26	25	1.0
MetLife Inc.	MET	7	(4)	17	22	0.8
Assurant Inc.	AIZ	11	34	15	22	0.7
Arthur J. Gallagher	AJG	23	22	13	20	0.7
Cincinnati Financial	CINF	17	5	12	22	0.5
HEALTH CARE						
Viatris Inc.	VTRS	4 x	(2)%	41 %	29 %	1.4
Pfizer Inc.	PFE	11	(47)	33	28	1.2
Humana Inc.	HUM	15	(8)	24	26	0.9
Becton, Dickinson	BDX	18	(5)	17	19	0.9
Bio-Rad Laboratories	BIO	27	(26)	31	34	0.9
Moderna Inc.	MRNA	NM	(52)	51	57	0.9
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		NTM	YTD	Return to	6-mo	Expected return /
Company	Ticker	P/E	return	consensus price target	volatility	implied vol
INDUSTRIALS	Hener		return	price target	volatility	implied voi
United Airlines Holdings	UAL	5 x	16 %	37 %	37 %	1.0
Jacobs Solutions	J	16	8	19	21	0.9
Alaska Air Group	ALK	8	(9)	29	34	0.9
Johnson Controls Intl	JCI	14	(14)	21	24	0.9
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
Oracle Corp.	ORCL	17 x	25 %	26 %	26 %	1.0
First Solar Inc.	FSLR	12	6	45	48	0.9
NVIDIA Corp.	NVDA	25	231	33	40	0.8
Teledyne Technologies	TDY	21	7	12	19	0.6
Tyler Technologies	TYL	47	27	13	24	0.5
Gen Digital Inc.	GEN	11	10	13	27	0.5
VeriSign Inc.	VRSN	26	2	9	20	0.5
Microsoft Corp.	MSFT	30	54	11	24	0.5
Cisco Systems Inc.	CSCO	13	7	9	21	0.4
Motorola Solutions	MSI	25	24	7	19	0.4
Synopsys Inc.	SNPS	40	73	9	27	0.3
Juniper Networks	JNPR	13	(5)	7	23	0.3
Adobe Inc.	ADBE	32	74	9	30	0.3
ANSYS Inc.	ANSS	31	22	8	27	0.3
TE Connectivity	TEL	19	27	5	19	0.3
MATERIALS						
Corteva Inc.	CTVA	15 x	(20)%	25 %	27 %	0.9
REAL ESTATE						
VICI Properties	VICI	12 x	2 %	10 %	19 %	0.6
UTILITIES						
Exelon Corp.	EXC	15 x	(9)%	15 %	21 %	0.7
GSTHSHRP median		15 x	7 %	19 %	24 %	0.9
S&P 500 median		18	11	4	24	0.2

Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

Markets and Money Flow

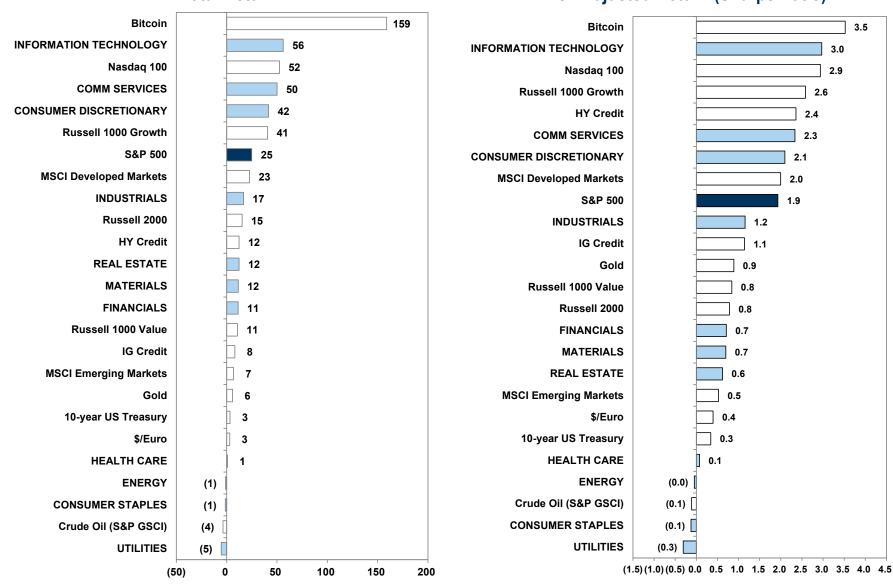


Source: Haver, EPFR, FactSet, CFTC, and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

positions that are significant in predicting future returns

Market Performance: YTD absolute and risk-adjusted returns





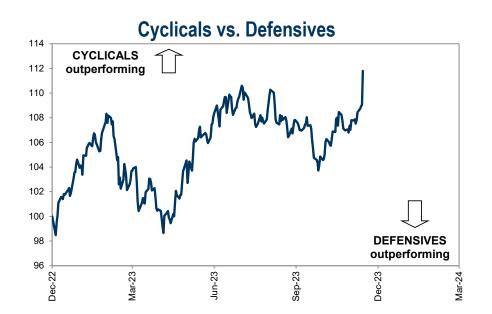
Note: Crude Oil (S&P GSCI) return represents S&P GSCI Crude Oil Index total return. Spot change equals (11)% YTD.

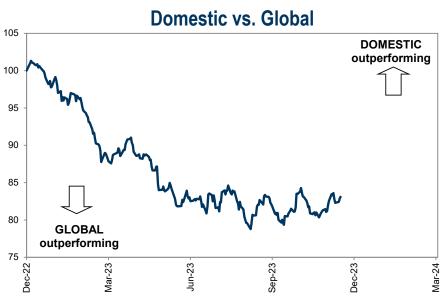
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Sector Baskets Performance



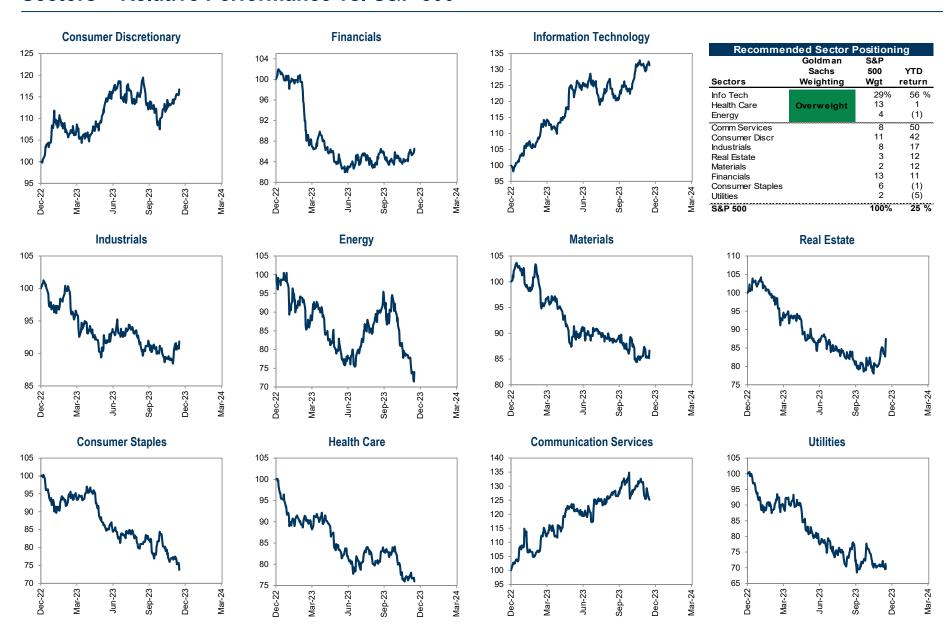


Performance and fundamentals of our sector baskets

	Bloomberg Ticker	# of	% of S&P 500		Non-US	Earnings	s Growth	Sales (Growth	NTM	LTM	Div		Tot	al Retur	'n	
Basket	<gssbxxxx></gssbxxxx>	Stocks	Сар	Beta	Sales	2023E	2024E		2024E	P/E	P/B	Yield	1 Wk	1 Mo	3 Mo	LTM	YTD
Cyclicals	CYCL	294	56 %	1.1	35%	2 %	10 %	(2)%	5 %	19.0x	4.3x	1.4 %	4.5 %	7 %	7 %	26 %	31 %
Defensives	DEFS	206	44	1.0	23	(2)	13	4	5	20.4	4.8	1.6	1.4	4	4	15	19
Global	GLBL	273	65 %	1.1	45%	(4)%	14 %	(1)%	5 %	20.7x	6.1x	1.3 %	2.8 %	4 %	5 %	25 %	31 %
Domestic	DOMS	227	35	0.9	15	9	7	5	5	17.8	3.0	1.8	3.4	7	6	11	14
Global Cyclicals	GCYC	175	34 %	1.2	45%	(5)%	12 %	(3)%	5 %	20.2x	5.9x	1.3 %	4.7 %	6 %	6 %	30 %	37 %
Global Defensives	GDEF	98	31	1.0	45	(3)	16	2	6	21.3	6.4	1.3	0.7	2	3	20	25
Domestic Cyclicals	DCYC	119	22	1.0	21	14	8	3	6	17.4	3.0	1.5	3.9	8	7	18	20
Domestic Defensives	DDEF	108	13	0.8	10	1	7	7	5	18.5	3.1	2.4	2.7	6	6	4	7
Services-providing	SERV	285	56 %	1.1	20%	14 %	9 %	6 %	6 %	19.5x	3.9x	1.4 %	2.1 %	4 %	6 %	22 %	26 %
Goods-producing	GOOD	215	44	1.0	42	(13)	14	(4)	4	19.7	5.5	1.6	4.0	6	4	18	23
S&P 500		500	100 %	1.1	29%	(0)%	11 %	2 %	5 %	19.6x	4.5x	1.5 %	3.0 %	5 %	5 %	20 %	25 %

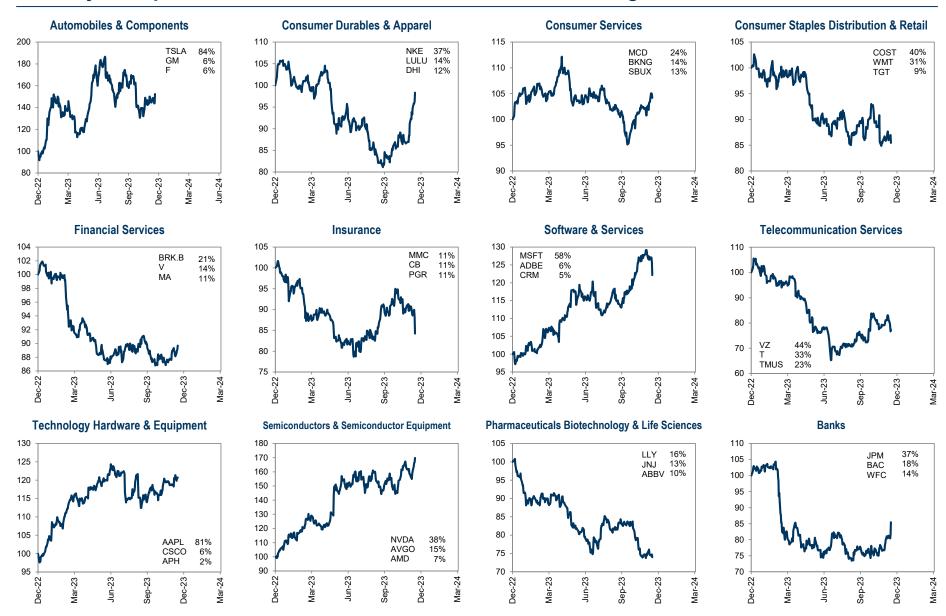
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Sectors – Relative Performance vs. S&P 500



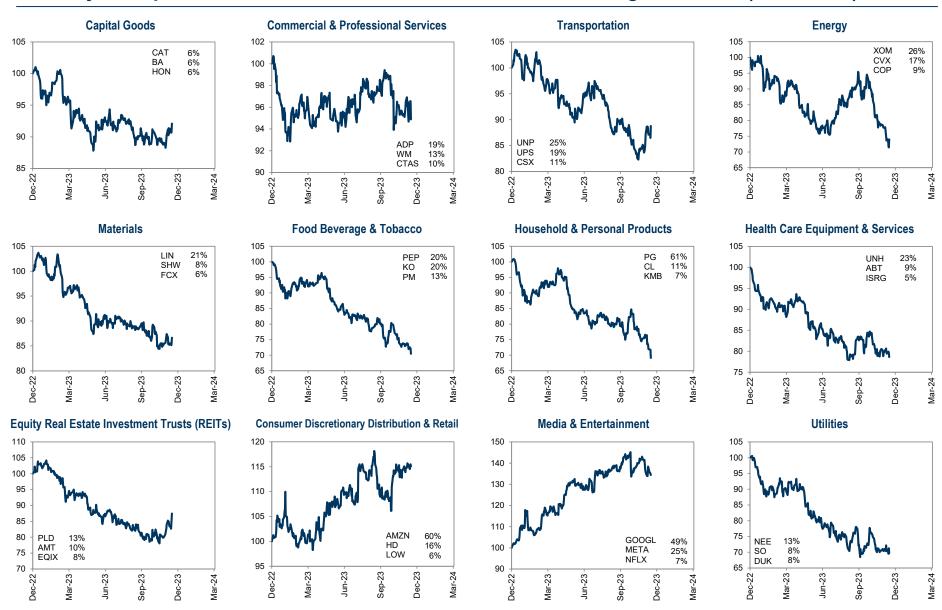
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Industry Groups – Relative Performance vs. S&P 500 and 3 largest stocks



Source: FactSet, compiled by Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

Industry Groups – Relative Performance vs. S&P 500 and 3 largest stocks (continued)



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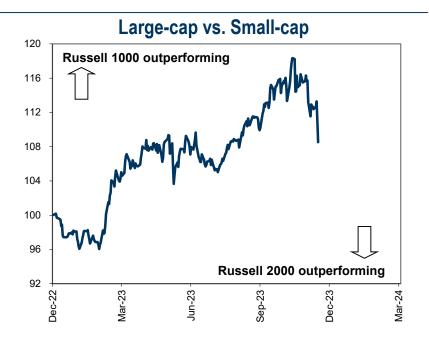
S&P 500 Sector and Industry Group Performance

		Weight	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	Last 12 Months	YTD		
	S&P 500	100 %	3.0 %	5.2 %	5 %	20 %	25 %	_	
	Real Estate	3 %	6.5 %	12.8 %	10 %	7 %	12 %	Тор	p quartile
	Materials	2	4.6	7.4	4	6	12	Botto	om quartile
S	Financials	13	4.5	8.9	8	11	11		
Ε	Industrials	8	4.2	8.1	8	14	17		
С	Energy	4	4.2	(0.2)	(9)	2	(1)		
Т	Consumer Discretionary	11	3.4	6.4	2	32	42		
0	Information Technology	29	2.7	3.9	11	45	56		
R	Health Care	13	2.6	5.8	2	(2)	1		
	Utilities	2	2.4	5.1	1	(7)	(5)		
	Consumer Staples	6	0.9	1.9	(1)	(3)	(1)		
	Communication Services	8	(0.4)	1.0	2	43	50	Region	Cycle
	Banks	3 %	8.3 %	16.2 %	17 %	11 %	10 %	Domestic	Cyclicals
	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	8	8.2	6.5	13	76	95	Global	Cyclicals
	Consumer Durables & Apparel	1	7.6	15.6	22	26	23	Global	Cyclicals
	Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	2	6.5	12.8	10	7	12	Domestic	Defensives
	Capital Goods	6	4.6	8.1	9	16	17	Global	Cyclicals
1	Materials	2	4.6	7.4	4	6	12	Global	Cyclicals
N	Financial Services	0	4.6	8.5	5	12	15	Domestic	Cyclicals
D	Automobiles & Components	2	4.4	7.7	(8)	44	77	Global	Cyclicals
Ū	Energy	4	4.2	(0.2)	(9)	2	(1)	Global	Cyclicals
S	Transportation	2	3.7	11.4	7	8	14	Domestic	Cyclicals
T	Consumer Services	2	3.5	6.7	6	23	29	Global	Cyclicals
R	Commercial & Professional Services	1	2.7	4.4	3	15	20	Domestic	Cyclicals
Y	Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology & Life Sciences	7	2.7	5.7	(1)	(4)	(1)	Global	Defensives
	Technology Hardware & Equipment	9	2.7	5. <i>1</i> 5.4	11	34	46	Global	Cyclicals
G	Health Care Equipment & Services	5	2.5	6.0	7	1	4	Domestic	Defensives
R	Utilities	2	2.4	5.1	1	(7)	(5)	Domestic	Defensives
0	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	6	2.3	4.4	3	33	40	Domestic	Cyclicals
Ü	Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	2	1.8	3.0	4	5	10	Domestic	Defensives
P	Food Beverage & Tobacco	3	1.2	2.9	(3)	(6)	(5)	Global	Defensives
	Media & Entertainment	ა 8	(0.2)	0.4	(3)	51	59	Global	Defensives
	Software & Services	0 12	* *	1.2	9	39	59 47	Global	Defensives
	Household & Personal Products	12	(0.5)					Global	Defensives
		-	(0.7)	(1.5) 0.1	(4)	(7) 9	(6) 9		
	Insurance	2	(0.9)	0.1	4		IJ	Domestic	Cyclicals

Source: FactSet and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

Style and Size





Sectors: Russell 1000 Growth vs. Value

	1-We	ek (% R	eturn)	YTE) (% Re	turn)
Russell Sector	Growth	Value	Δ (bps)	Growth	Value	Δ (bps)
Utilities	3	2	28	14	(4)	1,809
Energy	4	4	4	(9)	(1)	(790)
Health Care	3	3	(35)	12	(7)	1,850
Consumer Staples	0	1	(44)	(2)	(5)	315
Industrials	4	5	(132)	18	20	(200)
Materials	3	5	(166)	23	10	1,323
Cons Discretionary	3	5	(216)	48	15	3,257
Financials	3	6	(222)	23	13	1,001
Technology	2	5	(349)	64	64	55
Index	2	4	(199)	41	11	3,001

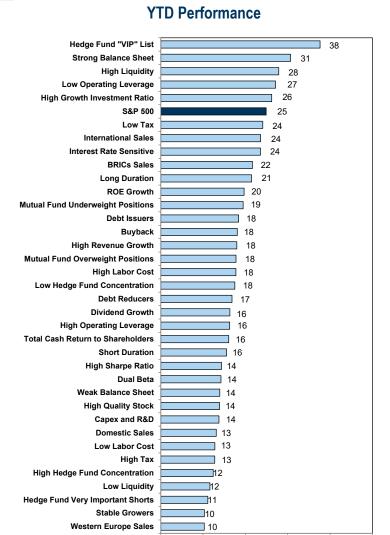
Sectors: Russell 1000 vs. Russell 2000

	1-We	ek (% R	eturn)	YTD (% Return)				
Russell Sector	R1000	R2000	Δ (bps)	R1000	R2000	Δ (bps)		
Utilities	2	3	(97)	(3)	(6)	264		
Energy	4	6	(133)	(2)	7	(898)		
Materials	5	6	(160)	12	13	(81)		
Industrials	4	7	(230)	19	27	(821)		
Consumer Staples	1	3	(255)	(4)	11	(1,493)		
Financials	5	8	(326)	15	12	283		
Cons Discretionary	4	8	(404)	36	25	1,109		
Health Care	3	7	(437)	1	4	(317)		
Technology	2	8	(585)	64	27	3,746		
Index	3	7	(392)	25	15	984		

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US Portfolio Strategy Baskets are available on GS Marquee platform



			Tot	tal Returi	1	P/E	EV/Sales	`23 EPS
		Ticker	1 wk	1 mo	YTD	NTM	NTM	growth
	Dual Beta	GSTHBETA	9.2 %	16 %	14 %	17x	2.8x	(26.5)%
Macroeconomic	Interest Rate Sensitive	GSTHUSTY	5.5	10	24	13	1.8	3.5
ē	High Tax	GSTHHTAX	3.9	8	13	17	2.0	4.6
ဝ၁ဓ	Low Tax	GSTHLTAX	5.0	7	24	18	3.8	2.4
cro	High Labor Cost	GSTHHLAB	3.8	8	18	19	3.2	4.8
Σ	Low Labor Cost	GSTHLLAB	4.4	7	13	15	2.5	(2.7)
эiс	Domestic Sales	GSTHAINT	4.0 %	9 %	13 %	16x	2.2x	(2.2)%
Geographic Sales	International Sales	GSTHINTL	6.3	9	24	20	3.8	(1.5)
ogi	BRICs Sales	GSTHBRIC	6.6	9	22	16	4.0	(4.5)
හි	Western Europe Sales	GSTHWEUR	5.4	8	10	17	3.2	(2.5)
	High Revenue Growth	GSTHREVG	5.0 %	10 %	18 %	20x	3.6x	19.8 %
	High Operating Leverage	GSTHOPHI	4.2	9	16	17	2.0	9.0
	Low Operating Leverage	GSTHOPLO	5.5	8	27	23	5.0	1.1
Fundamental	Stable Growers	GSTHSTGR	2.7	5	10	21	3.9	9.6
ae I	ROE Growth	GSTHGROE	5.3	11	20	17	2.7	2.4
nda	High Quality Stock	GSTHQUAL	4.6	7	14	25	4.5	9.7
Ē	Long Duration	GSTHLDUR	7.1	15	21	36	5.3	17.3
	Short Duration	GSTHSDUR	6.8	13	16	10	1.6	(23.3)
	Strong Balance Sheet	GSTHSBAL	4.5	6	31	29	5.7	5.0
	Weak Balance Sheet	GSTHWBAL	4.7	11	14	14	2.4	4.1
	Capex and R&D	GSTHCAPX	5.9 %	12 %	14 %	13x	2.5x	(4.4)%
чs	Total Cash Return to Shareholders	GSTHCASH	5.5	9	16	13	1.9	0.7
Ö	Buyback	GSTHREPO	4.8	8	18	14	2.8	4.4
o o	Dividend Growth	GSTHDIVG	5.6	11	16	13	2.4	(1.4)
Uses of Cash	High Growth Investment Ratio	GSTHHGIR	5.6	10	26	18	4.1	2.0
–	Debt Issuers	GSTHDISS	6.1	10	18	15	3.1	(4.4)
	Debt Reducers	GSTHDRED	5.1	10	17	16	3.0	3.9
Risk & Liquidity	High Sharpe Ratio	GSTHSHRP	5.2 %	9 %	14 %	15x	2.3x	(0.5)%
Risk & Liquidi	High Liquidity	GSTHHLIQ	2.7	5	28	20	4.0	7.6
ž i	Low Liquidity	GSTHLLIQ	8.3	15	12	21	3.7	0.4
യ് ഗ	Hedge Fund "VIP" List	GSTHHVIP	3.1 %	5 %	38 %	20x	4.0x	14.7 %
Hedge Funds & Mutual Funds	Hedge Fund Very Important Shorts	GSTHVISP	4.0	8	11	20	3.9	2.2
5.5	High Hedge Fund Concentration	GSTHHFHI	7.4	14	12	15	2.6	(3.7)
ge l tual	Low Hedge Fund Concentration	GSTHHFSL	6.0	10	18	24	4.2	1.3
Mui	Mutual Fund Overweight Positions	GSTHMFOW	3.7	7	18	15	2.7	10.2
_	Mutual Fund Underweight Positions	GSTHMFUW	3.3	6	19	22	4.5	5.0
_	S&P 500 Median					18	3.0	3.4

For details and constituents of our baskets see Anatomy of our US Portfolio Strategy Thematic and Sector Baskets, March 8, 2023

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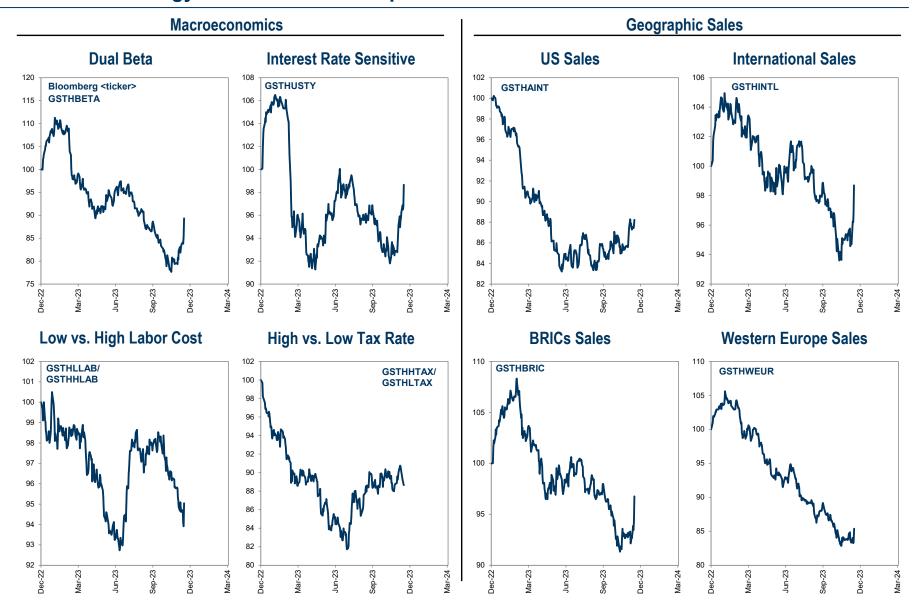
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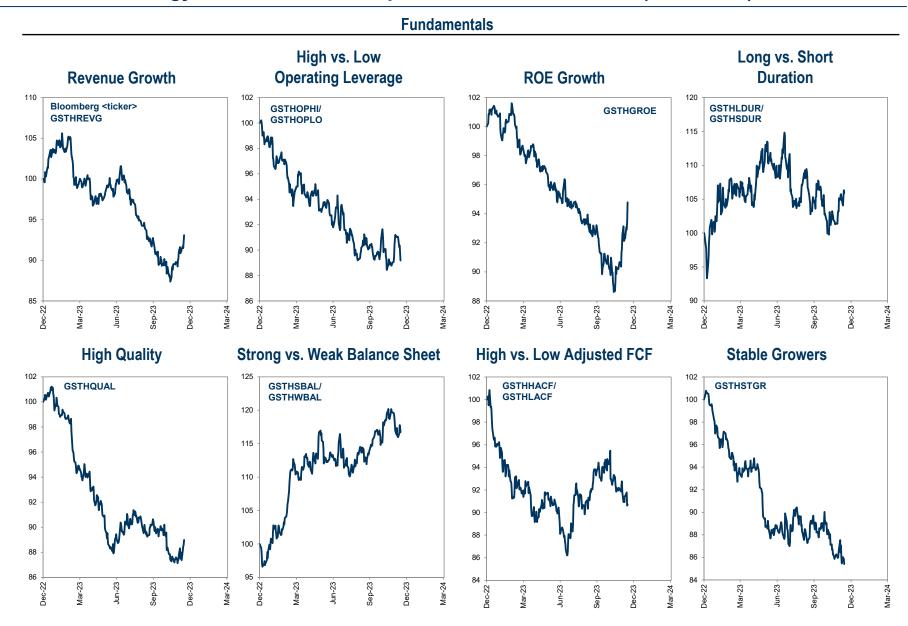
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US Portfolio Strategy Baskets – Relative performance vs. S&P 500



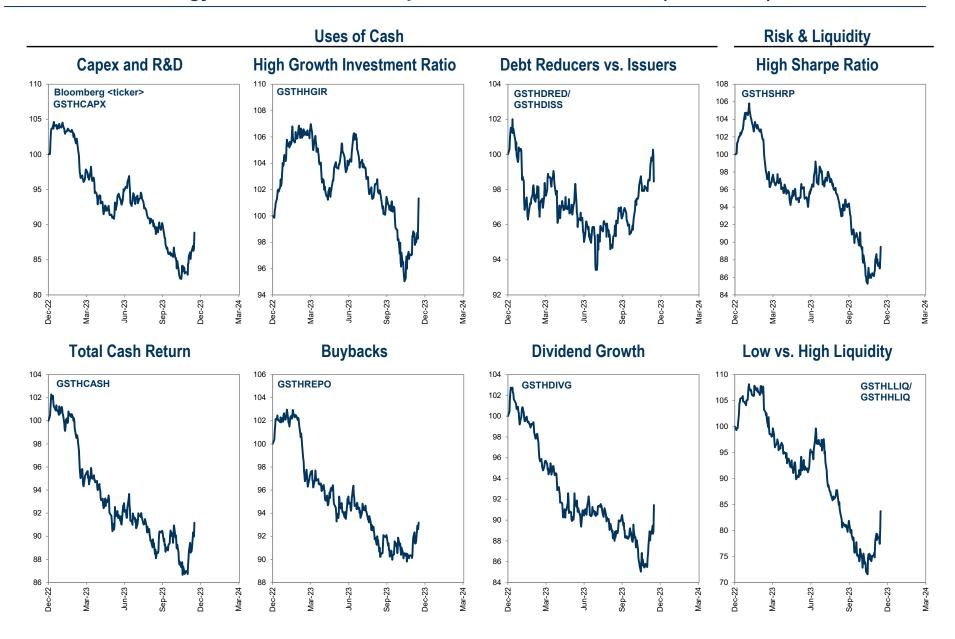
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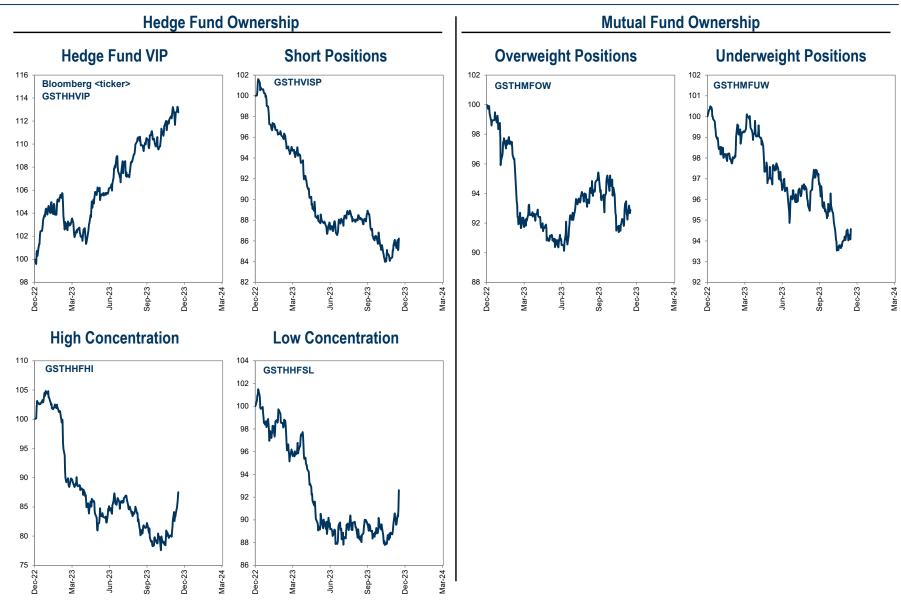
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US Portfolio Strategy Baskets – Relative performance vs. S&P 500 (continued)



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S&P 500 Earnings, Sales and Revisions

GS Top-Down EPS & Consensus Bottom-Up EPS

				ted EPS		Adjusted EPS				
			GS To	p-Down		Consensus Bottom-Up				
		Contri	bution	EPS g	rowth	Contri	Contribution		rowth	
	2022A	2023E	2024E	2023E	2024E	2023E	2024E	2023E	2024E	
Information Technology	\$42	\$44	\$48	4 %	10 %	\$44	\$51	6 %	16 %	
Financials	37	39	40	6	3	40	42	9	5	
Health Care	37	32	34	(13)	5	29	34	(21)	17	
Communication Services	18	21	23	15	8	21	24	14	15	
Industrials	17	19	19	10	3	19	21	9	11	
Consumer Discretionary	14	18	19	25	8	18	21	30	14	
Consumer Staples	13	15	15	8	5	14	15	7	7	
Utilities	6	7	7	11	1	6	7	8	9	
Materials	7	6	6	(16)	(1)	6	6	(21)	4	
Real Estate	6	6	6	1	0	6	7	3	5	
S&P 500 ex-Energy	198	205	217	4	5	204	228	3	12	
Energy	24	19	20	(21)	6	17	17	(29)	3	
S&P 500 EPS	\$222	\$224	\$237	1 %	5 %	\$221	\$245	(0)%	11 %	

Earnings & Sales Revisions (Consensus)

		EPS REVISIONS					VISIONS	
	1 mo	nth	3 moi	nth	1 mo	nth	3 month	
	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E	23E	24E
Information Technology	1.7 %	1.4 %	2.4 %	1.1 %	0.3 %	0.8 %	0.3 %	0.2 %
Utilities	0.3	(0.3)	(0.7)	(0.6)	NM	NM	NM	NM
S&P 500 ex. Energy	0.2	(0.0)	(0.2)	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	(0.4)
Financials	0.1	(0.1)	1.7	(1.0)	NM	NM	NM	NM
Industrials	0.1	(8.0)	(1.4)	(3.2)	(0.0)	(0.4)	(0.0)	(0.5)
S&P 500	0.1	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.9)	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.1	(0.2)
Materials	(0.0)	(1.0)	(3.0)	(6.1)	(0.1)	0.2	(1.1)	(1.5)
Real Estate	(0.1)	(1.0)	0.3	(4.3)	NM	NM	NM	NM
Consumer Staples	(0.2)	0.0	(0.3)	(1.6)	0.1	(0.1)	(0.1)	(1.1)
Consumer Discretionary	(0.3)	0.4	2.3	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.7)	(8.0)	(1.4)
Communication Services	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.0	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
Energy	(1.1)	(2.4)	1.3	2.1	(0.5)	(1.4)	1.4	1.8
Health Care	(1.1)	(1.4)	(7.2)	(3.3)	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3

Earnings Growth (consensus bottom-up)

_	2023 Ea	rnings Pe	rowth	Anr	nual	
	1QA	2QA	3QE	4QE	2023E	2024E
Consumer Discretionary	23 %	32 %	40 %	21 %	30 %	14 %
Communication Services	(16)	5	38	37	14	15
Financials	4	7	22	5	9	5
Industrials	20	12	7	(1)	9	11
Utilities	(20)	6	15	46	8	9
Consumer Staples	2	10	9	5	7	7
Information Technology	(10)	4	14	16	6	16
S&P 500 ex. Energy	(5)	1	11	7	3	12
Real Estate	7	3	1	1	3	5
S&P 500	(3)	(6)	5	3	(0)	11
Health Care	(16)	(27)	(19)	(20)	(21)	17
Materials	(21)	(25)	(15)	(20)	(21)	4
Energy	17	(51)	(36)	(26)	(29)	3

Sales Growth (consensus bottom-up)

	2023E S	Sales Per	rowth	Annual		
	1QA	2QA	3QE	4QE	2023E	2024E
Consumer Staples	11 %	8 %	9 %	8 %	9 %	3 %
Consumer Discretionary	9	10	7	2	7	6
Health Care	6	7	8	4	6	5
S&P 500 ex. Energy	5	5	5	3	5	5
Industrials	8	4	2	1	4	5
S&P 500	4	1	3	2	2	5
Communication Services	(1)	2	4	2	1	6
Information Technology	(2)	(1)	3	5	1	9
Materials	(3)	(8)	(6)	(6)	(6)	2
Energy	(3)	(28)	(15)	(7)	(14)	1

Source: FirstCall, I/B/E/S, FactSet, and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

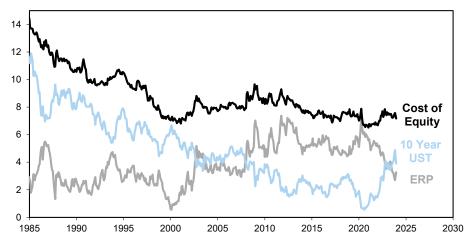
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Valuation: Absolute and Relative





S&P 500 Cost of Equity = ERP + 10-yr UST



We estimate the equity risk premium (ERP) using our DDM framework to model expected future cash flows. We solve for the cost of equity that implies the market is at 'fair value' and then deduct the 10-year US treasury.

Current aggregate valuation metrics - absolute

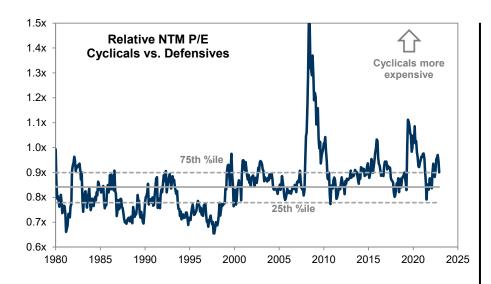
	EV/ Sales	EV/ EBITDA	Price/ Book	FCF Yield	PEG Ratio	NTM P/E
S&P 500	2.8x	14.1x	4.5x	3.7 %	1.3x	19.6x
Energy	1.4	5.7	2.2	9.0	5.7	10.8
Financials	NM	NM	2.0	NM	1.2	14.6
Utilities	NM	11.7	2.0	(5.5)	2.7	16.1
Comm Services	3.5	9.9	3.7	5.7	0.8	16.7
Real Estate	NM	NM	3.2	NM	5.1	17.3
Health Care	1.9	13.9	4.7	4.7	2.1	17.7
Cons Staples	1.6	13.6	5.8	4.1	2.5	18.9
Materials	2.5	11.3	3.0	3.9	2.2	19.1
Industrials	2.5	13.6	5.7	3.8	1.7	19.2
Cons Discr	2.6	16.4	9.9	3.0	3.0	25.3
Info Tech	7.8	23.5	11.6	2.8	1.2	26.7

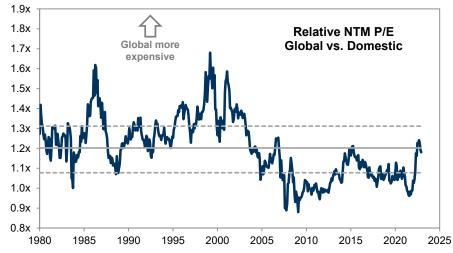
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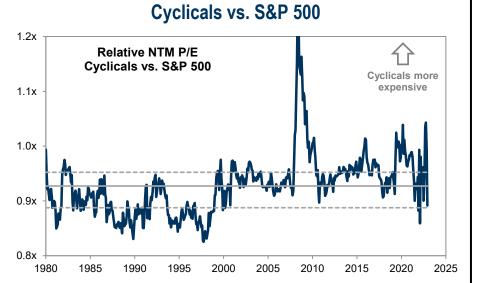
				10-yea	r			30-year
	EV/ Sales	EV/ EBITDA	Price/ Book	FCF Yield	PEG Ratio	P/E	Median Z-Score	Median Z-Score
S&P 500	1.2	0.5	1.5	1.4	(0.3)	0.6	0.9	1.1
Comm Services	(2.0)	(2.5)	(1.4)	(3.2)	(1.8)	(2.3)	(2.2)	(1.9)
Real Estate	NM	NM	(2.1)	NM	0.7	(1.5)	(1.5)	(0.6)
Cons Staples	(1.5)	(0.9)	(1.7)	(0.2)	0.1	(1.3)	(1.1)	(1.3)
Energy	(1.1)	(1.0)	(0.4)	(1.3)	0.6	(8.0)	(0.9)	(1.3)
Financials	NM	NM	(0.7)	NM	(0.1)	(1.3)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Industrials	(1.2)	(0.5)	(1.1)	(0.6)	0.0	(0.0)	(0.5)	0.4
Materials	(1.1)	(8.0)	(1.0)	(0.1)	1.9	0.2	(0.5)	(0.3)
Health Care	(1.6)	(0.3)	(1.9)	0.2	1.8	(0.1)	(0.2)	(8.0)
Utilities	NM	(0.9)	(2.1)	1.9	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.3
Cons Discr	(0.1)	(0.3)	0.2	(0.5)	5.0	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.8
Info Tech	2.5	2.7	1.2	1.6	(8.0)	2.0	1.8	1.4

Source: FactSet, I/B/E/S, FirstCall, and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

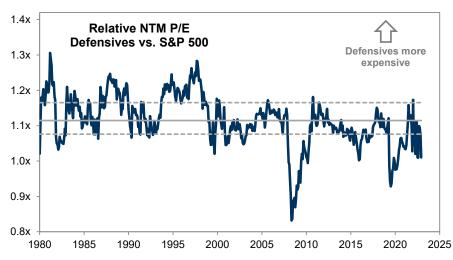
Valuation: Sector baskets





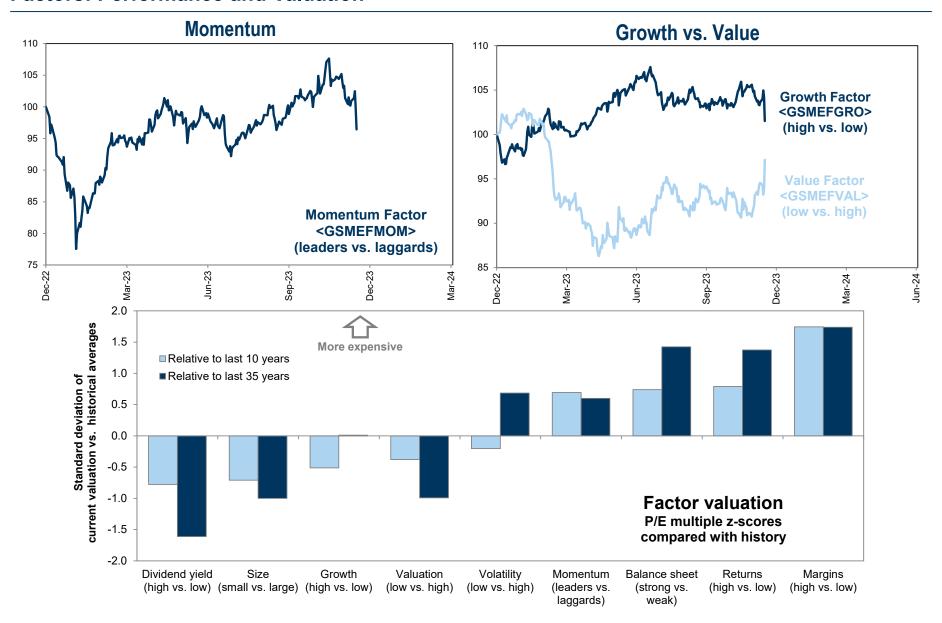


Defensives vs. S&P 500



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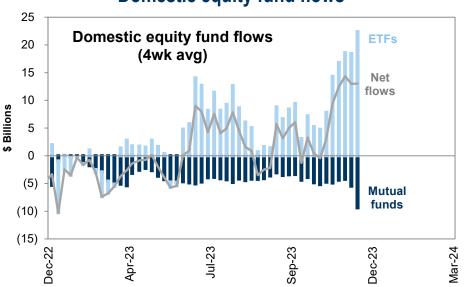
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Fund Flows, Fund Performance, and Short Interest

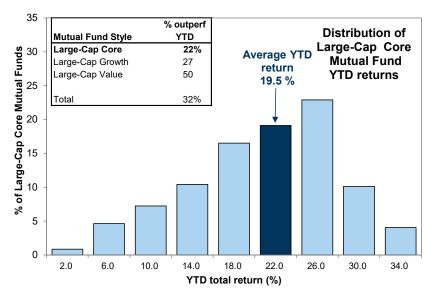




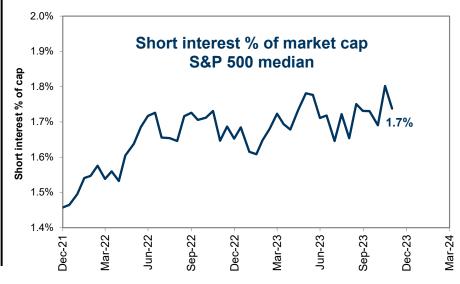
Weekly fund flows

	EPFR	EPFR Mutual Fund Flows		EPFR ETF Fund Flows			
(\$ billions)	Total Assets	4-Wk Avg Flows	Total Flows YTD	Total Assets	4-Wk Avg Flows	Total Flows YTD	
All Equity	8,997	(15.6)	(360.3)	8,619	27.4	533.9	
U.S. Equity	3,883	(9.4)	(209.8)	5,556	22.4	304.7	
Equity Income	663	(1.8)	(35.3)	530	8.0	29.3	
Int'l Equity	4,511	(5.0)	(134.6)	2,362	4.1	182.3	
Global	603	(1.2)	(15.9)	702	0.9	46.9	
ESG/SRI	1,135	(1.0)	(13.2)	394	1.1	37.2	
All Bonds	4,889	(1.2)	(17.5)	2,071	4.4	293.5	
All Taxable Bond	4,097	(8.0)	(26.1)	1,370	6.0	126.5	
Gov't Treasury	417	(0.0)	24.9	580	(2.0)	153.3	
Municipal Bond	375	(0.4)	(16.3)	121	0.3	13.7	
ESG/SRI	475	0.2	10.3	97	0.5	16.9	
Money Market	8,323	41.2	1,334.7	84	1.0	16.3	

Mutual Fund Performance

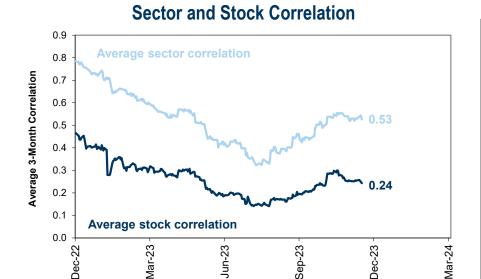


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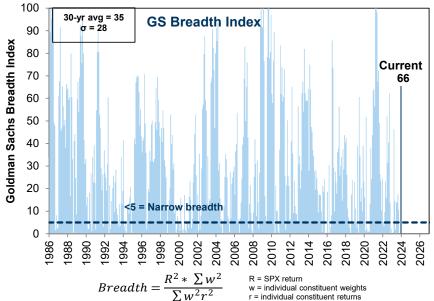


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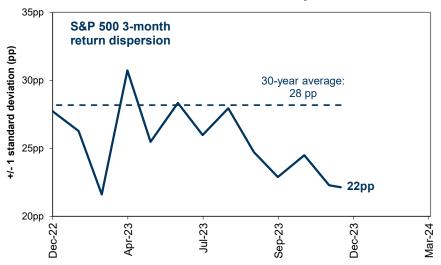
Correlation, Breadth and Dispersion



Goldman Sachs Breadth Index (GSBI)



S&P 500 3-month Return Dispersion



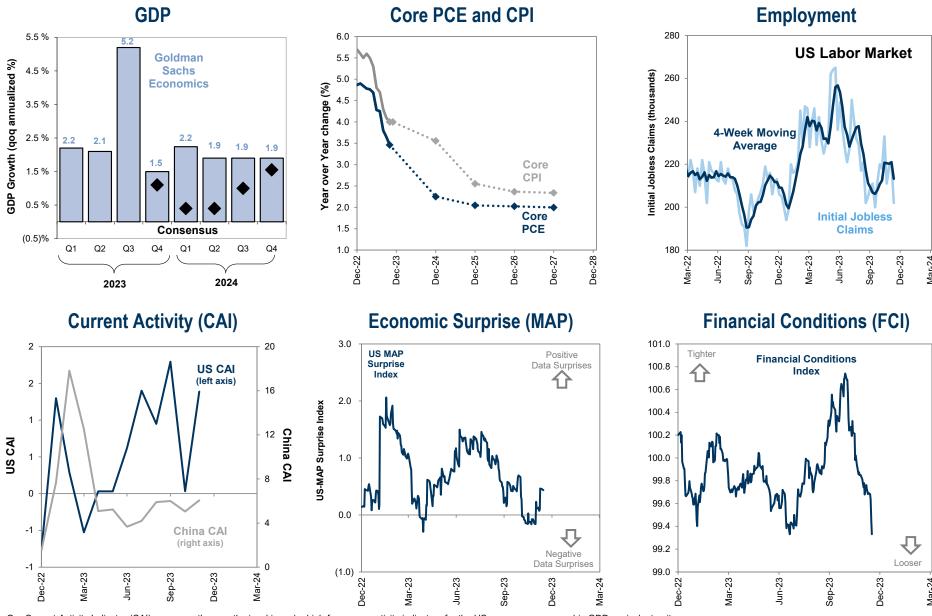
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	+/- 1 Standard Deviation							
	1-N	Ionth Retu	rns	3-Month Returns				
	Current Dec 14	30-Year Average	Historical %ile	Current Dec 14	30-Year Average	Historical %ile		
S&P 500	18 pp	16 pp	74 %	22 pp	28 pp	21 %		
Real Estate	14 pp	9 pp	90 %	15 pp	15 pp	57 %		
Financials	21	13	91	19	22	54		
Consumer Discretionary	21	17	84	27	29	51		
Materials	12	14	42	22	25	42		
Communication Services	17	16	73	22	27	41		
Health Care	18	15	80	22	26	36		
Utilities	10	10	67	13	17	36		
Industrials	13	13	58	18	23	28		
Information Technology	17	19	43	24	34	19		
Consumer Staples	14	13	78	15	22	8		
Energy	9	14	19	13	25	4		

Source: FactSet and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

Economics



Our Current Activity Indicator (CAI) measures the growth signal in major high-frequency activity indicators for the US economy, expressed in GDP-equivalent units.

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Goldman Sachs Global Macro Forecasts

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						Change
	units	Current	3m	6m	12m	to Target
Equities						
TOPIX	level	2321	2500	2600	2650	14 %
S&P 500	level	4720	4800	4900	5100	8
MXAPJ	level	510	515	525	550	8
STOXX Europe 600	level	477	470	480	500	5
Ten Year Rates						
Japan	%	0.7	0.7	8.0	0.9	22 bp
US	%	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0	9
Euro Area (Germany)	%	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	(13)
Corporate Bonds						
High yield	bp	334	350	342	325	(9)bp
Investment grade	bp	99	98	97	95	(4)
Currencies						
Sterling / US Dollar	£/\$	1.28	1.28	1.30	1.35	6 %
Euro / US Dollar	EUR/\$	1.10	1.08	1.10	1.12	2
US Dollar / Yen	\$/¥	142	145	142	140	(1)
Commodities						
NYMEX Nat. Gas	\$/mmBtu	2.39	2.55	2.45	3.25	36 %
WTI Crude Oil	\$/bbl	72	82	88	89	24
Brent Crude Oil	\$/bbl	77	86	92	94	23
ICE TTF Nat. Gas	\$/mmBtu	11	13	13	14	22
LME Copper	\$/mt	8462	8400	8850	10000	18
COMEX Gold	\$/troy oz	2045	2050	2050	2050	0

	EPS Forecast		EPS Gr	EPS Growth		NTM P/E		
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	Current	YE 2023	Yield
TOPIX	¥ 144	¥ 161	¥ 174	12 %	8 %	13.4 x	15.2 x	2.5 %
S&P 500	\$ 222	\$ 224	\$ 237	1	5	20.0	19.0	1.6
MXAPJ	\$ 37	\$ 35	\$ 40	(4)	15	12.8	13.8	3.0
STOXX Europe 600	€ 35	€ 36	€ 39	3	7	12.3	12.8	3.6

Goldman Sachs US Economics Forecasts

	Share	% Annual Change			
	of GDP	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
OUTPUT AND SPENDING					
Real GDP	100%	1.9%	2.5%	2.3%	1.9%
Consumer Spending	69	2.5	2.2	2.3	1.9
Total Fixed Investment	18	1.3	0.4	1.9	2.7
Business Fixed Investment	15	5.2	4.4	2.4	2.7
Structures	3	(2.1)	12.2	2.6	0.1
Equipment	6	5.2	0.1	1.9	3.0
IP Products	6	9.1	4.5	2.9	3.9
Residential Investment	3	(9.0)	(11.3)	(0.1)	2.8
Federal Government Spending	7	(2.8)	4.2	1.4	
State and Local Government	10	0.2	3.6	1.0	0.9
Net Exports (Bil.)	(4)	(1,051)	(934)	(918)	(914)
HOUSING MARKET					
Housing Starts (000s)		1,551	1,390	1,335	1,430
New Home Sales (000s)		637	680	723	771
Existing Home Sales (000s)		5,081	4,092	3,834	4,240
Case-Shiller Home Prices (%)		7.5	3.5	0.6	3.8
INFLATION					
Core CPI		5.7	3.9	2.7	2.5
Core PCE		4.9	3.2	2.4	2.2
LABOR MARKET					
Unemployment Rate		3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7
U6 Underemployment Rate		6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
Payrolls (000s)		479	269	146	91
GOVERNMENT FINANCE					
Federal Budget (FY, Bil.)		(1375)	(1700)	(1700)	(1900)
Federal debt-to-GDP ratio (FY, %)		96	96	98	101
FINANCIAL INDICATORS					
Fed Funds Rate		4.4	5.4	4.1	3.4
10-year Treasury Rate		3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0
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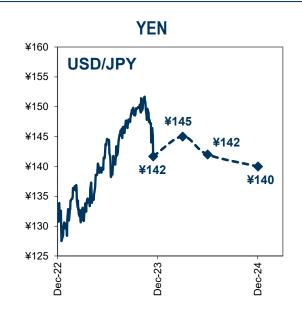
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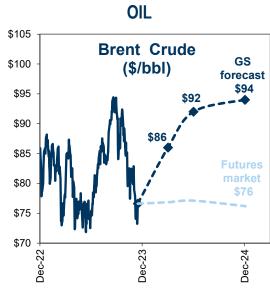
	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E
China	3.0 %	5.6 %	4.8 %	4.2 %
World	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7
USA	1.9	2.5	2.3	1.9
Russia	(1.3)	2.3	2.2	1.1
Australia	3.8	2.0	1.8	2.4
Brazil	3.1	3.0	1.7	2.3
Spain	5.8	2.4	1.5	1.7
Japan	0.9	2.1	1.3	1.1
France	2.5	0.9	1.0	1.3
Italy	3.9	0.7	0.8	1.2
Euro Area	3.4	0.5	0.7	1.4
UK	4.3	0.5	0.6	1.0
Germany	1.9	(0.1)	0.3	1.1

Source: FactSet and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.

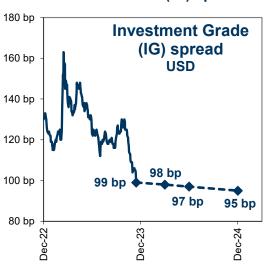
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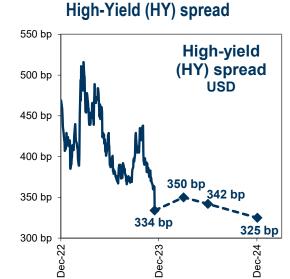






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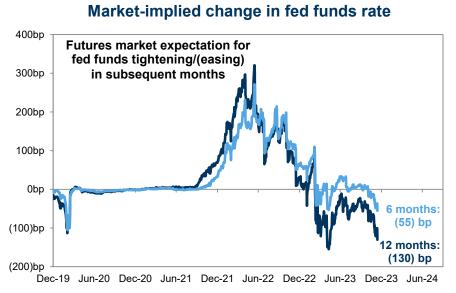


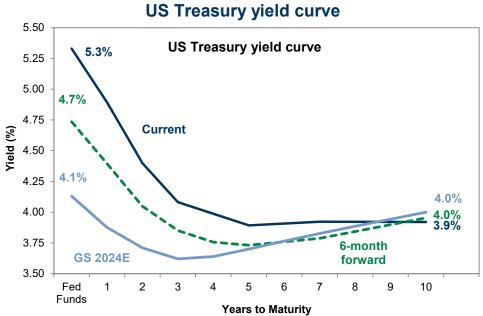
Global Equity Market performance

	Price	Local			
Market	1-Wk	1-Mo	3-Mo	YTD	Currency
Germany (Dax)	3 %	9 %	9 %	24 %	20 %
U.S. (S&P 500)	3	5	5	23	23
France (CAC 40)	4	7	7	21	17
India (MSCI India)	2	9	7	17	17
Europe (DJ Stoxx 600)	4	7	7	16	12
Japan (TOPIX)	(0)	5	0	14	23
Korea (KOSPI)	4	7	1	11	14
Canada (MSCI Canada)	4	6	2	9	8
UK (FTSE 100)	3	5	2	9	3
MSCI EM	2	3	1	4	4
Australia (ASX 200)	5	9	7	4	5
China (MSCI China)	(0)	(4)	(8)	(15)	(15)
Average	3 %	6 %	3 %	11 %	11 %

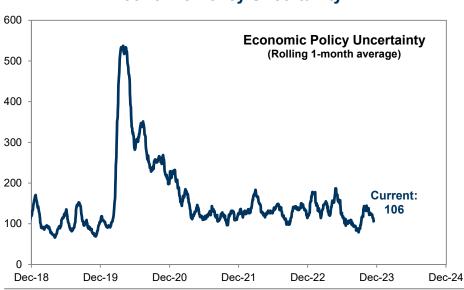
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Politics and policies





Economic Policy Uncertainty





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