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Inflation has slowed, but is the Fed done hiking rates?



Sources: (Left chart:) Capital Group, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Eurostat, FactSet, Japanese Statistics Bureau & Statistics Center, UK Office for National Statistics. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Data as of October 31, 2023. (Right Chart:) Sources: Capital Group, Bloomberg Index Services Ltd., Refinitiv Datastream, U.S. Federal Reserve. Fed funds target rate reflects the upper bound of the Federal Open Markets Committee's (FOMC) target range for overnight lending among U.S. banks. As of November 30, 2023. Market-implied effective rates are estimates of what the fed funds rate could be in the future and are calculated using fed fund rate futures market data.

Back to the "old normal"? A return to higher rates





Sources: Federal Reserve, Robert Shiller. Data for 1871-1961 represents average monthly U.S. long-term government bond yields compiled by Robert Shiller. Data for 1962-2022 represents 10-year Treasury yields, as of December 31 each year within the period. Data for 2023 is as of November 30, 2023. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

POLL QUESTION

Where in the world is this lighthouse?



After a strong year, what's next for stocks in 2024?



2023 returns across global equity benchmarks (YTD %)

Sources: Capital Group, RIMES. Returns represent the year-to-date total return in U.S. dollars for the S&P 500 Index (S&P 500), MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI), MSCI Japan Index (Japan), MSCI Europe Index (Europe) and MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Emerging markets). As of November 30, 2023.

Rolling recessions may limit likelihood of broad downturn



Housing

S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-City Composite Home Price Index (month-over-month % change)



Oil

WTI crude oil spot price (USD per barrel)



Semiconductors

Philadelphia Stock Exchange Semiconductor Index cumulative return (%)



Sources: Travel: Transportation Security Agency (TSA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Data is a 30-day moving average. As of November 30, 2023. Oil: Refinitiv. As of November 30, 2023. Housing: Standard & Poor's. Latest available monthly data is September 2023, as of November 30, 2023. Semiconductors: Philadelphia Stock Exchange. As of November 30, 2023. Data represents cumulative price return since January 1, 2019. Markers indicate recent low points and to illustrate that a recovery may have already begun in these four sectors. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

Al's impact will be felt across sectors and industries



Source: Capital Group. TSMC refers to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company. Companies listed are for illustrative purposes only. As of November 30, 2023.

Mountains of cash on the sidelines can be a bullish signal





Sources: Capital Group, Investment Company Institute (ICI), Standard & Poor's. "Cash peak" refers to peak levels of assets held in U.S. money market funds as reported by the ICI. S&P troughs reflect the date of the lowest value in the S&P 500 Index before a subsequent recovery. You could lose money by investing in a money market fund. Although money market funds seek to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, they cannot guarantee they will do so. An investment in a money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time. As of November 29, 2023. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

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A window of opportunity for moving cash off the sidelines?

After Fed hikes end, stocks and bonds have historically outpaced cash

Average annual total returns (%)



Sources: Capital Group, Morningstar. Chart represents the average returns across respective sector proxies in a forward extending window starting in the month of the last Fed hike in the last four transition cycles from 1995 to 2018 with data through June 30, 2023. Benchmarks represent U.S. 3-month T-bill (cash), Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (core bonds), S&P 500 Index (U.S. stocks) and a blend of 60% of the S&P 500 Index and 40% of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (core bonds), S&P 500 Index (U.S. stocks) and a blend of 60% of the S&P 500 Index and 40% of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (60/40 blend). Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

Out-of-favor dividend payers poised to offer diversification, income?

P/E of high dividend stocks vs. S&P 500 (%)



Sources: Capital Group, Goldman Sachs. As of November 28, 2023. High dividend stocks refer to the cohort of stocks in the S&P 500 Index with the highest quintile dividend yield (sector-neutral) relative to the broad S&P 500 Index. Line represents smoothed six-month average. P/E ratio = price-to-earnings ratio. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

Yields are near 20-year highs in many bond sectors



Latest yield, as a percent of 20-year range

Sources: Capital Group, Bloomberg Index Services Ltd., J.P. Morgan. Indexes used are the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (global aggregate), Bloomberg U.S. MBS: Agency Fixed Rate MBS Index (U.S. mortgage-backed securities), Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index (U.S. investment grade), Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index (U.S. high yield) and the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified (emerging markets). As of November 30, 2023.

Broad opportunities exist outside of top-heavy U.S. markets





Examples of U.S. companies and their global counterparts





Return to travel: Boeing/Airbus

Drug innovation: Eli Lilly/Novo Nordisk



Electrification: Rockwell/Schneider

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Rising A/C demand Carrier/Daikin Industries

Source: Capital Group, Morningstar. As of October 31, 2023. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

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Options for a 40% fixed income allocation



Source: Capital Group. The allocation approach is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only. We have identified which funds contribute to a particular role of fixed income based on the fund's investment strategies. The extent to which a fund contributes to a specified role depends on the portfolio's composition at any point in time. Allocations do not reflect an actual portfolio. Financial professionals should tailor client recommendations to their individual circumstances.

Montauk Point Lighthouse





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EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES

Made in America: Capital spending boom could spark a manufacturing revival

After years of underinvestment, capital spending is set to recover Capital expenditures as a percent of gross domestic product (%)



A tidal wave of cash is headed directly at American industry, with the potential to galvanize the capital investment cycle and reshape U.S. manufacturing and energy industries.

Seeking to support local supply chains, expand clean energy and boost the U.S. semiconductor industry, the U.S. government has committed \$1.4 trillion over the next seven years for capital projects. This investment translates into revenue and earnings

growth potential for companies with the capacity and flexibility to undertake these expansive projects,

including upgrading the U.S. power grid and building manufacturing facilities, says equity portfolio manager Anne-Marie Peterson. "Many industrial firms have been in a figurative desert for years," Peterson explains. "This level of investment can potentially transform them from sleepy cyclicals to growth businesses."

The stimulus will also likely have a multiplier effect throughout the economy as new facilities will create job prospects and other potential benefits. While much of the money has yet to be spent, the trend toward energy efficiency, localizing supply chains and infrastructure improvements is already generating opportunity. Air conditioning maker Carrier Global saw demand for its energy efficient systems surge in 2023 as many countries experienced periods of record-high temperatures.

Among capital equipment companies, Caterpillar reported robust orders in the second quarter of 2023 for its construction equipment, partly driven by federal infrastructure spending.

Sources: Capital Group, St. Louis Federal Reserve Data from January 1, 1980 to June 30, 2023. Capital expenditures include private nonresidential equipment and structures and excludes energy

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