

Last Week's Summary

- S&P 500 Index rose 0.34%
- International Equities rose 0.1.73%
- Emerging Markets fell 3.18%
- U.S. 10-Year Treasury Yield fell to 3.87%
- Initial Jobless Claims rose to 218k

What to Watch for This Week

- M, 1/1/24 NEW YEARS DAY MARKETS CLOSED
- T, 1/2/24 S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI
- W, 1/3/24 MBA Mortgage Applications, ISM Manufacturing, FOMC Meeting Minutes
- Th, 1/4/24 Initial Jobless Claims, ADP Employment Change
- F, 1/5/24 Nonfarm Payrolls, Unemployment Rate, Factory Orders, Durable Goods Orders

Weekly Market Recap

On the final trading day of 2023, Wall Street experienced a momentary pause as stocks consolidated near their all-time highs. The unremarkable Friday preceding the holiday break saw U.S. equities interrupting a Five-Day upward streak. Despite signs of fatigue following an extraordinary \$8 Trillion surge in the S&P 500 throughout the year, the Index continued its impressive performance by notching its ninth consecutive week of gains. Traders exhibited resilience, seemingly disregarding uncertainties surrounding the Federal Reserve, concerns about a potential recession, and various geopolitical risks. Propelled by the flourishing artificial intelligence sector, extended market positions, and a pervasive "FOMO" sentiment, the S&P 500 surged by an impressive 24% in 2023. After a year marked by substantial market swings and deceptive signals, the U.S. 10-Year Yield ended 2023 nearly where it started. This anticlimactic outcome contrasts with the yield's rollercoaster journey, plummeting to as low as 3.25% in the aftermath of March's banking crisis, only to surpass 5% a few months later. The Benchmark 10-Year U.S. Rates climbed to almost 3.9% on the final Friday of the year. Crucial inflation data endorsed a prevailing narrative predicting central bankers' aggressive rate cuts in 2024, fueling robust gains for both equities and bonds in the last two months of the year. The lack of market anxiety was evident in the persistently low levels of the VIX, the market's favored volatility gauge, which remained below 13 for the week—close to pre-pandemic lows. In a contrasting trend, oil experienced its most significant annual decline since 2020, with a decrease exceeding 10%. Despite the backdrop of war and OPEC+ production cuts, prices failed to rise in a year dominated by supply growth outside of the OPEC+ grouping.

WEEKLY MARKET DATA

Equities	Level	1 Week	QTD	YTD	Index Returns (%)				
					1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Max DD
S&P 500	4,740.01	0.34	11.68	26.26	10.12	10.34	10.99	11.15	-55.25
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	37,671.94	0.81	13.09	16.18	3.17	9.84	7.96	10.33	-53.78
Nasdaq Composite	14,794.72	0.17	13.84	44.70	18.00	6.46	12.98	13.82	-77.93
Russell 2000	2,019.42	-0.26	14.02	16.88	-8.62	3.91	3.27	5.61	-59.89
MSCI EAFE	2,236.35	1.17	10.47	18.95	15.11	6.36	4.71	3.65	-61.85
MSCI ACWI ex USA	316.72	1.73	9.79	16.22	12.71	3.58	4.01	3.09	-62.17
MSCI Emerging Market	1,024.67	3.18	7.84	10.12	11.20	-3.34	1.94	1.55	-66.06
S&P 500 Growth	3,030.31	0.09	10.09	30.02	11.89	7.03	11.75	12.64	-61.84
S&P 500 Value	1,718.22	0.63	13.62	22.19	7.65	13.46	9.20	8.95	-63.27
S&P High Dividend	9,583.21	0.57	9.55	2.83	-6.25	9.97	7.01	8.81	-54.72
S&P 500 Buy Backs	44,853.76	0.14	11.26	16.35	1.70	14.19	9.45	10.24	-57.19
S&P 500 Low Volatility	10,079.42	1.01	7.37	0.72	-2.84	6.34	6.54	8.65	-40.04

Fixed Income	Yield	1 Week	QTD	YTD	Index Returns (%)				
					1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Max DD
U.S. Aggregate	4.53	0.48	6.82	5.53	0.36	-5.57	-0.06	0.88	-18.41
IG U.S. Corporates	5.00	0.61	8.15	8.18	2.69	-5.33	0.78	1.79	-21.31
Municipals	3.78	0.23	7.18	6.03	2.36	-2.31	1.04	2.18	-15.11
High Yield Municipals	5.57	0.04	9.21	9.21	3.96	-1.31	1.67	3.79	-30.59
High Yield Corporates	7.59	0.40	7.16	13.44	6.23	1.19	3.05	3.86	-35.34
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan	9.43	0.34	3.21	13.17	11.95	5.37	4.21	3.77	-33.03
S&P U.S. Preferred Stock	6.95	-0.80	4.11	4.52	-5.20	-2.53	1.26	3.46	-71.77

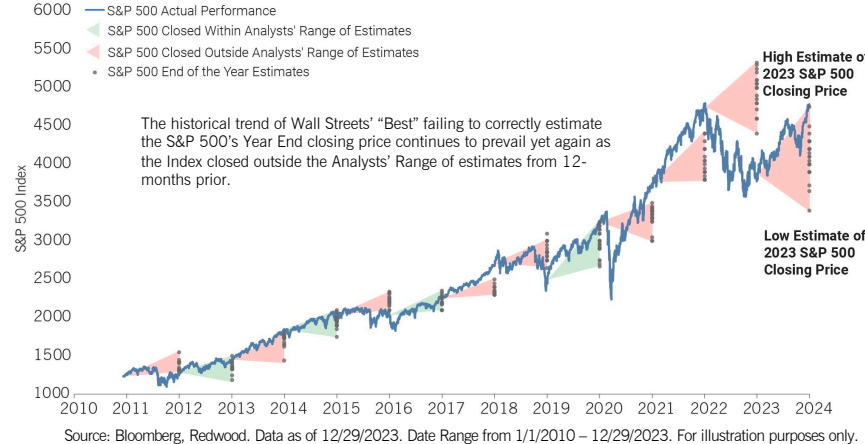
Strategic Blend	1 Week	QTD	YTD	Index Returns (%)				
				1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Max DD
60/40 S&P 500/AGG	0.38	9.63	17.47	6.18	3.99	6.58	6.92	-32.19
60/40 MSCI ACWI/AGG	0.69	9.23	15.38	6.54	2.04	4.77	4.72	-35.34

Levels %

Key Rates	12/29/2023	12/30/2022	12/31/2021	12/31/2020	12/30/2019	12/29/2020
5-Year U.S. Treasuries	3.85	4.00	1.26	0.36	1.67	0.38
10-Year U.S. Treasuries	3.88	3.87	1.51	0.91	1.88	0.94
10-Year German Bund	2.02	2.57	-0.18	-0.19	-0.19	-0.57
6-mo. CD rate	5.37	5.10	0.36	0.32	1.83	0.37
3-mo. USD Libor	5.59	4.77	0.21	0.24	1.91	0.25
Prime Rate	8.50	7.50	3.25	3.25	4.75	3.25

Chart of the Week

Fourth Year In a Row – Wall Streets' "Best" Strategists ALL get it WRONG



Index Characteristics

Div. Yld (%)	FCF Yld (%)	P/E	P/B
1.50	3.54	22.94	4.38
1.95	4.71	22.17	4.91
0.78	2.48	39.41	5.82
1.55	2.63	30.95	1.65
3.18	5.10	14.97	1.76
3.05	5.14	15.20	1.72
2.72	5.43	15.39	1.60
0.71	3.72	25.74	9.86
2.38	3.31	20.34	2.68
2.91	3.64	17.85	3.09
1.62	8.34	13.76	2.56
2.49	3.18	19.90	3.43

Levels

Currencies	12/29/2023	12/30/2022	12/30/2021
\$ per €	1.10	1.07	1.13
¥ per \$	141.04	131.12	115.08
\$ per £	1.27	1.21	1.35

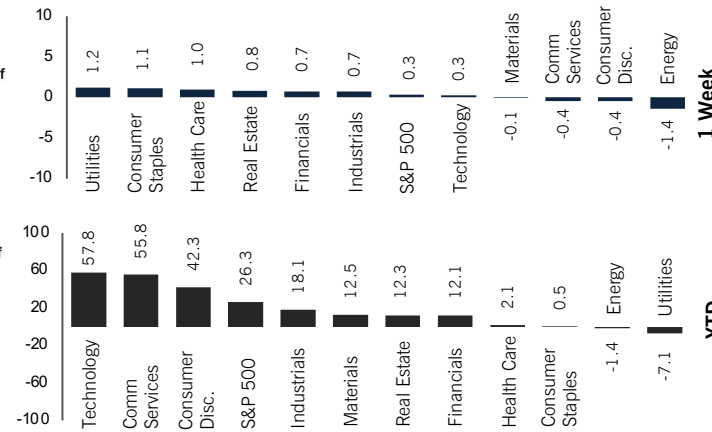
Commodities 12/29/2023 12/30/2022 12/30/2021

Oil (WTI)	71.65	80.26	76.99
Natural Gas	2.51	4.48	3.56
Gold	2,062.98	1,824.02	1,814.67
Silver	23.80	23.95	23.04
Copper	389.05	381.05	439.25

Net Flows (\$ Millions)

Fund Flows	1 Week	YTD	1 Year
Equities	7,378	-134,073	-134,073
Fixed Income	1,258	155,203	155,203
Commodities	-258	-7,764	-7,764

S&P 500 Sector Returns %



## Definitions and Disclosures

**Market Recap and Chart of the Week: For the “AGG” see Barclays U.S. Capital Aggregate Bond Index, see below.**

**Abbreviations:** MAX DD refers to Maximum Drawdown from 1/1/2000 to the as of data date indicated. A drawdown is a measure of peak to trough loss in a given period; maximum drawdown is a measure of the maximum peak to trough percentage loss in any given period. YTD refers to year to date and QTD refers to quarter to date.

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