

# Making Sense

Monthly Market Update

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- 1. Economic update: Interest Rates | Inflation | Labor Market
- 2. Market update: Equity Markets | Fixed Income | Potential Headwinds



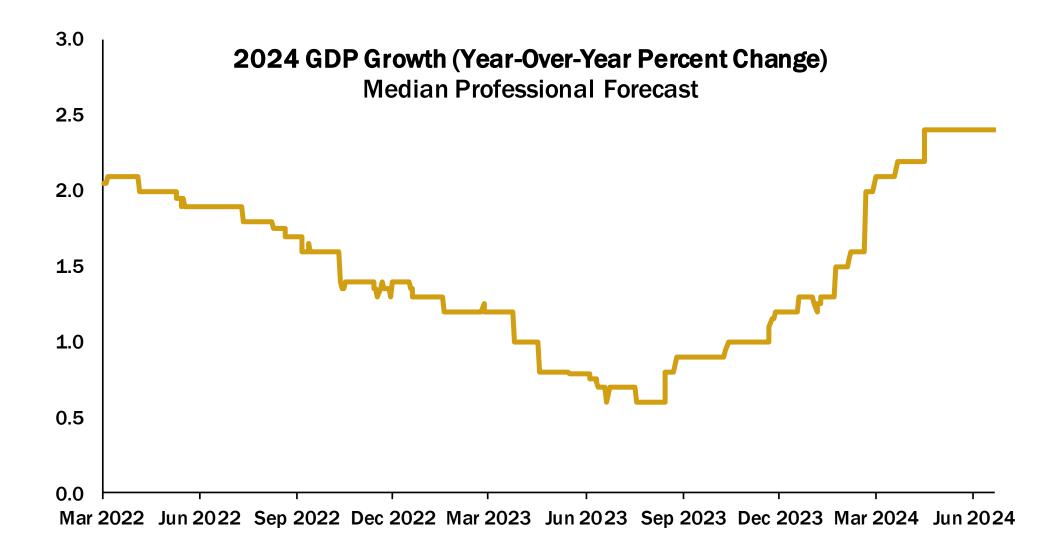
# **Economic Update**

Interest Rates | Inflation | Labor Market

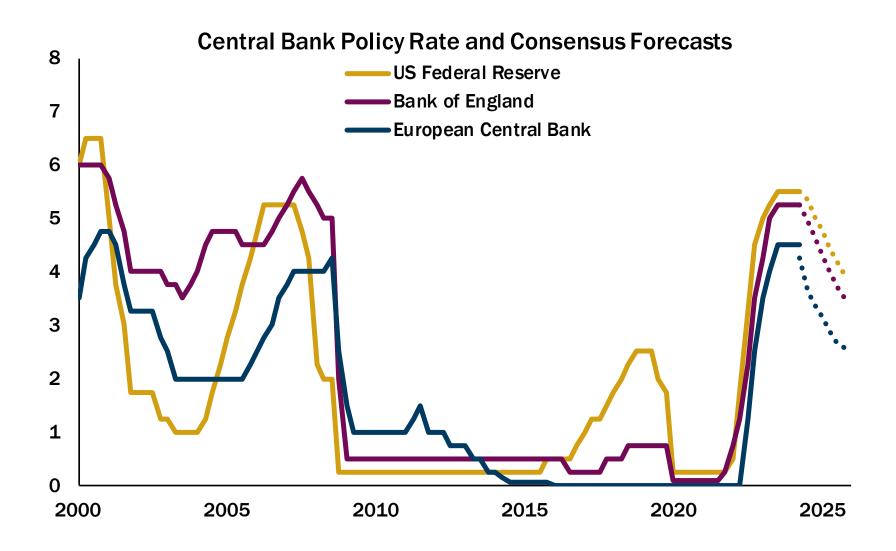
### The Global Growth Outlook Has Been Revised Up

World Economic Outlook Consensus Real Economic Growth Estimates					
	2023	2024 Estimate as of:			
	Actual Growth	Dec-23	Jun-24		
World	3.2%	2.6%	3.0%		
United States	2.5%	1.3%	2.3%		
Euro Area	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%		
United Kingdom	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%		
Japan	1.9%	0.8%	0.3%		
China	5.2%	4.5%	4.9%		

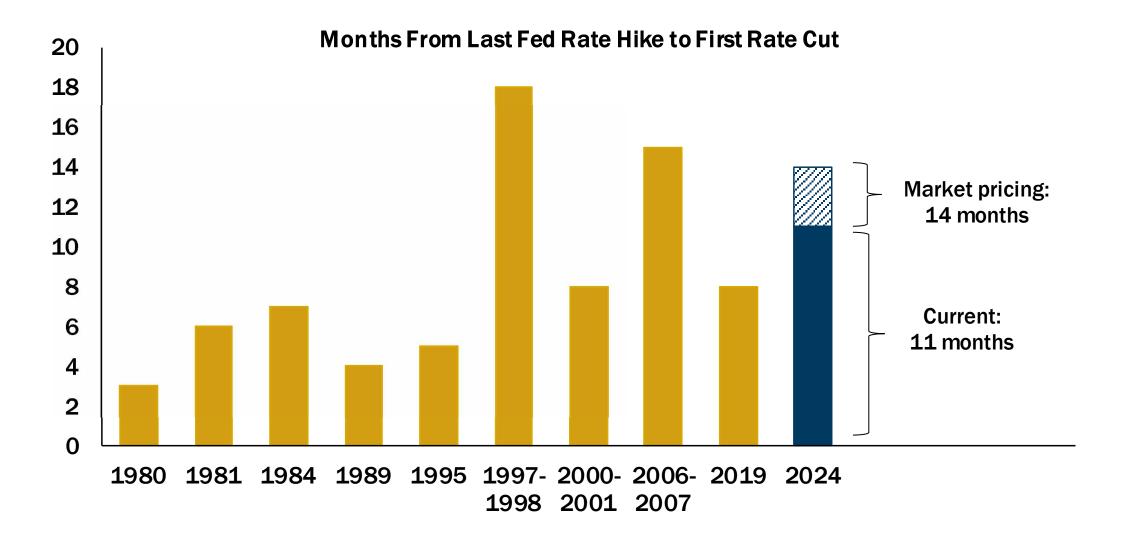
#### The Outlook for the US Economy Remains Upbeat



#### Forecasters Expect Policy Rates to Stay Elevated vs. Recent History

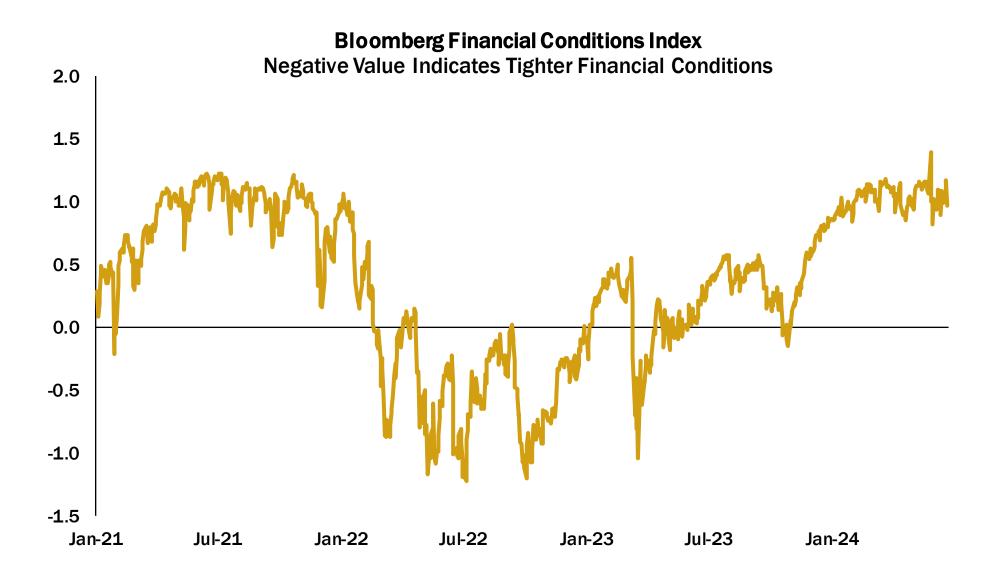


### The Fed Has Kept Monetary Policy on Hold for a Substantial Period

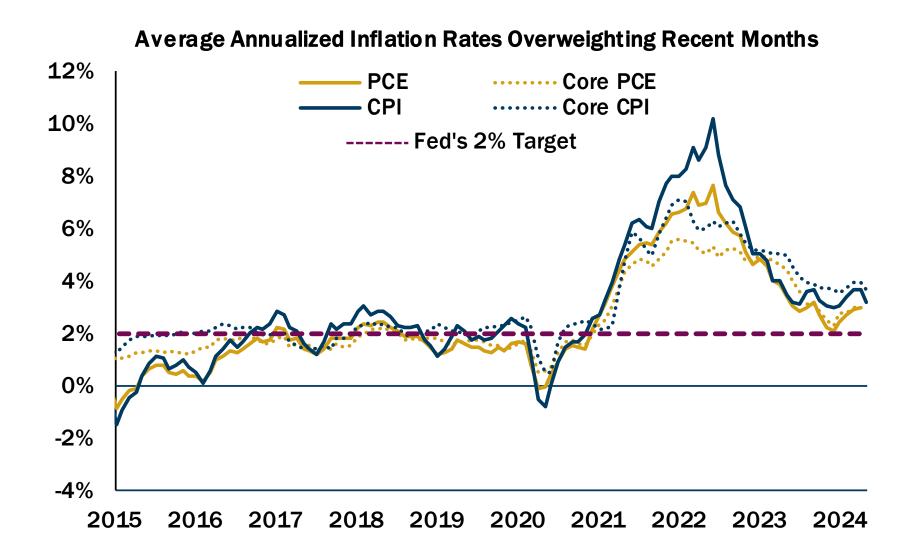


Source: Apollo, Bloomberg

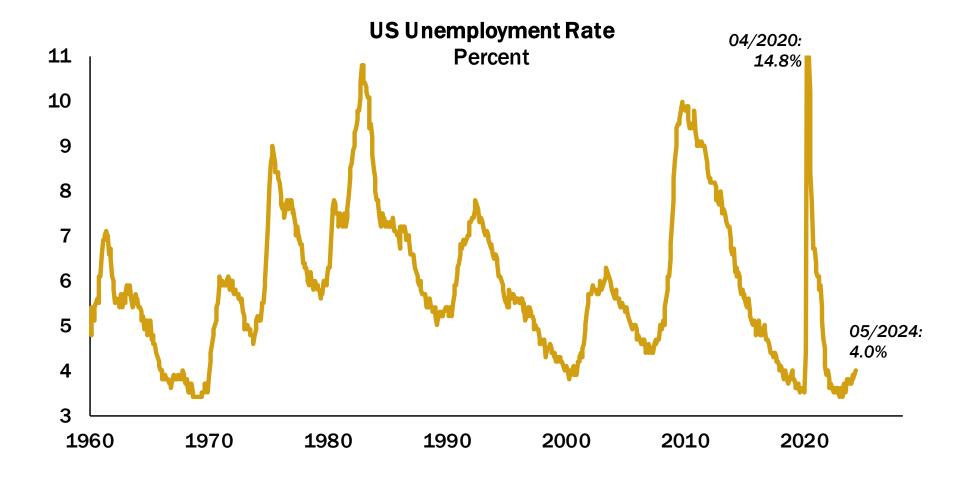
### **Financial Conditions Are Still Very Loose**



#### Inflation Has Budged in the Wrong Direction This Year



#### Job Growth Has Been Strong, But Unemployment Has Moved Up

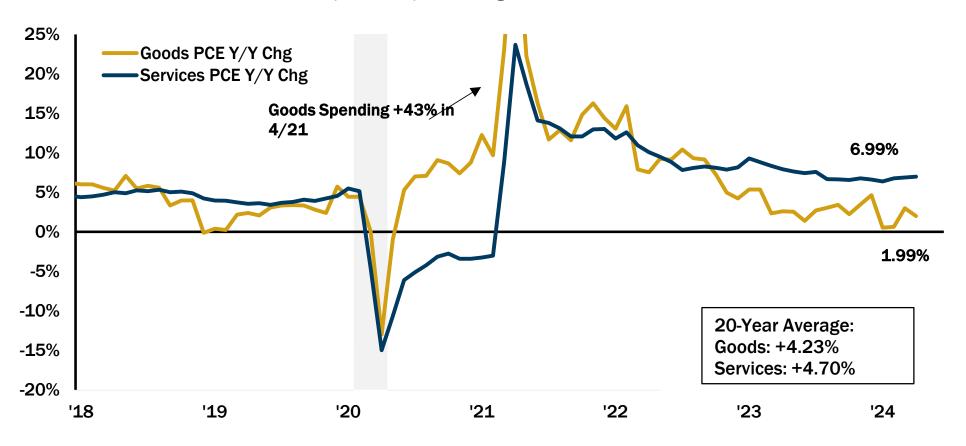


Source: Department of Labor, Bloomberg

### **Consumer Expenditures Are Still Holding Up**

#### **Personal Consumption Expenditures**

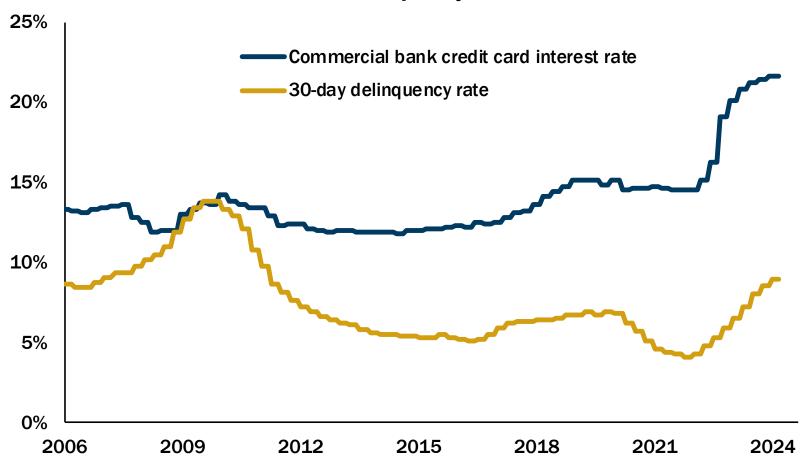
(SAAR, \$) % Change - Year to Year



Source: Department of Commerce, Strategas

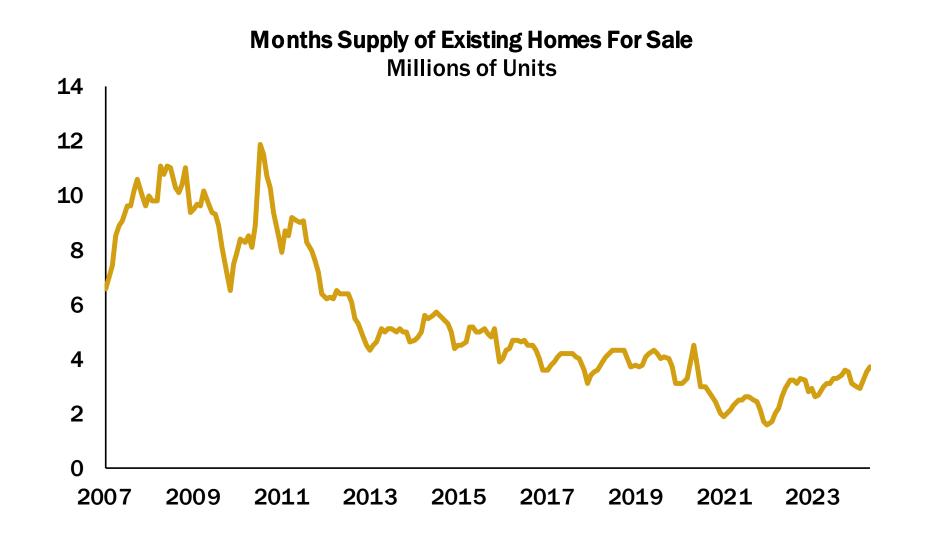
#### Revolving Credit Rates Have Surged, and Delinquencies Are Up





Source: Federal Reserve, Bloomberg

#### The Supply of Existing Homes Has Rebounded From Its Lows



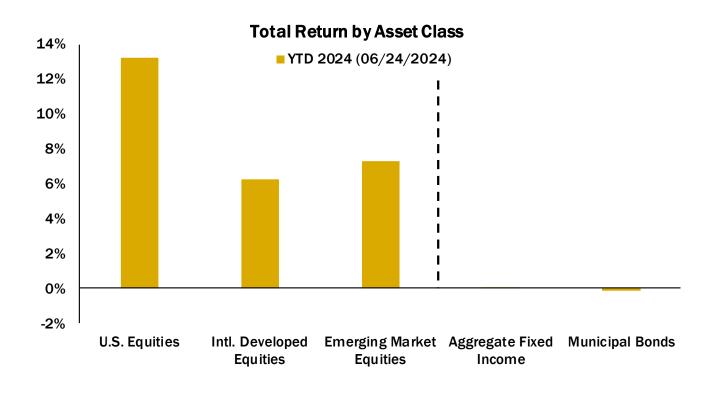
Source: Bloomberg



# **Market Update**

Equity Markets | Fixed Income | Potential Headwinds

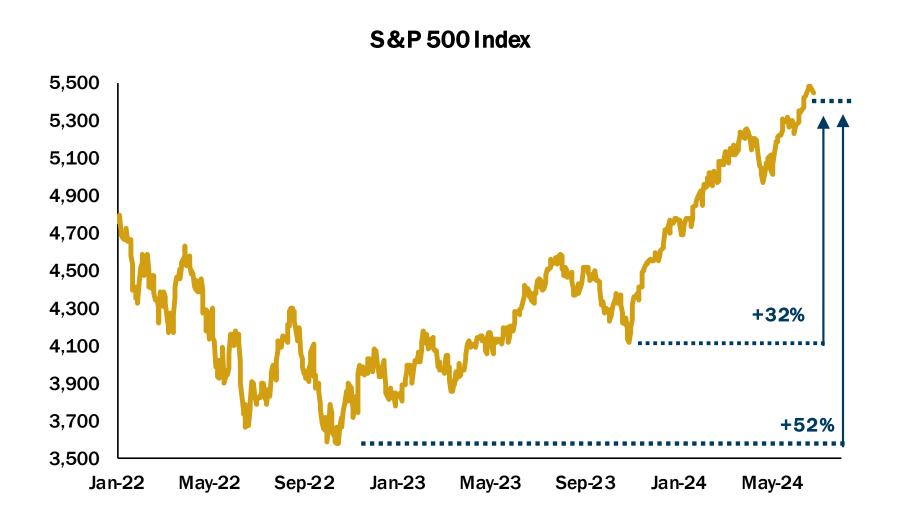
#### **Global Markets Year-to-Date**



	YTD US Equity Returns As of 06/24/2024				
	Value	Blend	Growth		
Large	9.0%	16.6%	21.3%		
Mid	5.4%	5.6%	6.2%		
Small	-1.7%	0.8%	3.5%		

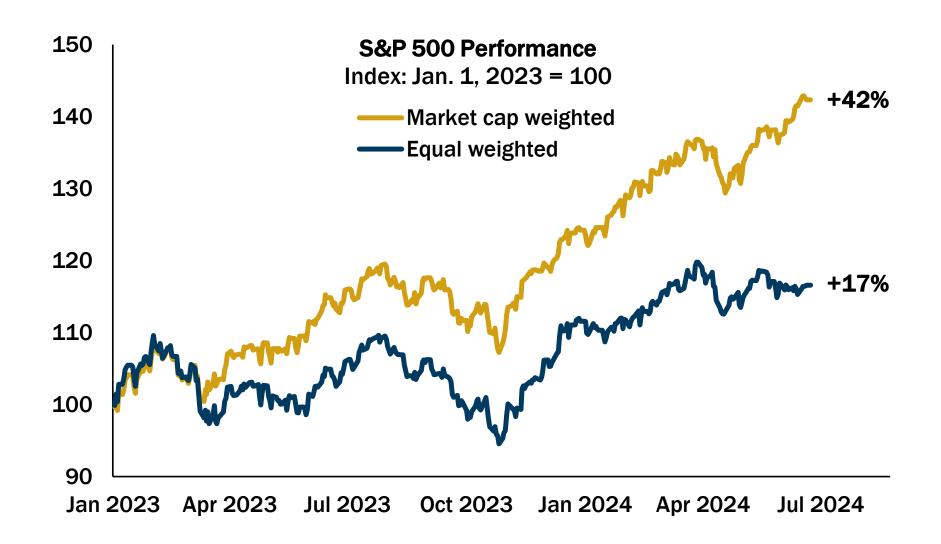
Source: Bloomberg

### **Stocks Have Rallied Sharply**



Source: Bloomberg

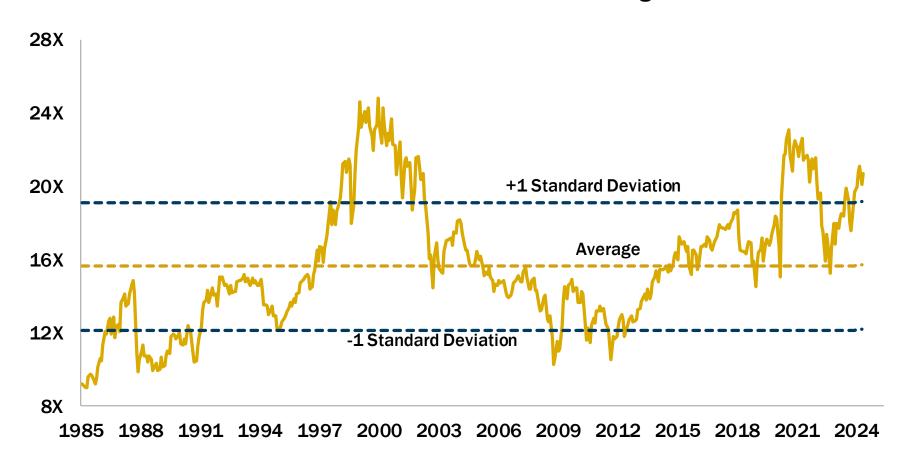
### Large-cap Stocks Have Outperformed by a Significant Margin



Source: Bloomberg

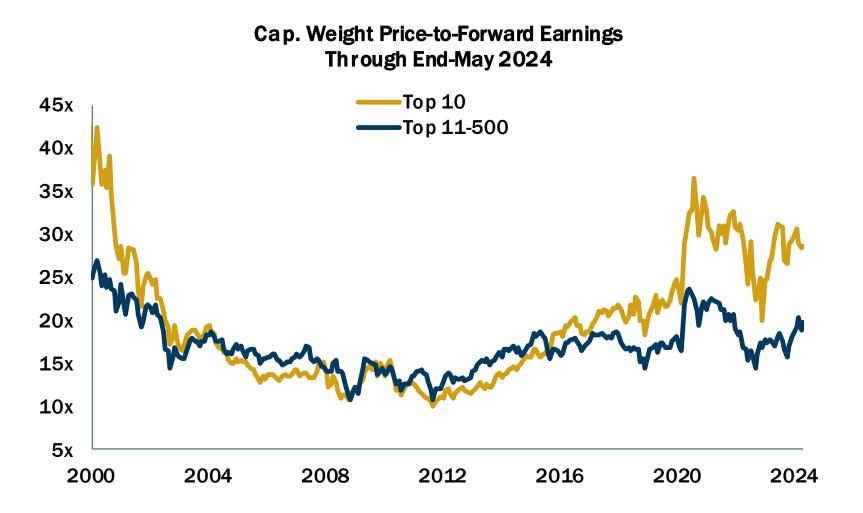
#### Market Valuation Below Extremes but Above Average

**S&P 500 Next Twelve Months Price-to-Earnings Ratio** 



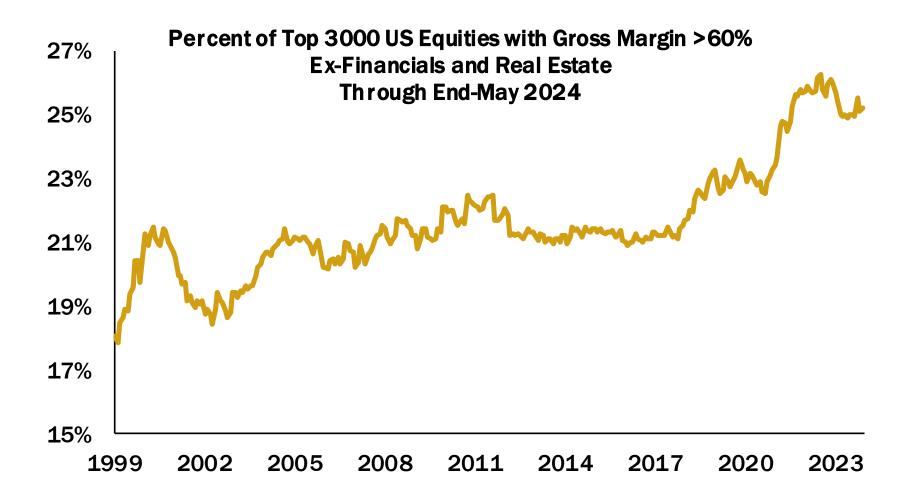
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#### P/E Ratios Suggest There is Room For Broadening



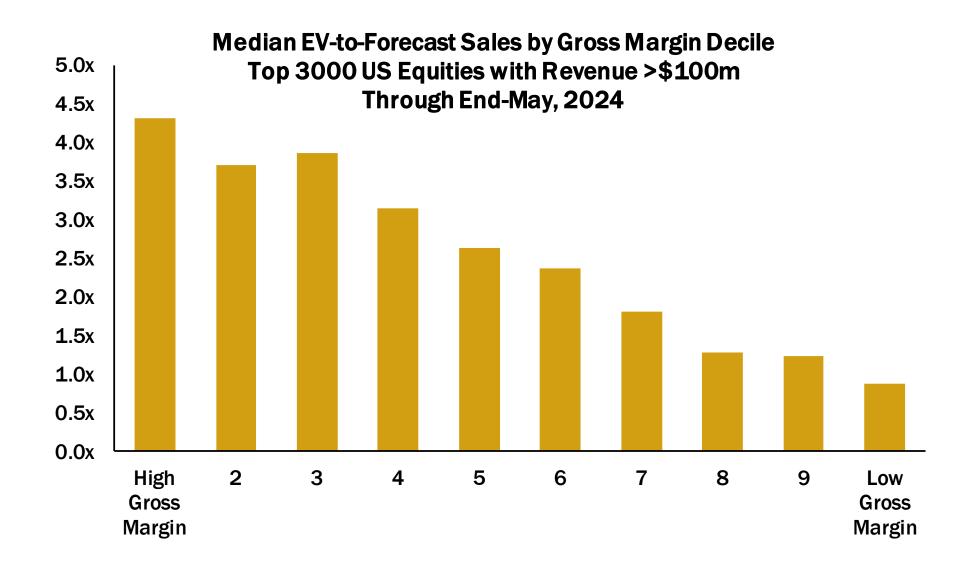
Source: Trivariate Research

#### 25% of Companies Have Greater Than 60% Gross Margin



Source: Trivariate Research

#### **Valuation Closely Related to Gross Margin**



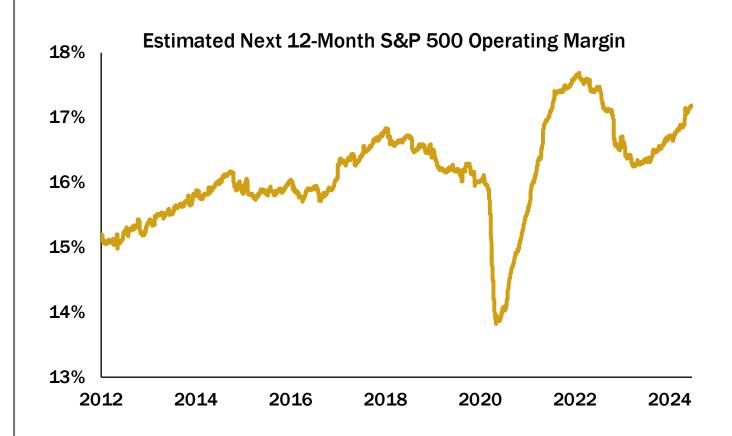
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#### **Corporate Earnings**

2024 estimated growth is 11.3%

2025 estimated growth is 14.4%

Average growth since 1950 is 7.6%



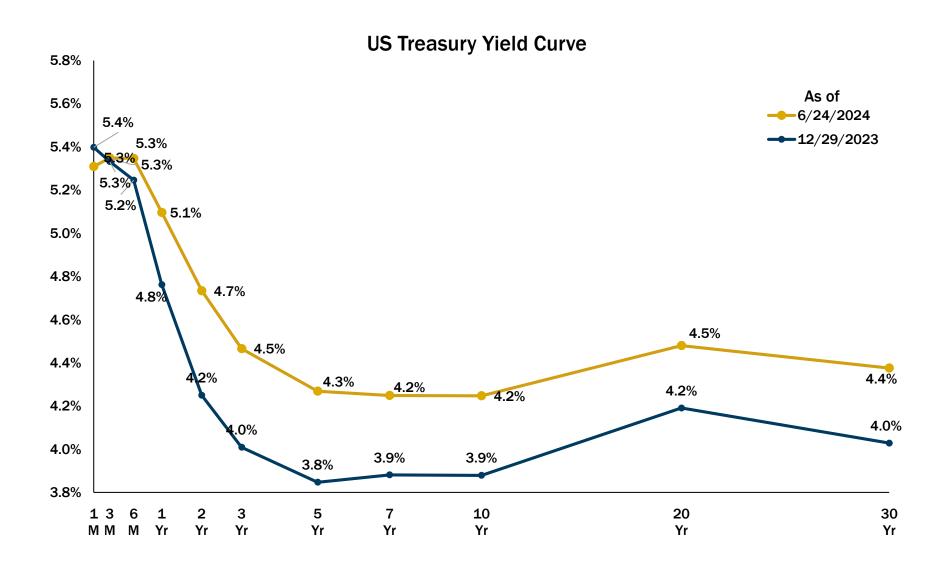
Source: FactSet – 6/21/2024, Bloomberg, Strategas

#### Next Twelve-Month S&P 500 Price Target

	NTM Price Level	Percent Change from 6/24/24
Bear	4,000	-26.8%
Base	5,500	0.7%
Bull	6,000	9.9%

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet

### **US Treasury Yield Curve Remains Inverted**

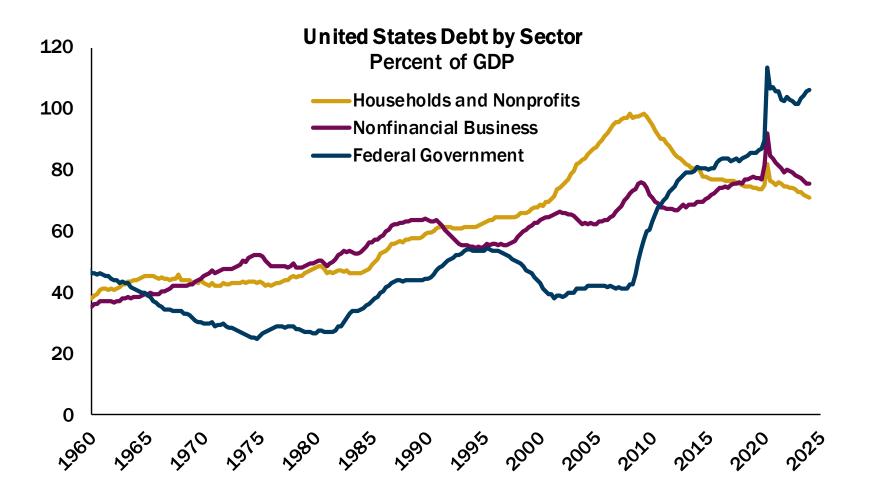


Source: Bloomberg

#### **Bond Yields Remain Elevated Versus Recent History**

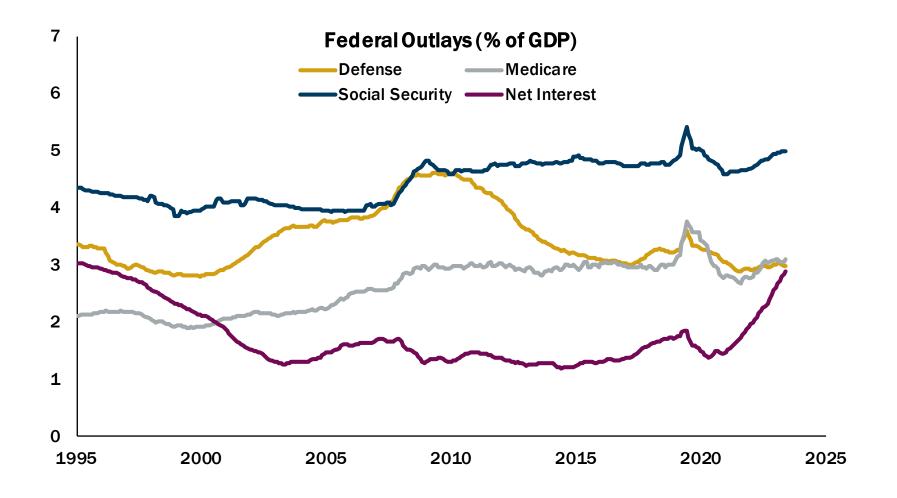
US Fixed Income Indices				
	Yield-to-Worst			
Index	12/31/2021	6/24/2024		
2-Year Treasury	0.73%	4.72%		
10-Year Treasury	1.51%	4.23%		
Aggregate Bond	1.75%	4.90%		
Intermediate Government/Credit	1.30%	4.75%		
Municipal Bond	1.11%	3.66%		
Investment Grade Corporate Bond	2.33%	5.38%		
High Yield Corporate Bond	4.21%	7.85%		

#### Household Debt Has Improved, But Government Debt Is at Historic Highs



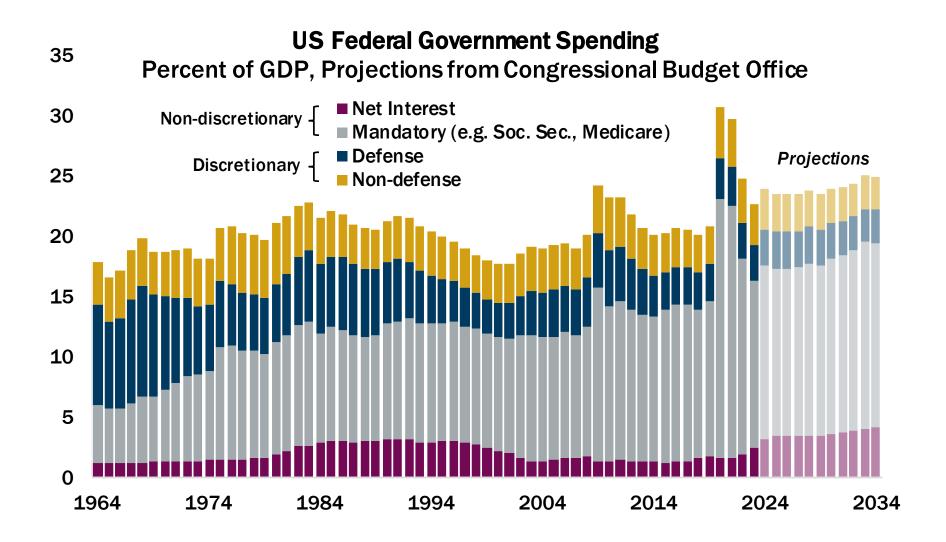
Source: Federal Reserve

#### **Interest Costs Are Becoming Increasingly Burdensome and Will Rise Higher**



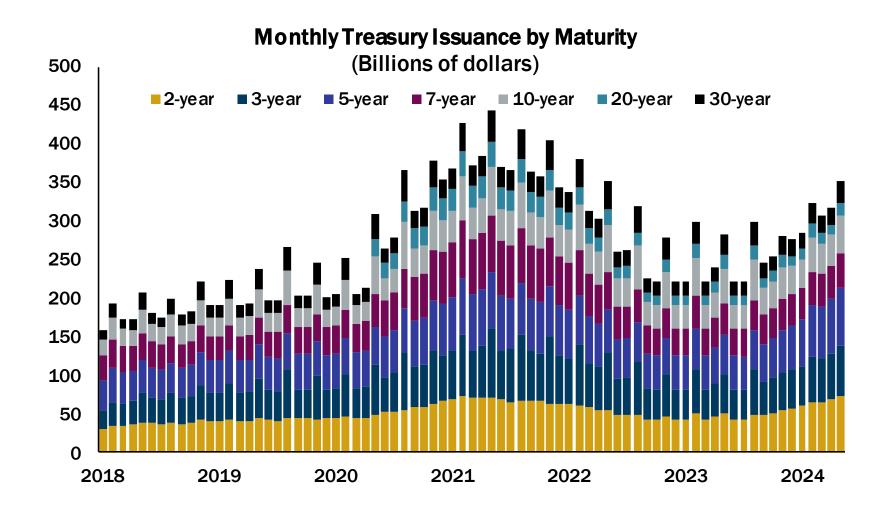
Source: Bloomberg

#### The Bulk of Federal Outlays Is Mandatory Spending and Net Interest



Source: Congressional Budget Office

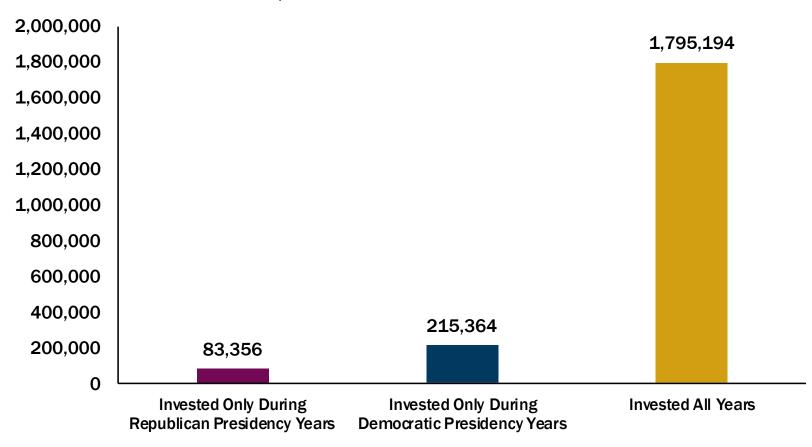
#### **Treasury Auction Sizes Have Been Growing**



Source: Bloomberg

#### Partisan Strategies Require Staying Uninvested For Long Periods





Source: Goldman Sachs



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