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Economic Overview

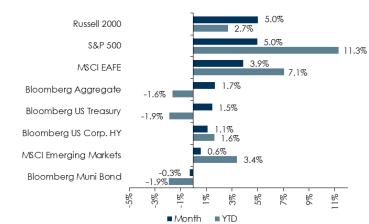
- Core CPI's year-over-year reading met expectations, falling from 3.8% to 3.6% and ending 2024's string of hotter than expected inflation reports
- US growth trended cooler in the month, with unemployment ticking up from 3.8% to 3.9% and a 0.1% decline in real consumer spending
- The FOMC held interest rates steady in May and is expected to do the same in June, with 1-2 cuts still forecast for later in 2024

Market Returns

- Most equity regions/styles positive; US led, EM lagged
- Bonds higher (except Munis) with rates falling on softer inflation

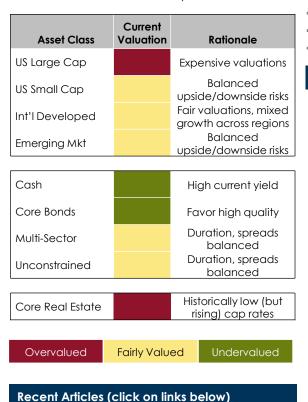
Asset Class Valuations - Rebalancing Rationale

- Equities discounting a soft landing and eventual easing monetary policy
- Favor core bonds (US Treasuries) over high yield
- Cash remains attractive with yields around 5%



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 5/31/2024)





The Evolution of Private Wealth (April)

Is Cash King? (February)

Fiscal Policy Impact of 2024 Election (April)

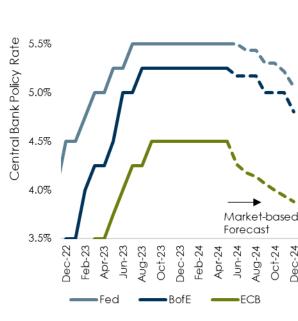
Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Stronger inflation and labor market data
- Rising headwinds for consumers (higher rates, student loan repayments, depleted savings...)
- Potential Fed policy error
- Headwinds to corporate earnings
- Rising geopolitical tensions .

6.0%

Weaker than expected China recovery

Fed Easing Delayed but ECB Set to Cut in June



Source: Bloomberg, CME (5/31/2024)

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