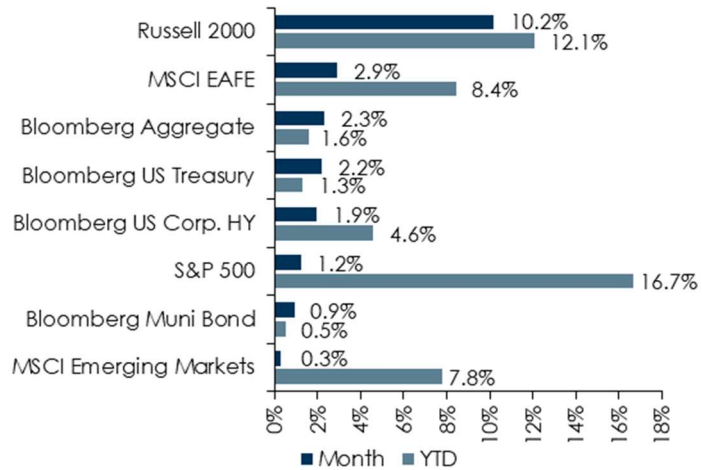


Economic Overview

- US GDP growth exceeded expectations, growing at a 2.8% annualized pace in the 2nd quarter
- The FOMC maintained its benchmark rate at 5.25% - 5.50%, as expected, but indicated a potential cut as early as September
- Inflation continued its cooling trend as core CPI grew by 3.3% year-over-year, lower than expected and down from the prior month's 3.4% rate

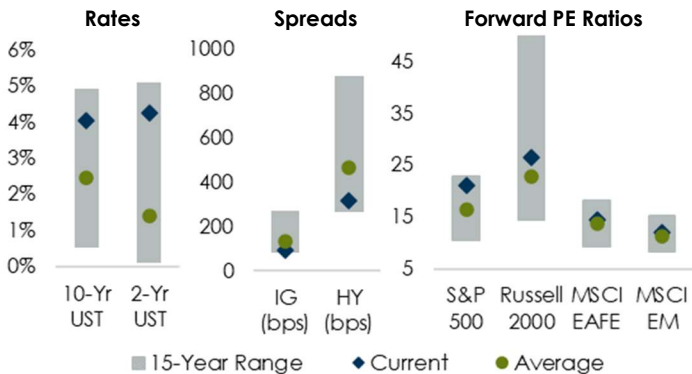
Market Returns

- US small caps and value outperformed as tech struggled
- Bonds moved higher as rate cut outlook pushed yields down



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 7/31/2024)

Fixed Income and Equity Valuation Metrics



Source: Bloomberg (as of 7/31/2024)

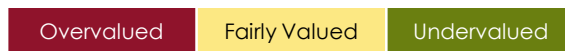
Asset Class Valuations - Rebalancing Rationale

- 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%

Asset Class	Current Valuation	Rationale
US Large Cap	Overvalued	Expensive valuations
US Small Cap	Fairly Valued	Balanced upside/downside risks
Int'l Developed	Fairly Valued	Fair valuations, mixed growth across regions
Emerging Mkt	Fairly Valued	Balanced upside/downside risks

Cash	Overvalued	High current yield
Core Bonds	Overvalued	Favor high quality
Multi-Sector	Fairly Valued	Duration, spreads balanced
Unconstrained	Fairly Valued	Duration, spreads balanced

Core Real Estate	Overvalued	Historically low (but rising) cap rates
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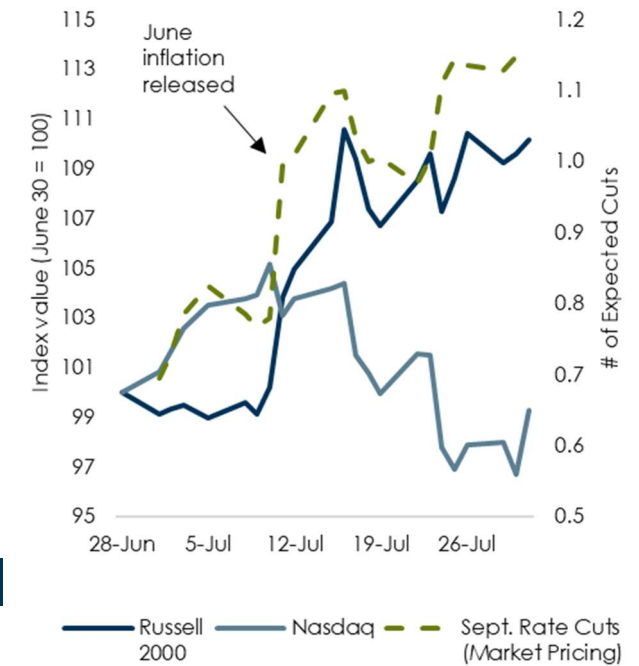
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- [Fiscal Policy Impact of 2024 Election \(April\)](#)
- [Is Cash King? \(February\)](#)

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
- Weaker than expected China recovery

Expected Easing Helped Spark Equity Rotation



Source: Bloomberg (as of 7/31/2024)

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