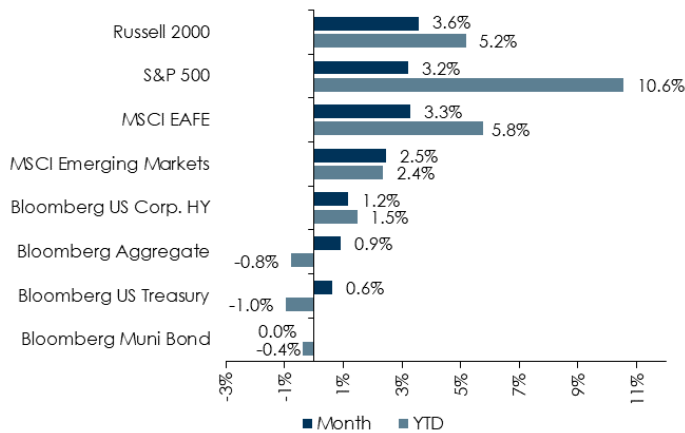


Economic Overview

- The Federal Reserve held rates steady, as expected, with forward guidance continuing to show expectations for three rate cuts this year
- Inflation continued to moderate, albeit at a slow pace, with Core CPI's year-over-year increase falling from 3.9% to 3.8%
- Job creation exceeded expectations in February, but downward revisions to prior months saw unemployment climb from 3.7% to 3.9%

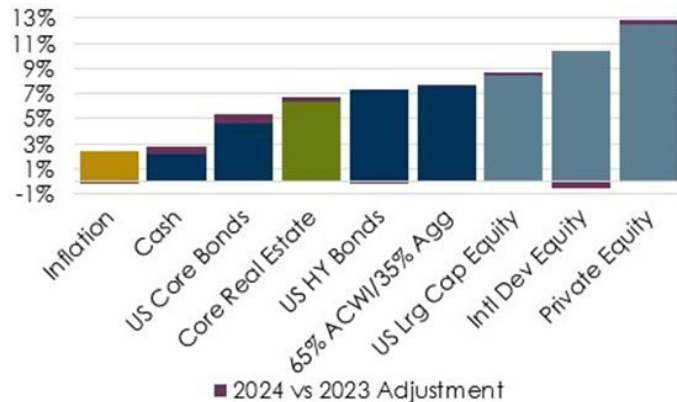
Market Returns

- Equities performed well across regions and styles
- High yields and strong economic data supported credit returns



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 3/31/2024)

ACG's Average Annual Return Assumptions (Next 10 Years)



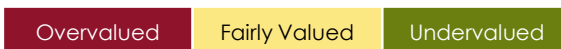
Asset Class Valuations - Rebalancing Rationale

- Equities discounting a soft landing and 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	Undervalued	High current yield
Core Bonds	Undervalued	Favor high quality
Multi-Sector	Fairly Valued	Duration, spreads balanced
Unconstrained	Fairly Valued	Duration, spreads balanced

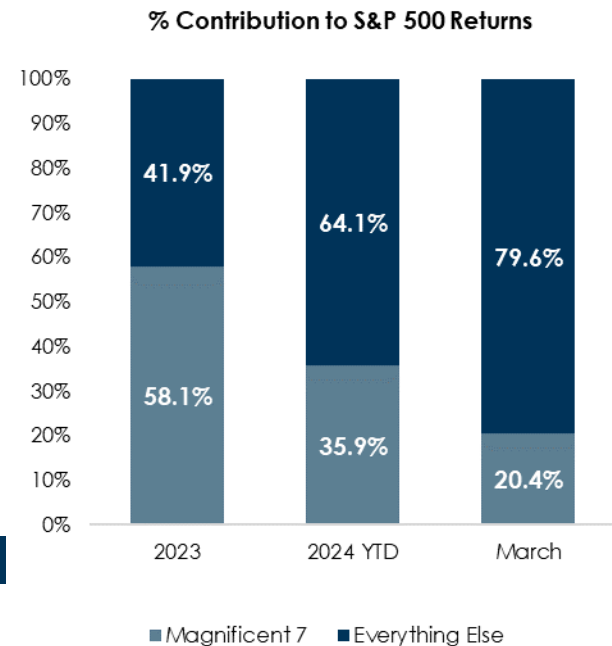
Core Real Estate	Overvalued	Historically low (but rising) cap rates
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Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Inflation and labor market data
- Accumulating consumer headwinds (higher rates, student loan repayments, depleted savings...)
- Fed policy mistake
- Downward revisions to corporate earnings
- Ongoing geopolitical tensions
- Weaker than expected China recovery

Improved Breadth in US Large Cap Performance



Source: Morningstar. The Magnificent 7 includes Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Tesla (as of 3/31/2024)

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