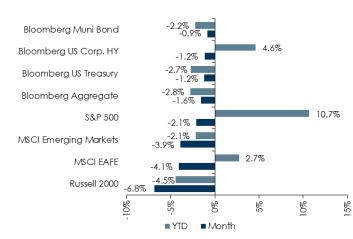
Economic Overview

- 3rd quarter US GDP grew at a robust 4.9% rate, the highest since 4Q 2021, with consumer spending accounting for over half of the growth
- Core CPI increased 0.3% on the month for a 4.1% year-over-year rise, in-line with expectations and down from last month's 4.3% rate
- 10-year US Treasury yields briefly touched 5%, the highest in 16 years, and higher interest rates continued to pressure asset prices

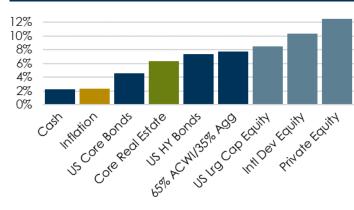
Market Returns

- Most equity and bond indices fell for the 3rd month in a row
- Small caps and emerging markets declined to negative YTD



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 10/31/2023)

Average Annual Return Assumptions (Next 10 Years)



- Asset Class Valuations Rebalancing Rationale
- Equities have priced a higher-for-longer interest rate environment
- Favor core bonds (US Treasuries) over high yield
- Cash remains attractive with yields around 5%



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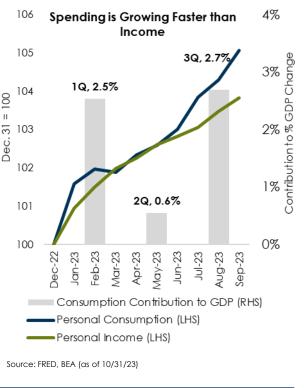
Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Inflation and labor market data
- Accumulating headwinds (higher rates, student) loans, depleted savings, volatile US Congress...)
- Fed policy mistake

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- Downward revisions to corporate earnings
- Ongoing geopolitical tensions
- Weaker than expected China recovery

Spending Has Boosted GDP, But Is It Sustainable?



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