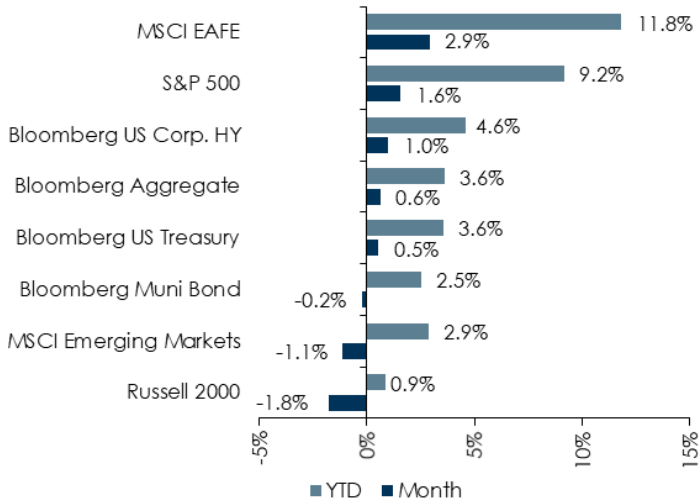


## Economic Overview

- First Republic became the 3<sup>rd</sup> recent failure of a mid-sized bank, yet markets remained calm as risks to the financial system were downplayed
- US real GDP grew at a 1.1% annualized pace in 1Q23, below expectations and a slowdown from the 2.6% rate in the fourth quarter of 2022
- CPI fell from 6.0% to 5.0%, below forecasts, but the market is still expecting an additional 25 bps Fed rate hike in early May

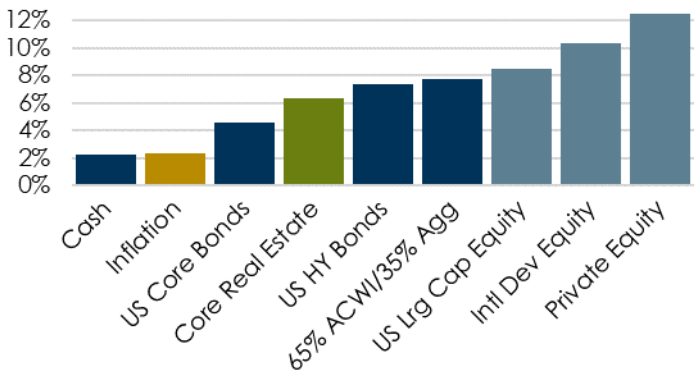
### Market Returns

- April returns were mixed with US large, int'l dev. leading
- US small, EM lag on banking fears and China political tensions



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 4/30/2023)

### Average Annual Return Assumptions (Next 10 Years)



### Asset Class Valuations - Rebalancing Rationale

- Equities currently priced for a mild recession
- Favor core bonds (US Treasuries) over high yield
- Cash remains attractive with yields around 5%

Asset Class	Current Valuation	Rationale
US Large Cap	Overvalued	Balanced upside/downside risks
US Small Cap	Overvalued	Balanced upside/downside risks
Int'l Developed	Fairly Valued	Favorable valuations, currency tailwinds
Emerging Mkt	Overvalued	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

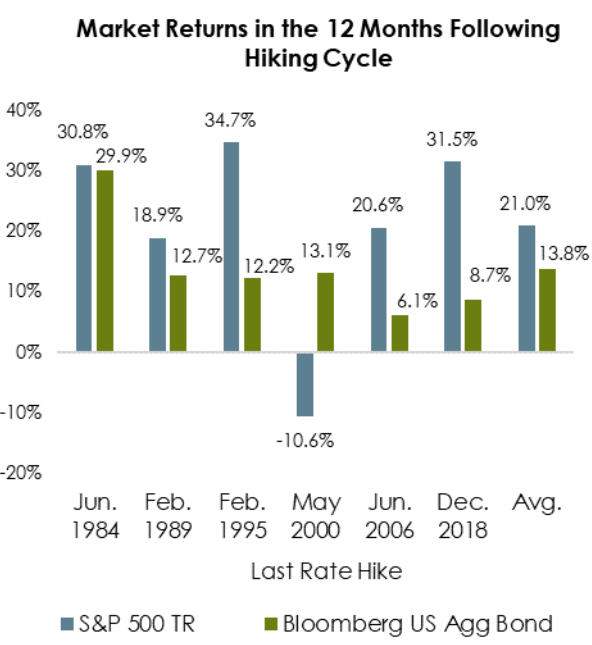
Core Real Estate: Historically low (but rising) cap rates

Valuation Legend: Overvalued (Red), Fairly Valued (Yellow), Undervalued (Green)

### Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Inflation and labor market data
- Tightening financial conditions, Fed mistake
- Potential bank-crisis contagion
- Downward revisions to corporate earnings
- Ongoing geopolitical tensions
- Potential debt ceiling crisis

### Markets Generally Perform Well After Fed Peaks



Source: Bloomberg

### Recent Articles (click on links below)

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- [Covid – Three-Year Update \(March\)](#)
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