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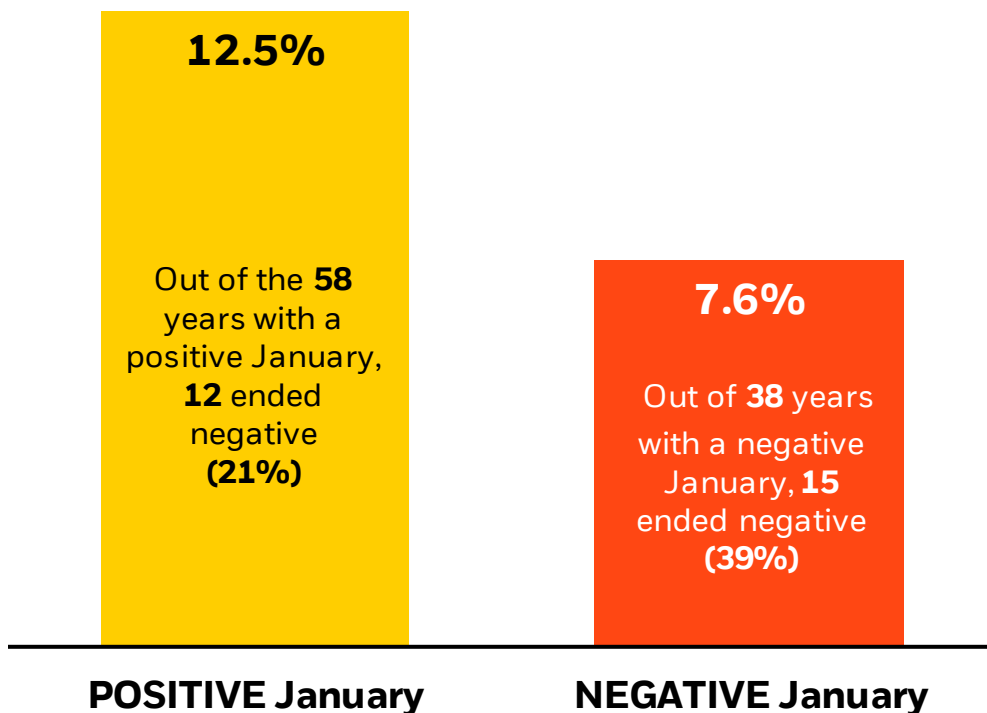
**Timing of Fed
pivots**

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So goes January...?

Average return following January (next 11 months)

Since 1926



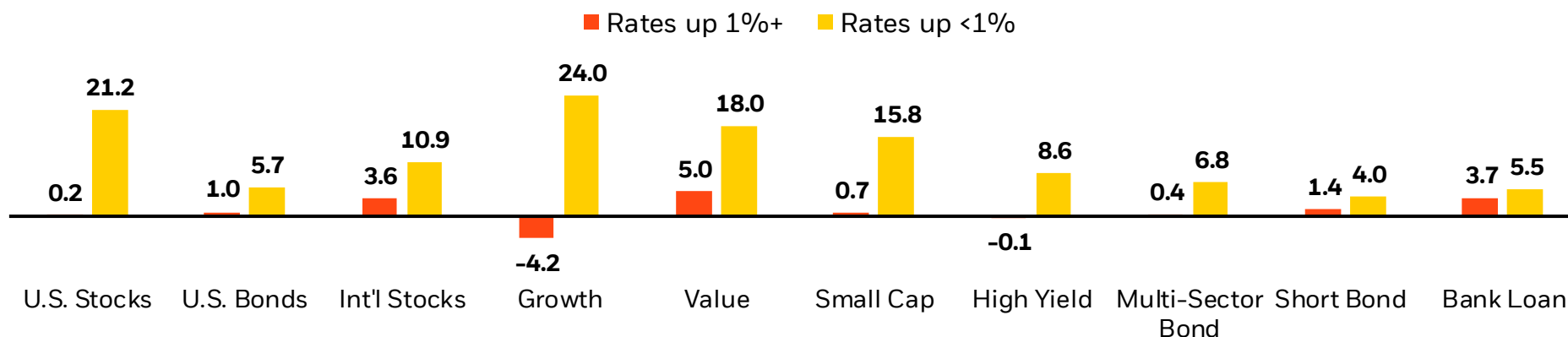
	January return	Return for rest of year (11 months)
2023	6.3%	?
2022	-5.2%	-13.6%
2021	-1.0%	30.0%
2020	-0.0%	18.5%
2019	8.0%	21.7%
2018	5.7%	-9.6%
2017	1.9%	19.6%
2016	-5.0%	17.8%
2015	-3.05	4.5%
2014	-3.5%	17.8%
2013	5.2%	25.9%
2012	4.5%	11.0%
2011	2.4%	-0.3%
2010	-3.6%	19.4%
2009	-8.4%	38.1%

Source: Morningstar as of 1/31/23. U.S. stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Index from 3/4/57 to 1/31/23 and the IASBBI US. Lrg Stock Tr USD Index from 1/1/26 to 3/4/57, unmanaged indexes that are generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market during each given time period. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.** Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You can not invest directly in the index.

How much the Fed raises rates is key

Performance based on how much the Fed raises rates

Average returns since 1994, broken into instances when the Fed increased rates 1%+ and <1%



Year	# Rate hikes	% of rate rise	U.S. Stocks	U.S. Bonds	Int'l Stocks	Growth	Value	Small Cap	High Yield	Multi-Sector Bond	Short Bond	Bank Loan
2022	7	4.3%	-18.1	-13.0	-14.5	-29.0	-7.5	-20.4	-10.1	-9.9	-5.2	-2.5
1994	6	2.5%	1.3	-2.9	7.8	2.6	-2.0	-1.8	-3.1	-4.4	-0.6	6.6
2005	8	2.0%	4.9	2.4	13.5	5.3	7.1	4.6	2.6	2.2	1.5	4.6
2004	5	1.25%	10.9	4.3	20.3	6.3	16.5	18.3	10.0	8.1	1.6	5.0
2000	3	1.0%	-9.1	11.6	-14.2	-22.4	7.0	-3.0	-7.2	1.7	7.5	6.2
2006	4	1.0%	15.8	4.3	26.3	9.1	22.3	18.4	10.1	6.7	4.1	6.6
2018	4	1.0%	-4.4	0.0	-13.8	-1.5	-8.3	-11.0	-2.8	-1.6	0.9	-0.3
1999	3	0.75%	21.0	-0.8	27.0	33.2	7.4	21.3	5.0	2.7	2.3	6.2
2017	3	0.75%	21.8	3.5	25.0	30.2	13.7	14.7	6.4	6.1	1.7	3.5
2015	1	0.5%	1.4	0.6	-0.8	5.7	-3.8	-4.4	-4.1	-2.0	0.2	-1.3
1995	1	0.5%	37.6	18.5	11.2	37.2	38.4	28.5	17.5	17.5	11.1	7.8
2016	1	0.25%	12.0	2.7	1.0	7.1	17.3	21.3	13.2	7.1	2.0	9.2
1997	1	0.25%	33.4	9.7	1.8	30.5	35.2	22.4	13.6	9.2	6.6	7.3

Source: St Louis Federal Reserve and Morningstar as of 1/31/23. US stocks represented by the S&P 500 Index, US bonds by the Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index, Large Growth stocks by the Russell 1000 Growth index and Large Value by the Russell 1000 Value Index Bank loans by the Morningstar US Fund Bank loan category, Short bonds by the Morningstar US Fund Short Bond category, High yield bonds by Morningstar US Fund High yield bond category, Multisector by the Morningstar US Fund Multisector Bond category. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.** Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index.

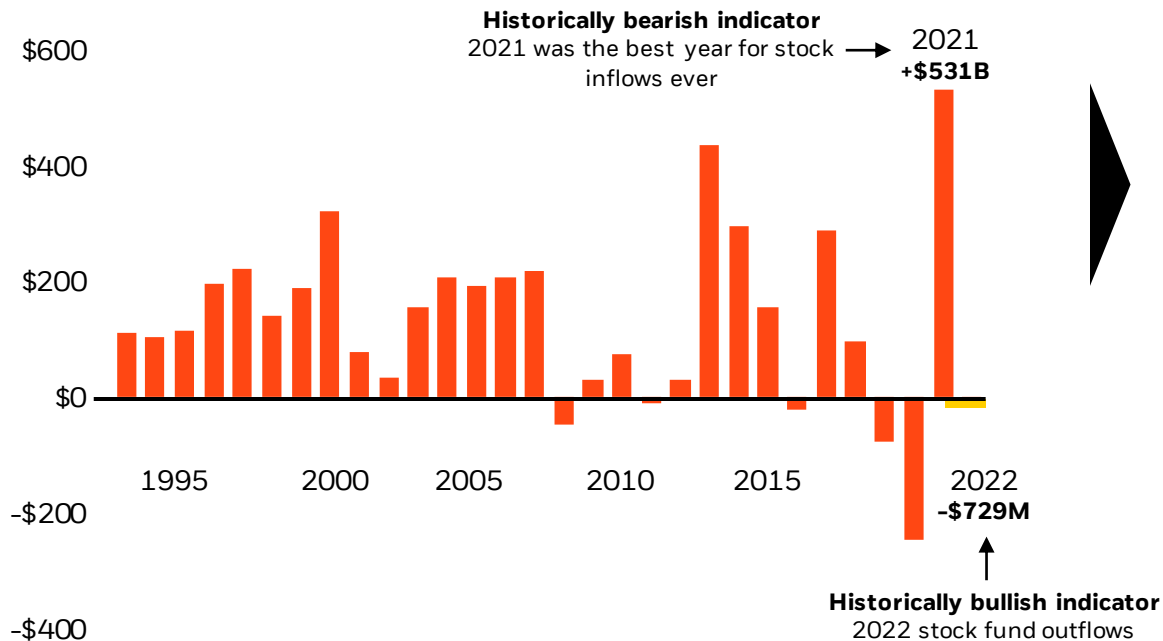
STOCK FUND FLOWS

Don't follow the flows

Stock fund flows and performance have been inversely correlated. History suggests that outflows in 2022 could make it a good time to consider adding to stock positions

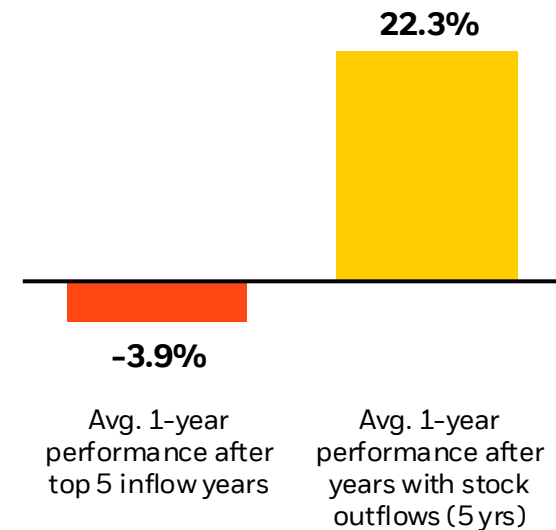
Annual stock fund flows

Combined stock mutual fund and ETF flows (\$B)



Stock performance following stock fund inflows/outflows

Stock mutual funds & ETF 12-month performance, 1/1/93 – 12/31/22

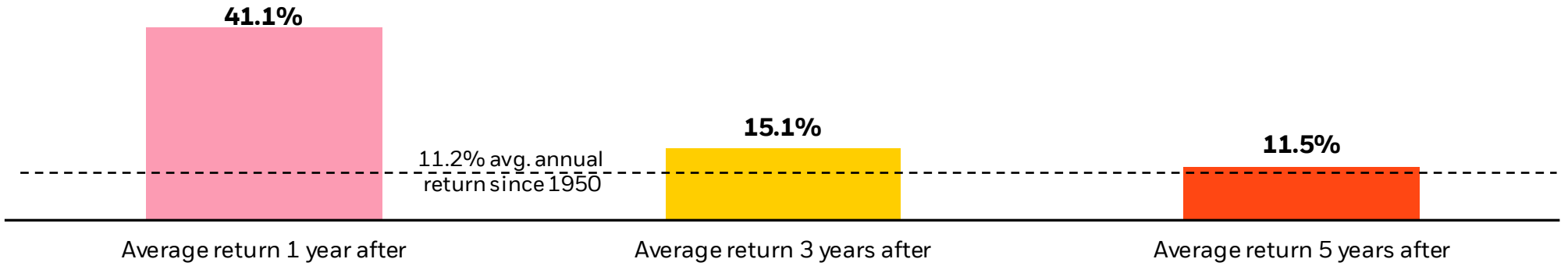


Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/22. Stocks represented by the S&P 500 TR Index. Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You can not invest directly in the index.

BULL MARKET REBOUNDS

Anatomy of bull market rebounds

Average performance following a bear market
Since 1950, 11 bear markets



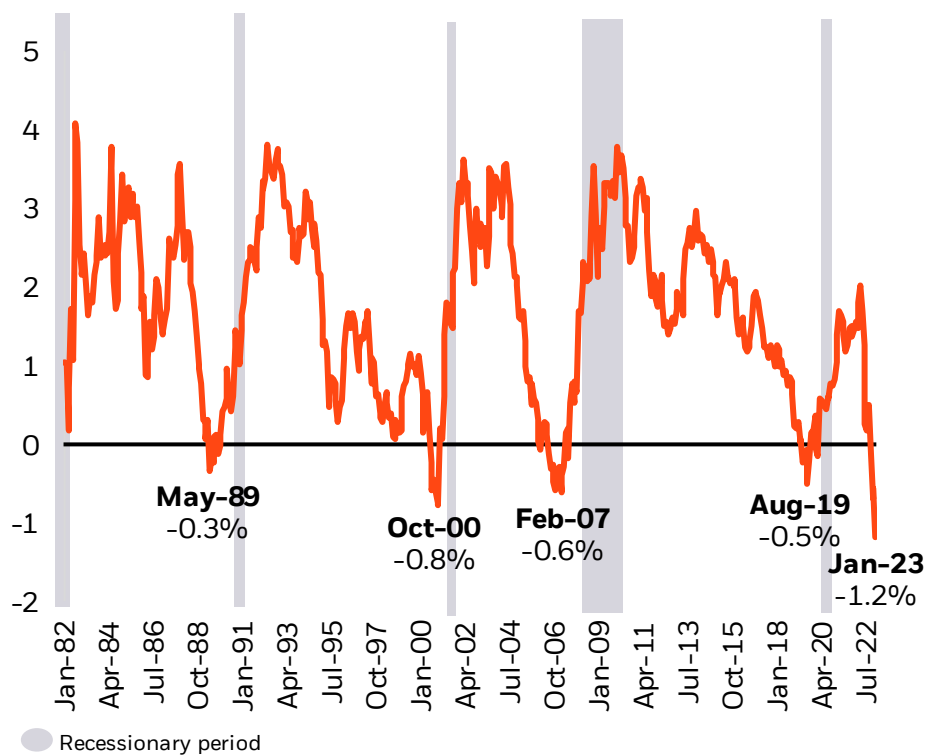
Rebounds from bear markets since 1950												
Bear Market Low	10/22/57 -21.5%	6/26/62 -28.0%	10/7/66 -22.2%	5/26/70 -36.1%	10/3/74 -48.2%	3/6/78 -19.4%	8/12/82 -27.1%	12/4/87 -33.5%	10/9/02 -49.1%	3/9/09 -56.8%	3/23/20 -33.9%	10/12/22 -25.4%
Return needed to break-even	27.3%	38.8%	28.5%	56.4%	93.1%	24.1%	37.2%	50.4%	96.6%	129.5%	51.3%	34.1%
Days to break-even	233	299	143	451	1,462	366	58	414	1,166	1008	101	?
1-yr after	31.0%	32.4%	32.9%	43.7%	38.0%	12.6%	58.3%	22.5%	33.7%	68.6%	77.8%	?
3-yr after	15.2%	16.7%	8.3%	15.9%	15.8%	14.3%	22.4%	16.4%	15.5%	10.4%	?	?
5-yr after	9.9%	11.9%	6.4%	5.5%	12.0%	2.1%	26.6%	17.4%	15.0%	7.9%	?	?

Morningstar as of 1/31/23. Stock market represented by S&P 500. Stocks PR Index. Principal return only, dividends not included. Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index.

The most reliable recession indicator and the bonds versus cash question

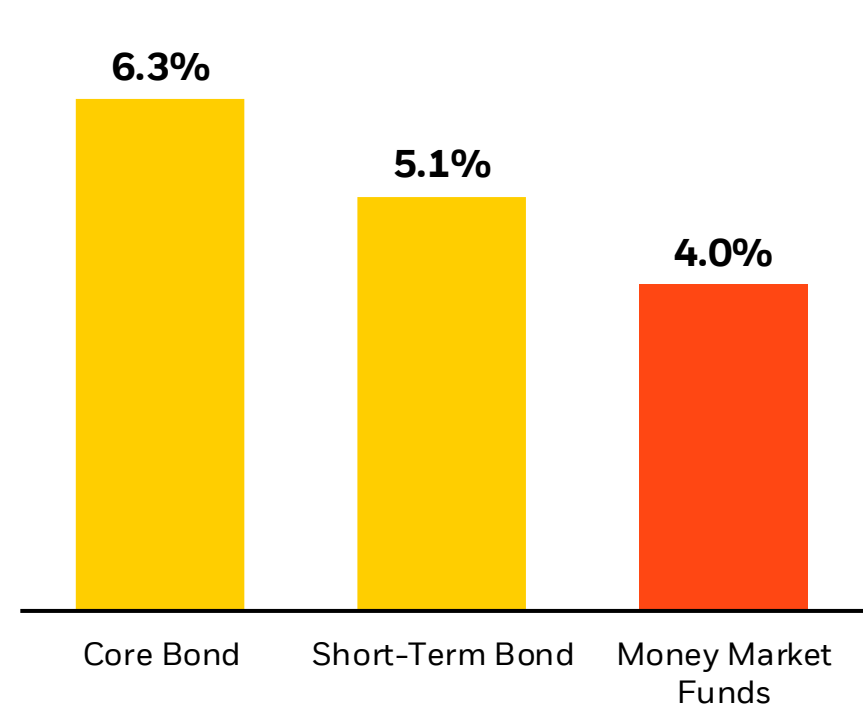
10-year U.S. Treasury bond yield minus 3-month Treasury bill yield

Last 40+ years (since 1/1/82)



Asset class performance 12 months following an inversion in 10-year/3-month Treasury yields

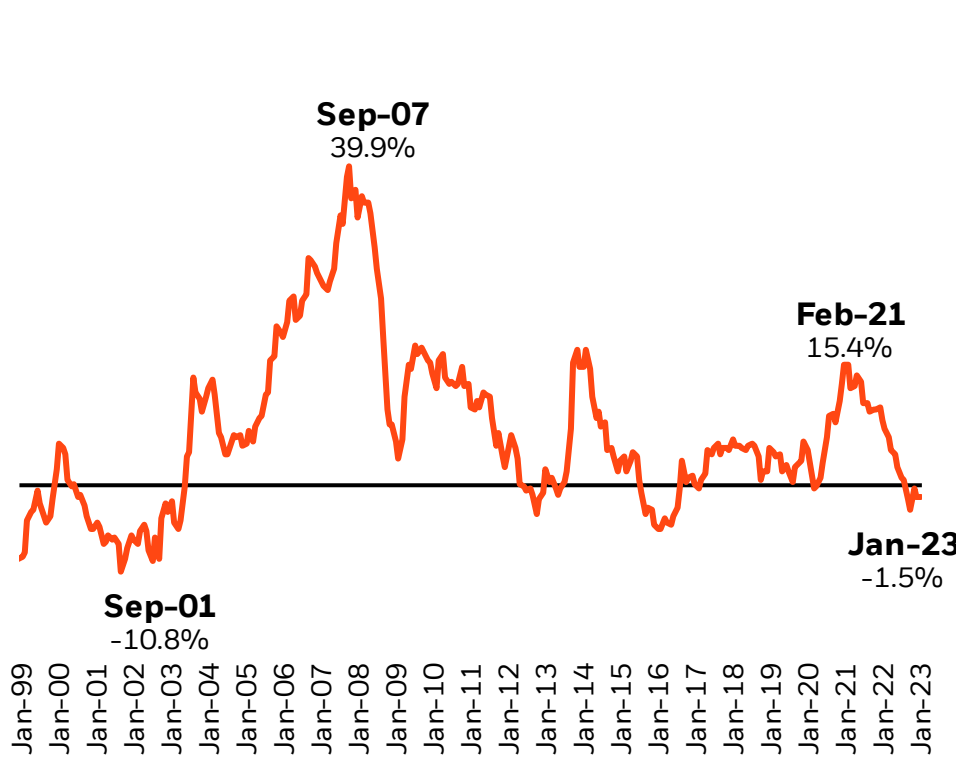
Average returns since 1982



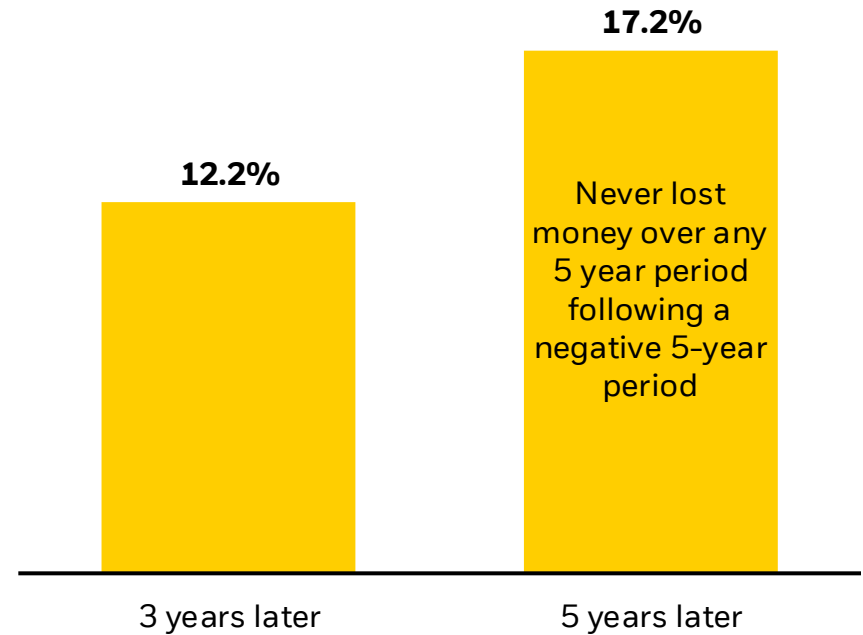
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Time to consider emerging markets?

Emerging market stocks rolling 5 year returns
5-year rolling returns since index inception (1/1/1994)



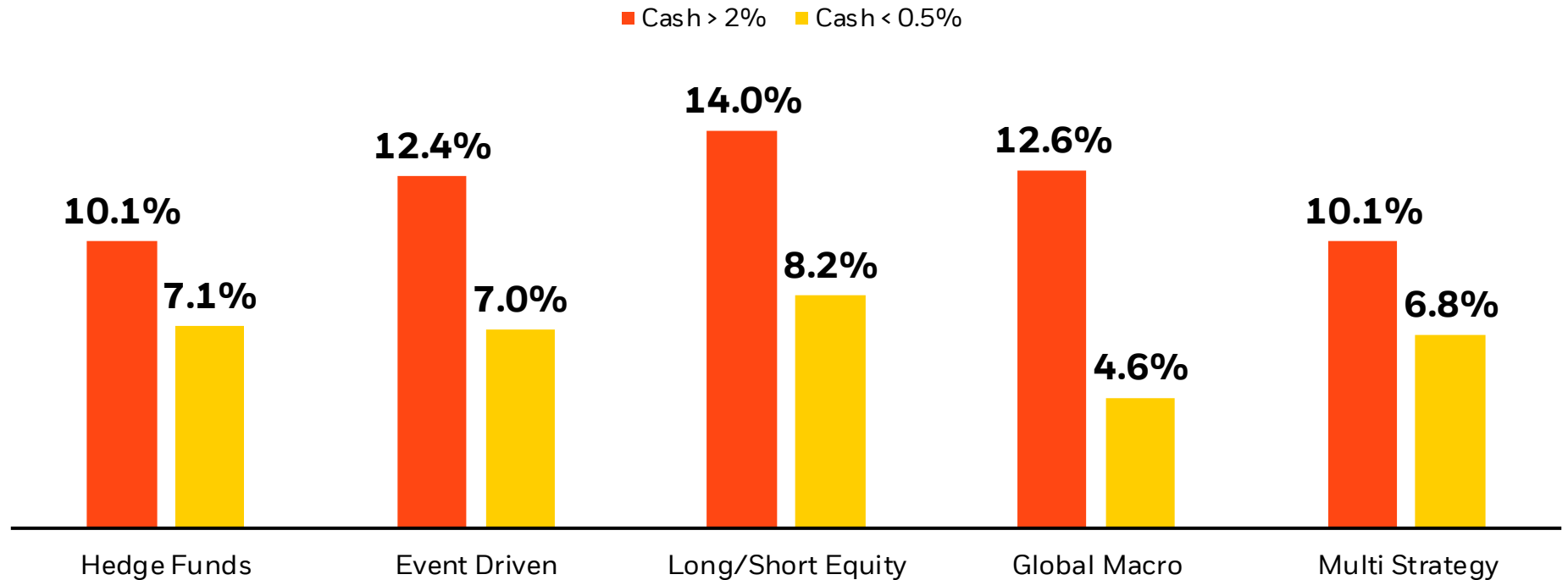
Investing in emerging market stocks following a negative 5-year return period
Average returns since 1994



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Alternative asset classes do better historically when the return on “cash” is higher

Alternative index performance in different cash return environments
Median return since 1/1/1994



Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/22. Hedge Funds are represented by the Credit Suisse Hedge Fund Index, Event Driven by the Credit Suisse Event Driven Index, Long Short Equity by the Credit Suisse Long/Short Equity Index and Global Macro by the Credit Suisse Global Macro Index, Multi-Strategy by the Credit Suisse Multi Strategy Index. Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.

The last interest rate hike to the first cut

Historically the time between the last time the Federal Reserve raises interest rates until they pivot and cut

Average time between the last Fed rate hike and the first Fed rate cut

(1/1/94 – 1/31/22)

10.5 Months



The range of time has been as short as 6 months ('95 was the last time they quickly raised rates) and as long as 18 months

Specific periods the last Fed increase to the first cut

(1/1/94 – 1/31/22)

Last Federal Reserve rate increase	First Federal Reserve rate cut	Time in between
2/1/95	7/6/95	6 months
3/25/97	9/29/98	18 months
5/16/00	1/3/01	7.5 month
6/29/06	9/18/07	14.5 months
12/20/18	8/1/2019	7.5 months
Average		10.5 months

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Returns as of 1/31/23	1 Year Return	5 Year Avg. Annual Return	10 Year Avg. Annual Return
S&P 500 TR USD	-8.22	9.54	12.68
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	-8.36	0.86	1.43
Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield TR USD	-5.22	2.96	4.28
Credit Suisse Equity Market Neutral USD	1.71	1.16	1.87
Credit Suisse Event Driven USD	-6.80	3.19	3.45
Credit Suisse Global Macro USD	15.89	8.33	5.46
Credit Suisse Hedge Fund USD	1.06	4.25	4.24
Credit Suisse Multi-Strategy USD	1.27	3.95	5.19
FTSE Emerging TR USD	-10.75	-0.21	2.79
IA SBBI US IT Govt TR USD	-6.45	1.04	1.06
IA SBBI US Large Stock TR USD Ext	-8.22	9.54	12.68
MSCI EAFE NR USD	-2.83	2.13	4.95
MSCI EM NR USD	-12.12	-1.48	2.07
Russell 1000 Growth TR USD	-16.02	11.22	14.53
Russell 1000 Value TR USD	-0.43	6.94	10.15
Russell 2000 TR USD	-3.38	5.54	9.36
US Fund Bank Loan	-0.11	2.31	2.81
US Fund High Yield Bond	-4.82	2.33	3.43
US Fund Intermediate Core Bond	-8.76	0.70	1.26
US Fund Multisector Bond	-5.61	1.45	2.44
US Fund Short-Term Bond	-2.96	1.26	1.18

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