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Quarterly Market Review

Q1 2023

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This report features Capstone market commentary, world capital market performance data, and a timeline of events for the past quarter.

FIRST QUARTER 2023

- It starts with our commentary about what's been happening lately in the markets.
- It contains returns data for major public market asset classes including equities (stocks), fixed income (bonds), real estate (REITs), and commodities.
- □ It concludes with our updated market outlook.

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Market Review

CAPSTONE COMMENTARY



STOCKS GAINED IN THE FIRST QUARTER AMID CHANGING EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE PATH OF INTEREST RATES

- Global stock markets gained materially in the first quarter, posting their strongest start to a year since 2019. Yet, stock markets experienced a bumpy ride throughout the first three months.
- In January, optimism regarding the potential end to the Federal Reserve's rate hikes helped fuel a stock market rally. However, the Fed squashed that sentiment amid persistent inflation in February, resulting in market declines.
- Stocks continued to struggle into March amid news of several bank failures. But quick intervention from the Fed to stabilize the financial system (and another rate expectations reset) resulted in a stock market rebound to end the quarter.

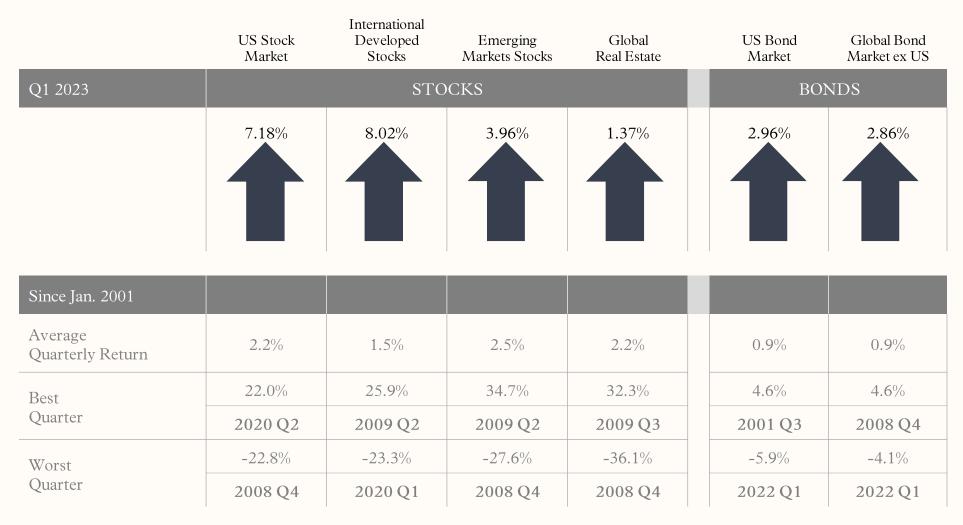
SIMILARLY, BOND MARKETS GAINED MATERIALLY GIVEN INVESTOR DEMAND FOR SAFE-HAVEN ASSETS

- After one of the worst years in history for bonds in 2022, bond markets finished the first quarter in positive territory.
- The Fed raised its short-term policy interest rate by 0.25% in February and again in March, indicating that more rate increases might still be necessary to quell inflation.
- Moreover, central banks in Europe and the U.K. raised rates by 1% and 0.75%, respectively, amid still-high inflation.
- However, despite these policy rate moves, yields on longer-term bonds declined as bond prices increased broadly, given investor demand for safe-haven assets in the wake of the banking industry's turmoil.

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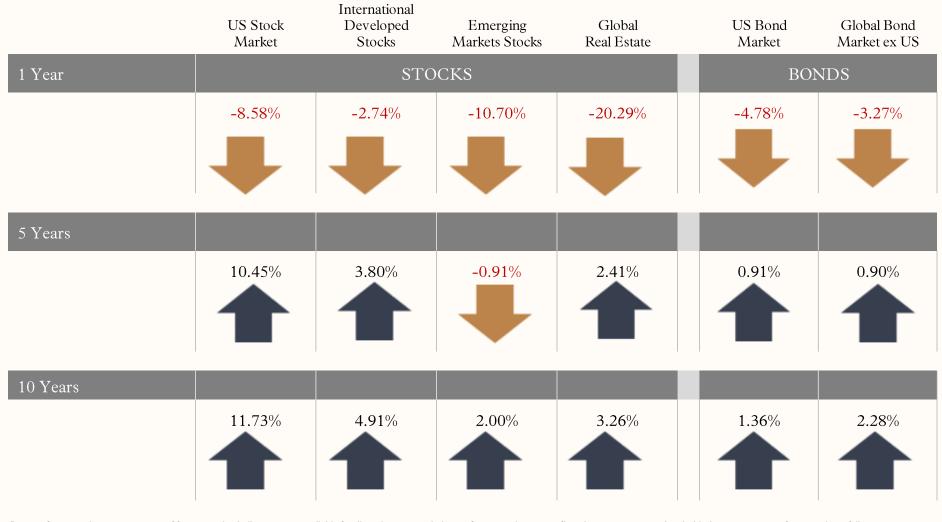
Market Returns Summary (Q1)



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Market Returns Summary (Long-Term)

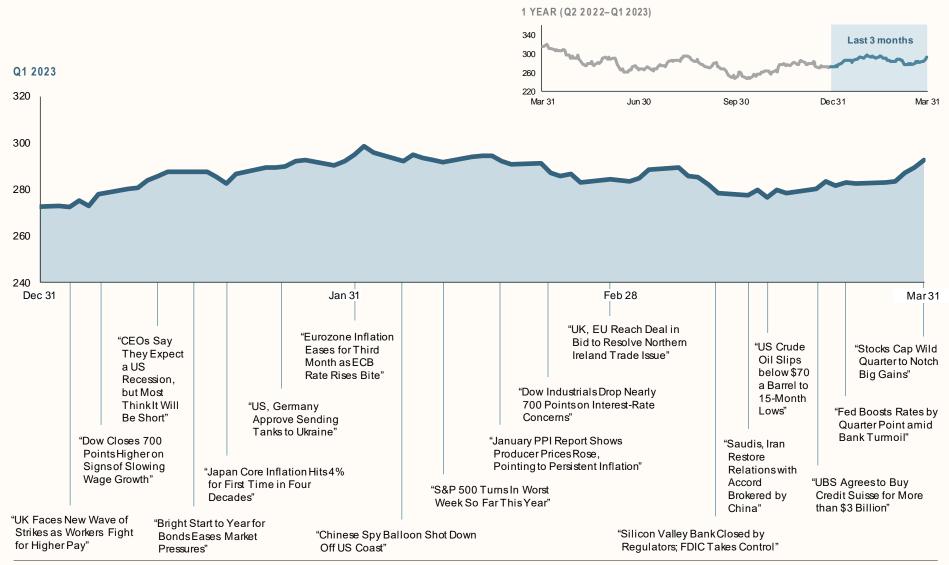


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World Stock Market Performance

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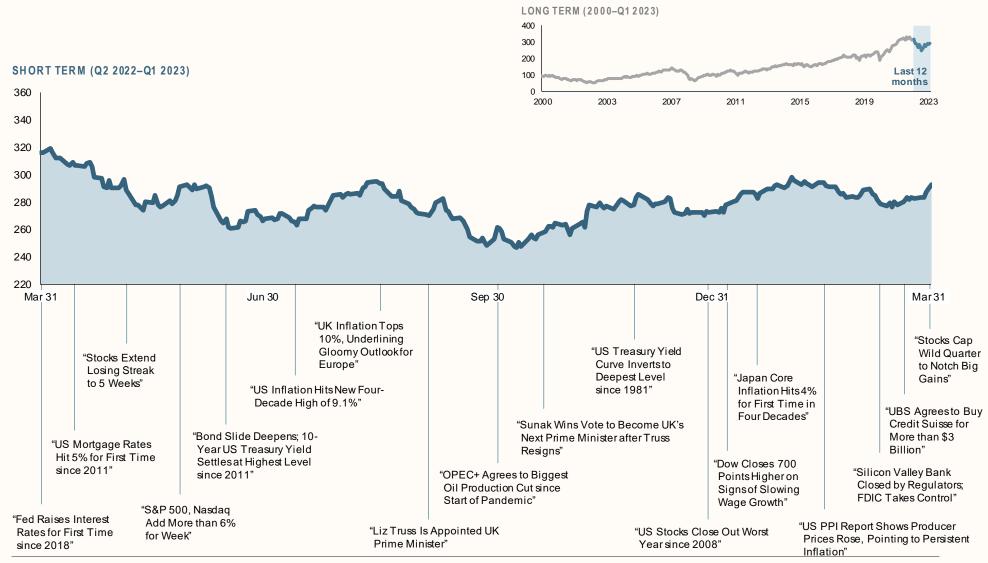


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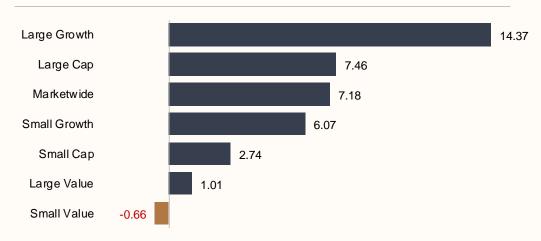
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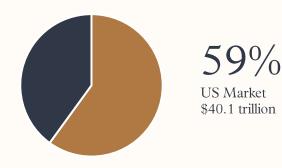
US Stocks FIRST QUARTER 2023 INDEX RETURNS

- The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed non-US developed markets, but outperformed emerging markets.
- Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.
- Small cap stocks underperformed large cap stocks.

Q1 RANKED RETURNS (%)



WORLD MARKET CAPITALIZATION—US



PERIOD RETURNS (%)

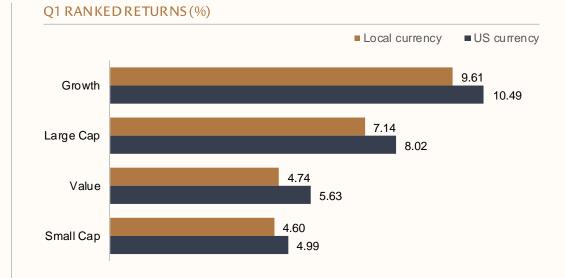
			Annualized				
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years		
Large Grow th	14.37	-10.90	18.58	13.66	14.59		
Large Cap	7.46	-8.39	18.55	10.87	12.01		
Marketw ide	7.18	-8.58	18.48	10.45	11.73		
Small Grow th	6.07	-10.60	13.36	4.26	8.49		
Small Cap	2.74	-11.61	17.51	4.71	8.04		
Large Value	1.01	-5.91	17.93	7.50	9.13		
Small Value	-0.66	-12.96	21.01	4.55	7.22		

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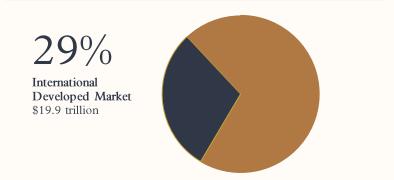


International Developed Stocks

- Developed markets outside of the US posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed both US and emerging markets.
- Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.
- Small cap stocks underperformed large cap stocks.



WORLD MARKETCAPITALIZATION—INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPED



PERIOD RETURNS (%)

			Annualized				
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years		
Grow th	10.49	-4.04	11.15	4.96	5.77		
Large Cap	8.02	-2.74	13.49	3.80	4.91		
Value	5.63	-1.85	15.32	2.18	3.80		
Small Cap	4.99	-10.13	13.43	1.54	5.54		

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Emerging Markets Stocks FIRST QUARTER 2023 INDEX RETURNS

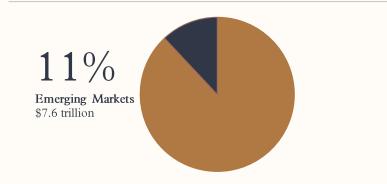
- Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed both US and non-US developed markets.
- Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.
- Small cap stocks underperformed large cap stocks.



PERIOD RETURNS(%)



WORLD MARKET CAPITALIZATION—EMERGING MARKETS



Annualized Asset Class OTR 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years Grow th 4.00 -11.87 5.65 -0.79 Large Cap 3.96 -10.70 7.83 -0.91 3.91 -9.44 10.04 -1.15 Value

-10.99

20.68

1.80

3.87

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Small Cap

10 Years

3.18

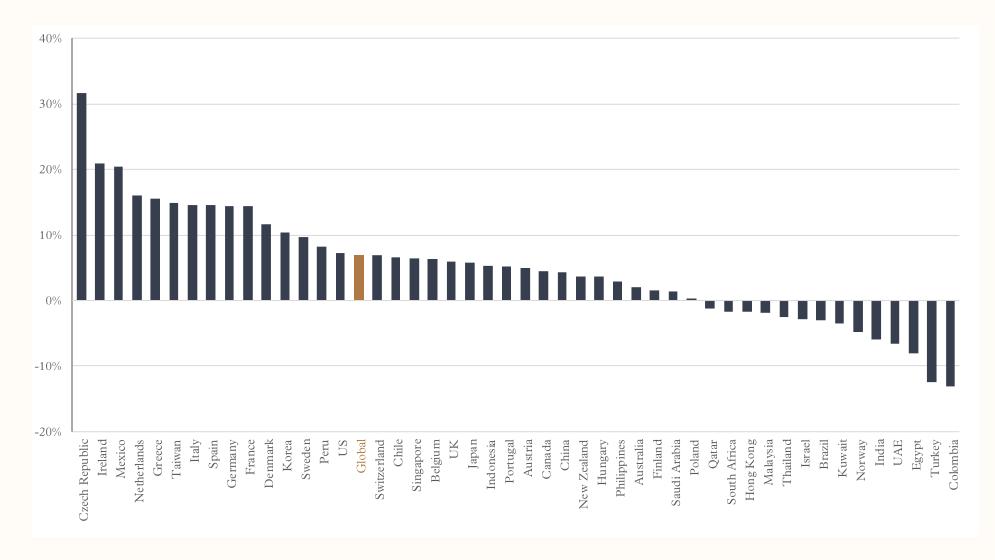
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Country Returns FIRST QUARTER 2023 INDEX RETURNS



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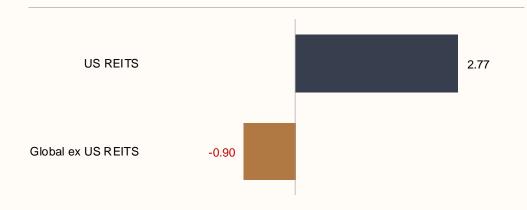


Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) FIRST QUARTER 2023 INDEX RETURNS

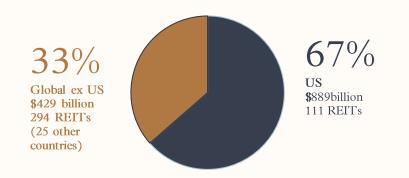
- REIT markets broadly underperformed stock markets during the quarter.
- US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

Q1 RANKED RETURNS (%)

PERIOD RETURNS(%)



TOTAL VALUE OF REIT STOCKS



			Annualized			
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
US REITS	2.77	-20.98	11.32	4.66	5.31	
Global ex US REITS	-0.90	-20.93	4.83	-2.06	0.79	

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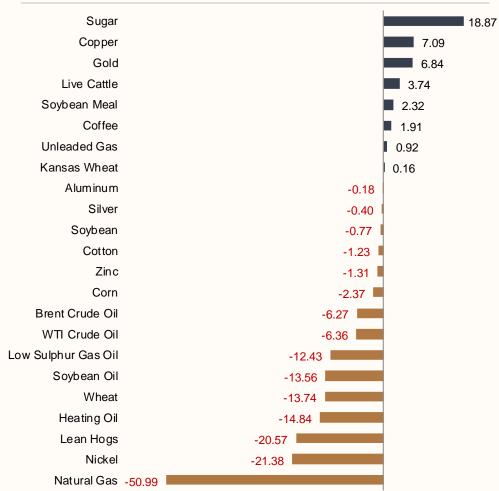
Commodities FIRST QUARTER 2023 INDEX RETURNS

- The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned -5.36% for the first quarter of 2023.
- Natural Gas and Nickel were the worst performers, returning -50.99% and -21.38% during the quarter, respectively.
- Sugar and Copper were the best performers, returning +18.87% and +7.09% during the quarter, respectively.

PERIOD RETURNS (%)

			Annualized			
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
Commodities	-5.36	-12.49	20.82	5.36	-1.72	

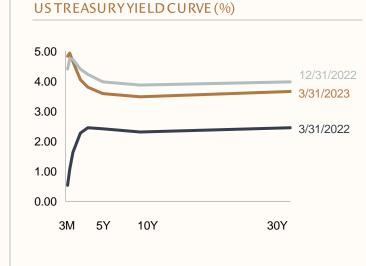
Q1 RANKED RETURNS (%)



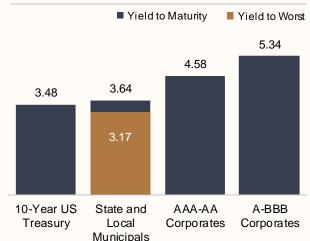


Fixed Income First Quarter 2023 Index returns

- Within the US Treasury market during the first quarter of 2023, interest rates generally increased in the ultrashort-term segment and decreased in the short- to long-term segment.
- On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield increased 62 basis points (bps) to 4.74%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield decreased 9 bps to 4.64%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note decreased 35 bps to 4.06%.
- The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note decreased 39 bps to 3.60%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note decreased 40 bps to 3.48%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond decreased 30 bps to 3.67%.
- In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +1.87% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +2.27%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +1.68% and intermediateterm corporate bonds returned +2.50%.¹
- The total returns for short- and intermediateterm municipal bonds were +1.37% and +2.35%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned +2.59% while revenue bonds returned +2.96%.²



BOND YIELD ACROSS ISSUERS (%)



Appuolized

PERIOD RETURNS (%)

			Annualized		
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	6.16	-15.94	-11.25	-0.36	1.44
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	3.57	-3.34	5.91	3.21	4.10
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	3.34	-6.06	1.75	2.94	1.49
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.96	-4.78	-2.77	0.91	1.36
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	2.78	0.26	0.35	2.03	2.38
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	2.08	-3.38	-1.99	-1.06	-0.71
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	1.81	-0.40	-0.89	1.06	1.14
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	1.25	1.02	0.08	1.29	0.85
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.07	2.50	0.89	1.41	0.87

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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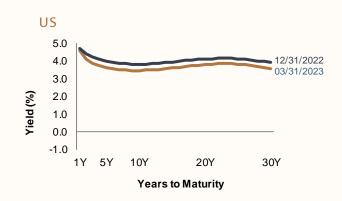


Global Fixed Income

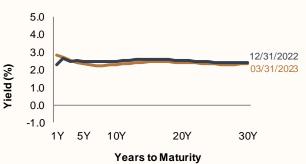
- Except for ultrashort-term government bonds in the German and UK markets, interest rates generally decreased within global developed markets for the quarter.
- Realized term premiums were positive in global developed markets.
- In Japan, ultrashort-term nominal interest rates were negative. In Germany, the UK, Canada, and Australia the short-term segment of the yield curve was inverted.

CHANGES IN YIELDS (BPS) SINCE 12/31/2022

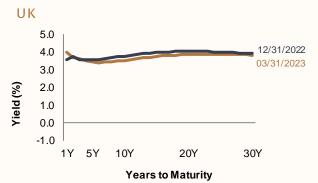
	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-11.4	-37.9	-34.8	-31.3	-32.2
UK	44.6	-13.5	-24.6	-17.0	-8.8
Germany	56.9	-15.6	-19.5	-11.5	-8.0
Japan	-13.0	-15.9	-15.5	-25.7	-27.0
Canada	-20.3	-39.9	-38.8	-22.7	-22.5
Australia	-19.4	-65.3	-73.3	-61.7	-54.6



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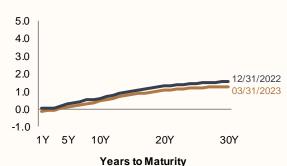




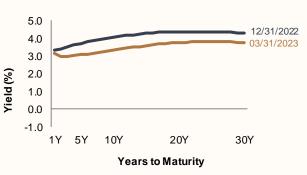


JAPAN

Yield (%)



AUSTRALIA



Market Outlook

CAPSTONE COMMENTARY



STOCK MARKET VOLATILITY IS LIKELY TO REMAIN, BUT THE RECOVERY COULD CONTINUE

- Stock markets will likely remain highly volatile in the near term amid uncertainty about the potential economic impact of the recent banking sector stress and subsequent central bank monetary policy.
- Although regardless of what happens with changes in credit lending conditions and interest rates, corporate earnings growth is widely expected to slow (if not decline) throughout 2023.
- Declining margins amid persistently higher interest rates and cost pressures could put downward pressure on stock markets if profits come in weaker than currently expected.
- However, notwithstanding the gains in the first quarter, global stock markets are still down over 13% since the highs in early January 2022. As such, looming earnings declines are discounted in stock prices, and valuations look reasonable in most regions and sectors.
- Moreover, central banks are likely almost done raising interest rates, which is good news for stock prices; historically, markets tend to perform well in the 12 months following an end of an interest rate tightening cycle.
- We are not looking at clear skies yet, but calmer waters, especially after a tumultuous March, could support stocks for the remainder of the year.

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BOND RETURNS SHOULD IMPROVE MATERIALLY AS INTEREST RATE INCREASES END

- The severe bond market volatility investors experienced last year should continue subsiding.
- The significant rise in interest rates over the past year has resulted in bonds offering much higher current yields.
- Furthermore, most major central banks will likely stop raising interest rates in 2023, removing a key source of uncertainty for bond investors. When the Fed stops raising rates, a positive bond environment has historically followed.
- Moreover, should we enter a recession, high-quality, intermediate-term bonds should provide additional capital appreciation if and when central banks eventually start to cut rates.
- High-quality bonds, including government, investment-grade corporate, securitized, and municipal bonds, will once again prove to be resilient during a potential recessionary period.

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