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Last Week's Performance







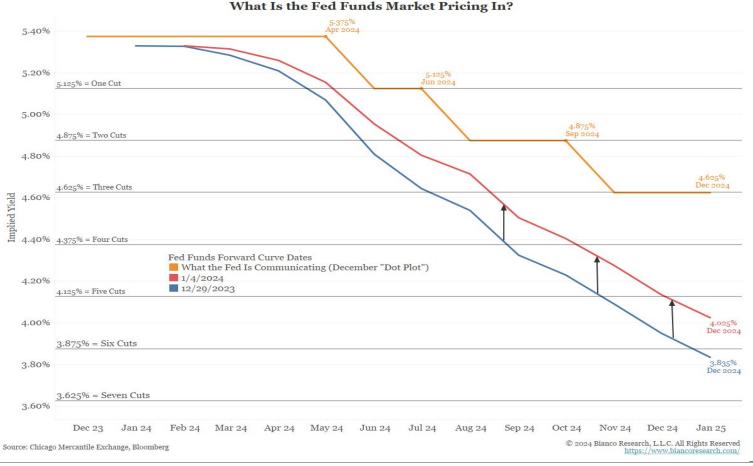
Commodities

US Total Mkt Bonds International Developed Mkt Stocks US Large Stocks

US Small Company Stocks

Chart #1: Interest Rate Cuts?





One of the big differences we see in our view versus the market consensus has to do with the US Federal Reserve cutting interest rates. As the Federal Reserve (Fed) showed in 2022, underestimating the Fed can be dangerous. We will reiterate that, with a relatively healthy economy and labor market, the Fed will have a difficult time migrating down to where the market is priced. Currently, our belief lies closer to what the Fed is indicating in the "Dot Plot" versus what many other market participants believe.

Chart #2: Investor Expectations Are Too High



EXPECTATION GAP BY COUNTRY	Investors' long-term return expectations	Expectations Gap	Financial professionals' long-term expectations (2022)*
Global	12.8%	42%	9.0%
US	15.6%	123%	7.0%
Australia	12.5%	81%	6.9%
Hong Kong	12.4%	63%	7.6%
Canada	10.6%	63%	6.5%
Japan	13.6%	56%	8.7%
Italy	9.6%	52%	6.3%
Germany	10.1%	44%	7.0%
Spain	10.6%	39%	7.6%
Switzerland	9.6%	39%	6.9%
France	8.9%	35%	6.6%
UK	8.1%	31%	6.2%
Mexico	14.7%	5%	14.0%
Chile	15.1%	4%	14.5%
Singapore	14.5%	2%	14.2%

Looking at other areas where expectations appear to be incongruent is with individual investor expectations. After a big up year for 2023, global investors appear to have unrealistic, long-term expectations.

This becomes problematic for markets as the S&P 500 currently trades at a trailing twelve-month P/E ratio of 22x.

The 100-year TTM P/E ratio for stocks has been ~16x.

*Natixis Investment Managers, Global Survey of Financial Professionals conducted by CoreData Research in March and April 2022 Survey Included 2,700 respondents in 16 countries.

Source: 2023 Natixis Investor Survey



Appendix

Correction / Recession Indicators



Market Price Indicators				
Commodities Trend (50 Day Moving Average) ¹	Declining	1		
S&P 500 Trend (200 Day Moving Average) ¹	Above	1		
High Yield Credit Spreads (579 bps ave) ²	369			
BBB Credit Spreads (172 bps ave) ²	134			
Yield Curve 10yr – 3M (175 bps ave) ²	-142			
Yield Curve 10yr -2yr ²	-35			
NYSE Advance/Decline Line (month/month) ¹	Advancing			

Economic Indicators		
Continued Unemployment Claims (mln) ²	1,888	
GDP Nowcast (1.5-2.5% ave) ⁵	2.5%	
Case-Schiller HPI (y/y) ⁶	3.9%	
US ISM Manufacturing (>50= expansion) ²	47.4	
US ISM Services (>50= expansion) ²	50.6	
Headline Consumer Price Index (y/y) ²	3.14%	
Leading Economic Index (m/m) ²	-0.5%	

Sentiment Indicators			
CNN Fear/Greed Index ³	Greed		
AAII % Bulls Sentiment (39% ave) ⁴	48.6%	1	
Volatility Index (13-19 ave) ¹	14.3%		
CBOE Total Put/Call Ratio (range = 0.9 to 1.1) ¹	1.18		
% S&P 500 Above the 200 Day Moving Average (40-60 ave) ¹	77.4%	1	
Total Positive	5 / 19		
Total Negative	9 / 19		

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