

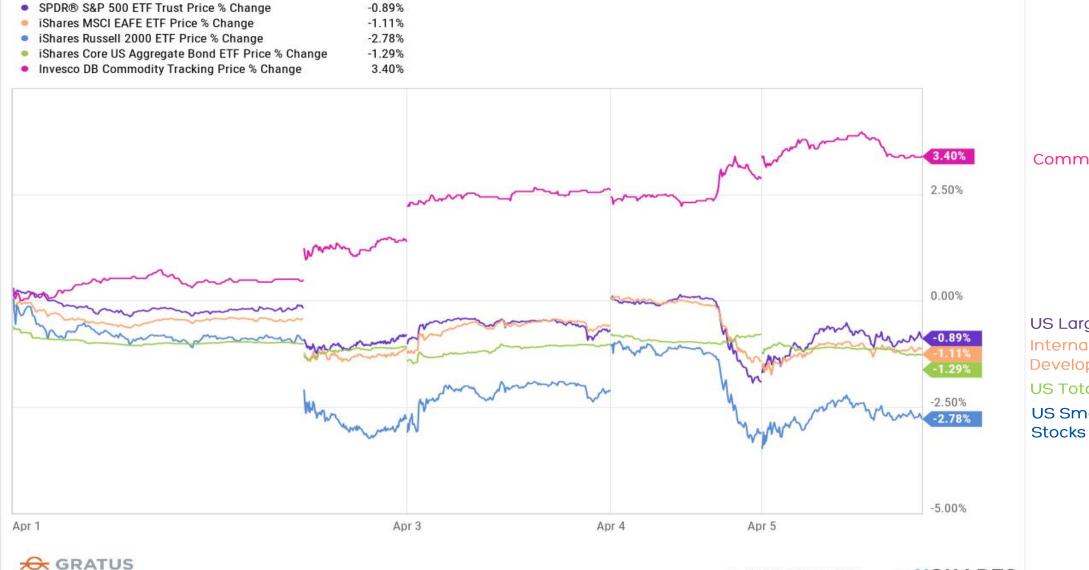


April 8, 2024

### Last Week's Performance

VAL





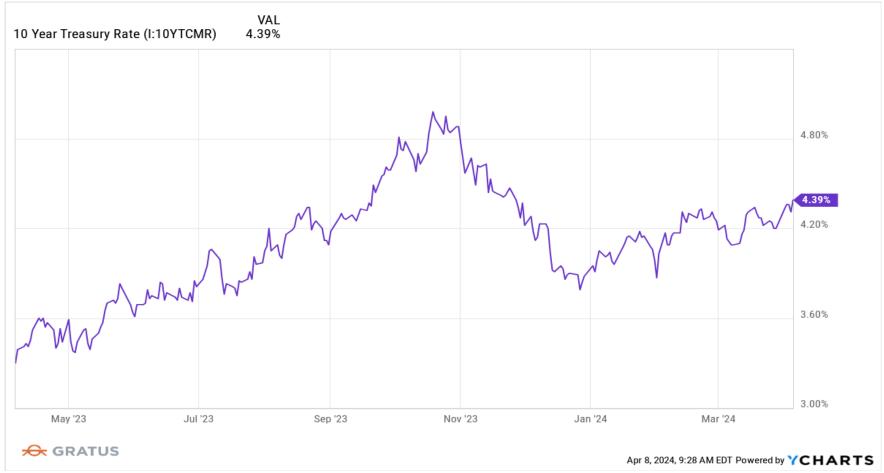
Commodities

**US Large Stocks** International **Developed Mkt Stocks US Total Mkt Bonds US Small Company** 

Apr 8, 2024, 9:27 AM EDT Powered by YCHARTS

## Chart #1: Yields Pressing Higher

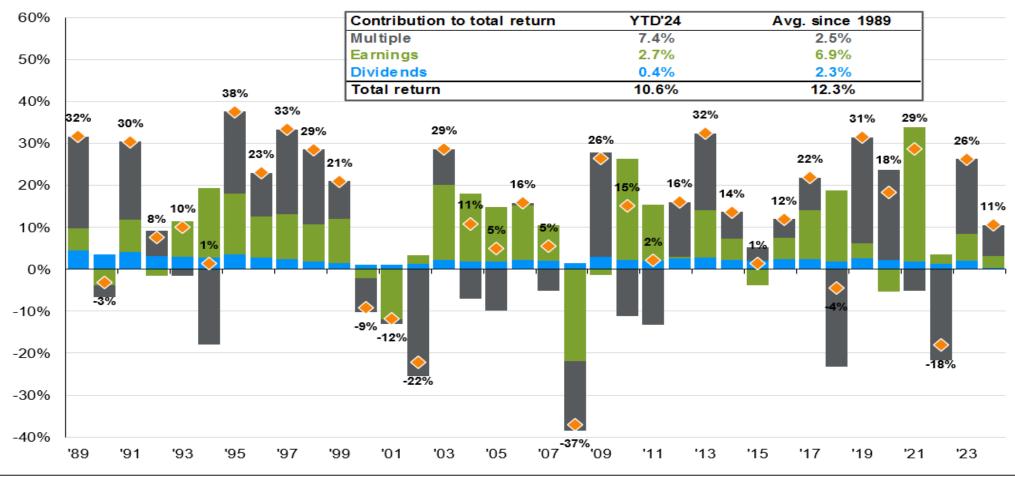




Over the last couple of weeks since our last TMWT, US Treasury yields have been inching higher. A combination of more "hawkish" comments from Federal Reserve governors plus better-than-expected growth in the economy have investors questioning the ability of the Fed to get inflation back down below 3%. Our position remains that the risk in yields remains to the upside.

## Chart #2: What Could Derail The Rally In Stocks?





With US economic data supportive (and strengthening) valuations on the overall S&P 500 are reflecting little turbulence on the horizon. While levels of valuation are approaching "stretched" conditions, it's important to remember that stocks don't collapse without a catalyst. Catalysts are notoriously difficult to spot ex ante. This is one reason we remain overweight US Large companies with a bias to trimming back holdings, while adding to midcap and international positions.



# Appendix

## Correction / Recession Indicators



Market Price Indicators		
Commodities Trend (50 Day Moving Average) <sup>1</sup>	Advancing	
S&P 500 Trend (200 Day Moving Average) <sup>1</sup>	Above	
High Yield Credit Spreads (579 bps ave) <sup>2</sup>	324	
BBB Credit Spreads (172 bps ave) <sup>2</sup>	115	
Yield Curve 10yr – 3M (175 bps ave) <sup>2</sup>	-104	
Yield Curve 10yr -2yr <sup>2</sup>	-34	
NYSE Advance/Decline Line (month/month) <sup>1</sup>	Advancing	

Economic Indicators		
Continued Unemployment Claims (mln) <sup>2</sup>	1,939	
GDP Nowcast (1.5-2.5% ave) <sup>5</sup>	2.5%	
Case-Schiller HPI (y/y) <sup>6</sup>	5.1%	
US ISM Manufacturing (>50= expansion) <sup>2</sup>	50.3	1
US ISM Services (>50= expansion) <sup>2</sup>	51.4	
Headline Consumer Price Index (y/y) <sup>2</sup>	3.15%	
Leading Economic Index (m/m) <sup>2</sup>	-0.1%	

Sentiment Indicators		
CNN Fear/Greed Index <sup>3</sup>	Greed	
AAII % Bulls Sentiment (39% ave) <sup>4</sup>	47.3%	
Volatility Index (13-19 ave) <sup>1</sup>	13.06	
CBOE Total Put/Call Ratio (range = 0.9 to 1.1) <sup>1</sup>	1.19	
% S&P 500 Above the 200 Day Moving Average (40-60 ave) <sup>1</sup>	79.2%	1
Total Positive	7 / 19	
Total Negative	7 / 19	

### Disclosure



Gratus Capital, LLC (Gratus) is a limited liability company that provides investment advisory services, financial planning and other wealth management services to individuals and businesses. Gratus is an SEC Registered Investment Adviser and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Focus Financial Partners. Registration with the SEC does not imply any level of skill or training. Our Form ADV is available upon request.

The information contained in this summary is for informational purposes only and contains proprietary information that is subject to change without notice. Any opinions expressed are current as of the time made and subject to change without notice.

Gratus Office REIT Index was constructed to provide a proxy for the price performance of publicly traded office REITs. The inception of the index was Feb 24, 2011. Dividends are reinvested. The index is rebalanced quarterly and allocated as follows: 20% BXP, 20% HIW, 20% SLG, 20% VNO, 10% CUZ, and 10% AAT.

Past performance is not indicative of any specific investment or future results. Views regarding the economy, securities markets, or other specialized areas, like all predictors of future events, cannot be guaranteed to be accurate and may result in economic loss to the investor. Any information provided by Gratus regarding historical market performance is for illustrative and educational purposes only. Clients or prospective clients should not assume that their performance will equal or exceed historical market results and/or averages.

Gratus' portfolio recommendations may differ from the date of this publication and implementation in a portfolio. The information provided is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, investment, legal or tax advice. Nothing contained herein should be construed as a recommendation or advice to purchase or sell any security, investment or portfolio allocation. Any investment advice provided by Gratus is client-specific based on each client's risk tolerance and investment objectives.

If you have questions, please contact our team at: <a href="mailto:clientsupport@gratuscapital.com">clientsupport@gratuscapital.com</a>