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### Last Week's Performance







US Small Company Stocks

US Total Mkt Bonds International Developed Mkt Stocks US Large Stocks

Commodities



### Chart #1: Supportive Equity Market Momentum

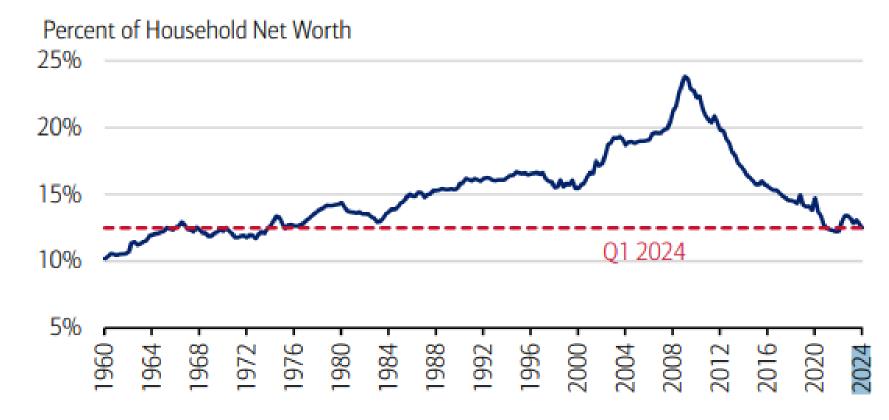




While we indicated last week that we remain skeptical of the rotation in the equity market, our core portfolios maintain a position in midcap companies. One reason to maintain this position has to do with supportive underlying market technical factors. An example is the NYSE Advance/Decline Line which broadly measure the number of stocks going up versus down. Notably, since October of 2022, the numbers of stocks moving higher in the NYSE has been rising.

#### Chart #2: Consumer Balance Sheet Looking Positive





Bureau of Economic Analysis; Federal Reserve; Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Data as of July

While many media outlets have been raising the alarm of a pending recession based on slowing retail sales, rising credit card delinquencies, etc., there are data points that tell a slightly different story. As the chart above shows, the consumer balance sheet (or debt in proportion to assets owned) hasn't looked this good since the 1970s. Low debt means consumers could utilized this capacity to spend if needed. In other words, the picture isn't so dire at present.



# 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>	310	
BBB Credit Spreads (172 bps ave) <sup>2</sup>	117	
Yield Curve 10yr – 3M (175 bps ave) <sup>2</sup>	-118	
Yield Curve 10yr -2yr <sup>2</sup>	-18	
NYSE Advance/Decline Line (month/month) <sup>1</sup>	Advancing	

Economic Indicators		
Continued Unemployment Claims (mln) <sup>2</sup>	1,823	
GDP Nowcast (1.5-2.5% ave) <sup>5</sup>	2.7%	
Case-Schiller 20 Mkt HPI (y/y) <sup>6</sup>	7.16%	
US ISM Manufacturing (>50= expansion) <sup>2</sup>	48.5	
US ISM Services (>50= expansion) <sup>2</sup>	48.8	
Headline Consumer Price Index (y/y) <sup>2</sup>	3.27%	
Leading Economic Index (m/m) <sup>2</sup>	-0.5%	

Sentiment Indicators		
CNN Fear/Greed Index <sup>3</sup>	Neutral	
AAII % Bulls Sentiment (39% ave) <sup>4</sup>	43%	
Volatility Index (13-19 ave) <sup>1</sup>	16.8	
CBOE Total Put/Call Ratio (range = 0.9 to 1.1) <sup>1</sup>	1.04	
% S&P 500 Above the 200 Day Moving Average (40-60 ave) <sup>1</sup>	76%	
Total Positive	3 / 19	
Total Negative	12 / 19	

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