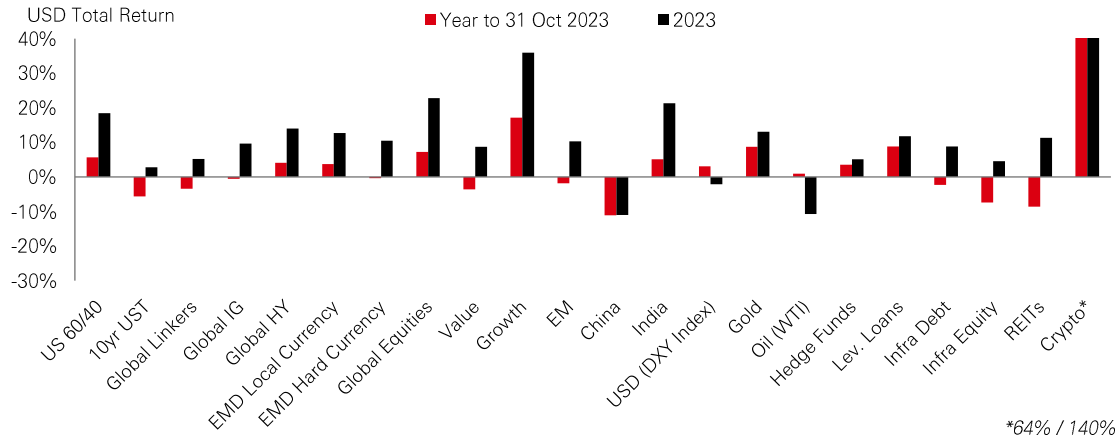


Chart of the week – Eventful markets in 2023


Former UK Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was once asked by a journalist what he feared the most: “events, dear boy”, was his reply. For investors, 2023 was certainly an eventful year, even if the strong performance and ‘rally in everything’ at the end of the year adds a shine to annual market returns.

During the year, investors had to navigate some wild shifts in the investment narrative. From the turmoil in US regional banks in March, to the excitement about AI since May. And from the bond market sell-off and ‘higher for longer rates’ in late summer, to geopolitical strains in October. Until, finally, a huge cross-asset rally in everything in November and December, connected to growing optimism in the economic soft landing and Fed rate cuts.

Where does this ‘market schizophrenia’ leave us? While recent data clearly supports the soft-landing narrative, and that remains a distinct possibility for 2024, there are also significant risks and uncertainties. It could be, for example, that the end of 2023 rally has merely borrowed returns from 2024 and set us up for weaker asset markets this year. Or the many elections and elevated geopolitical risk in 2024 could create market volatility. Or perhaps recession arrives just as economists have given-up on that forecast. Or maybe inflation will prove to be stickier than economists currently assume, and policy makers are once again forced into a more hawkish strategy.

Our view is that it looks like an environment where ‘bonds are back’ in 2024. But also one that could be tricky and volatile for risk asset classes. For investors, the maxim maybe to prepare to be surprised.

Market Spotlight
A solid year for Asian equities

Many Asian stock markets enjoyed solid returns in 2023, with India, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan all delivering double-digit gains. But in Hong Kong and China – where there had been high hopes of a post-Covid re-opening boom – stocks struggled for momentum all year.

India’s strong performance – with the MSCI India index rising by 19.2% – was a nod to the country’s eye-catching growth trajectory. While investor enthusiasm stretched valuations in places, the earnings forecasts for Indian firms remain solid. **Our Asia specialists expect growth to continue there this year.**

Other themes were at play across the region, with firms in Taiwan and Korea seeing a pickup in their earnings outlook as chip demand recovered. In Japan, prices rose on the back of a boost in foreign investment flows and a push for investor-friendly corporate reforms.

Towards the end of 2023, Asian equities rallied on the easing of US Treasury yields. Heightened hopes of a soft landing in the west helped to lift prices through Q4 and took some markets to new highs by the year end.

2024 Forecasts →

Expectations for corporate and economic growth

Risk Assets →

Assessing the outlook for inflation and rates

High Yield Credit →

Credit remains attractive despite rising default risks



The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance does not predict future returns.

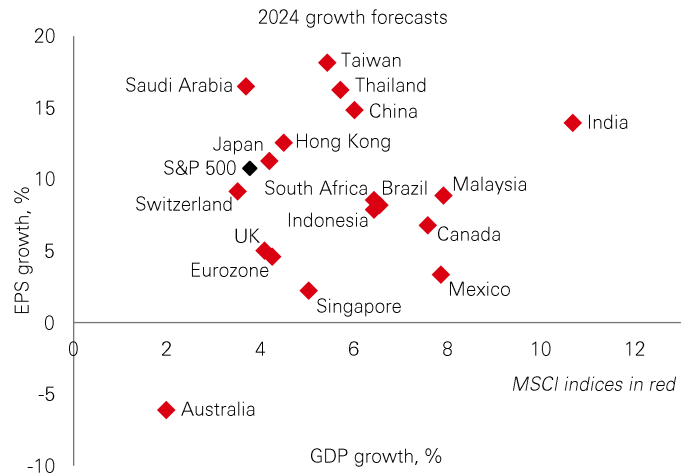
Source: HSBC Asset Management. Macrobond, Bloomberg. Data as at 10am UK time 05 January 2024.

What forecasters are expecting this year...

2023 was an annus horribilis for forecasters. At the start of 2024, confidence in clairvoyants probably isn't too high. But for investors, it's still useful to assess what assumptions the consensus opinion discounts.

In the US, consensus clearly adopts an assumption of 'soft landing'. Such an outcome is possible in the current 'fake' economic cycle, and given the experience of the mid-1990s. However, it would be ironic if recession risk emerges later in 2024, just as the economists have thrown in the towel. Meanwhile, Japan is expected to see strong profits growth again in 2024, and materially faster than in Europe. Macro trends look weak for Europe, but pessimism is already high.

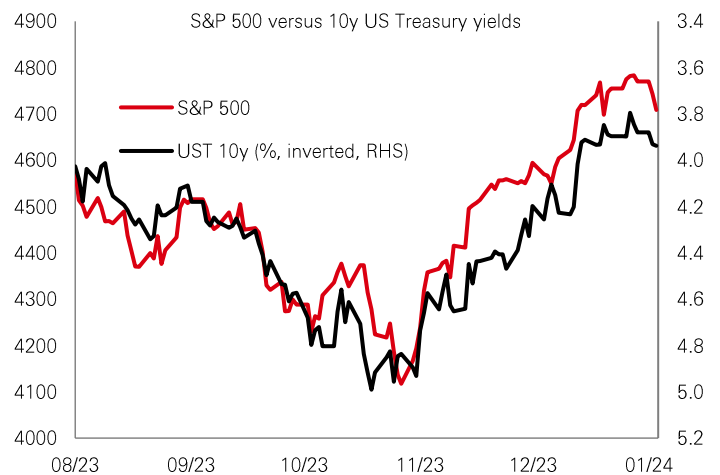
Meanwhile, emerging markets look idiosyncratic. Consensus expects weaker growth in Brazil and Mexico. But perhaps Latam still has some legs as interest rates fall and investors look for strategies amid the energy transition. Meanwhile, the bifurcation between India and China has been a key feature of EMs in 2023 and remains a top-of-mind theme for global investors.



Risk assets walking a tightrope

Risk assets ended 2023 on a strong footing, as resilient US growth and downward surprises to inflation led markets to price in meaningful rate cuts for 2024. A further supporting factor has been an unexpected liquidity boost via the Fed's balance sheet. A dramatic decline in the use of its reverse repo facility (where financial institutions deposit cash with the Fed and borrow USTs) pumped liquidity back into the financial system in 2023, especially in Q4, despite the Fed continuing to shrink its balance sheet.

However, risk assets are now exposed to several threats. If resilient labour markets prevent inflation converging to its 2% target across developed markets, central banks may be more cautious in cutting rates than assumed. The resulting increase in bond yields would put pressure on equities via a higher discount rate. On the flip side, if labour markets weaken by more than expected and economies lurch into recessions, earnings growth could disappoint to the downside, again putting risk assets under pressure. Moreover, the deeper we get into 2024, the more likely it becomes that quantitative tightening once again starts weigh on liquidity.

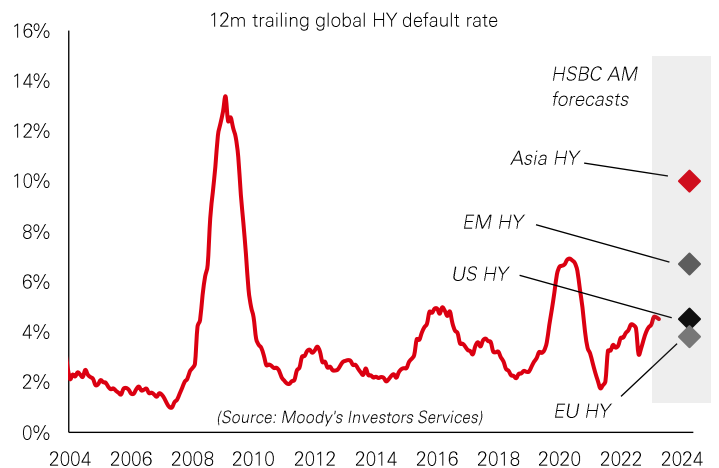


Credit still selectively attractive despite default risks

Selective areas of global credit delivered strong returns in 2023. But with valuations looking full in places, defaults in high yield have been picking up in recent months, and it comes as the proportion of bonds falling due over the next three years has been rising steadily.

In the years since the Covid pandemic, credit markets have enjoyed a tailwind from a raft of refinancing and maturity-extension activities that took place at the time. Credit defaults have been low, and with US markets increasingly taking the view that the economy is set for a soft landing, high yield bonds have performed well.

But with high yield now priced for an economic outcome many view with scepticism, there is a possibility that the market will reassess the probability of recession. Our credit specialists expect defaults to rise further in the coming months, but as long as any increase is gradual and disinflation allows central banks to ease policy, the damage to credit should be limited. Meanwhile, selective areas of credit continue to offer attractive income opportunities.



Past performance does not predict future returns. The level of yield is not guaranteed and may rise or fall in the future.

Source: HSBC Asset Management, Macrobond, Bloomberg, Climate Analytics and NewClimate Institute. Data as at 10am UK time 05 January 2024.



Asset class views

We continue to argue for a 'defensive growth' portfolio positioning, with a preference for selective areas of global fixed income. Our central scenario is consistent with a "problem of interest" for risk assets over the next 12 months. Inflation and interest rates are likely to remain elevated and fiscal policies are likely to have a more influential role in the direction of global economies than they have since the global financial crisis.

House view represents a 12-month investment view across major asset classes in our portfolios.

	Asset Class	-	View	+	Comments
Macro Factors	Global growth	■	■	■	A defensive asset allocation remains appropriate against a backdrop of elevated recession risk and market pricing which is consistent with a "soft landing" outcome in major developed markets
	Duration	■	■	■	After a sell-off in longer dated bonds in 2023, yields have eased back from their highs as markets begin to anticipate a timetable for rate cuts. A valuation reset and improved term premium mean that duration is being rewarded again
	Emerging Markets	■	■	■	Disinflationary trends are continuing to play out with many EM central banks likely to begin or continue cutting rates in early 2024. This supports the EM fixed income outlook. Sticky inflation and growth concerns remain the major risks
Bonds	10yr US Treasuries	■	■	■	Ten-year yields are likely to fall and the yield curve gradually steepen through 2024 as the Fed moves towards rate cuts. Resilient labour markets and sticky inflation have driven a narrative of higher-for-longer rates, but expectations are now shifting towards a timetable of policy easing
	Asia Local Bonds	■	■	■	Asia's more resilient growth impulse should be supportive. As core inflation moderates further, most central banks may have room for rate cuts in H2 2024 following a potential Fed policy easing, though bonds could stay volatile in the short run alongside moves in Treasury yields
	China Bonds	■	■	■	More proactive liquidity support from policymakers is likely, in addition to the already accommodative monetary backdrop. Although long-term diversification benefits remain intact, strong primary supply could limit the upside in the medium term
Credits	Global Credit	■	■	■	Credit spreads can widen as the economic cycle deteriorates and the risk of defaults increases. Nevertheless, amid stable corporate balance sheets, there are good income opportunities
	EM Corporate Bonds	■	■	■	EM sovereigns and EM corporates are at an inflection point after a dramatic improvement in EM creditworthiness. IMF-driven fiscal improvements and improved debt-GDP profile bode well for EM corporates, which have superior underlying quality, ratings momentum, and net issuance scarcity
	Asia IG	■	■	■	Disinflation with resilient growth is good for carry strategies like Asia IG with manageable default risks and improving macro fundamentals. Targeted fiscal and macro-prudential support by Chinese authorities for strategic priorities is a positive
	EMD Hard Currency Bonds	■	■	■	The technical environment is strong, with sovereigns expected to underperform corporates given the ongoing supply from governments compared to more prudence from EM corporate borrowers. Downside risks exist as deteriorating US economic data weighs on default risk pricing globally
Equities	DM Equities	■	■	■	There is continued scope for near-term gains given economic resilience, but recession risks remain. Valuations look slightly stretched in the US, while activity is sluggish in the eurozone and Asia. Equities in Japan look interesting in the context of a more robust earnings outlook
	EM Equities	■	■	■	EM risk premiums generally look generous, and the growth outlook is a relative bright spot in a global context. However, China's cyclical outlook is concerning and consistent with a more cautious view of EM overall. Policy support in China has increased, but more is needed
	Asia ex Japan	■	■	■	Macro uncertainties, geopolitics, margin erosion, and earnings downgrades remain key risks, but more policy rollouts in China to sustain growth momentum and less aggressive tightening by Asian central banks may offer some support. Dispersion in regional markets remains likely
Alternatives	Global Private Equity	■	■	■	As tighter financial conditions raise the cost of leverage, PE funds may face challenges in delivering as strong returns. However, the possibility of recession can create good entry points for longer-term investors. The investment case is about alpha, not beta
	Global Real Estate	■	■	■	Occupier fundamentals have been resilient. Sectors like logistics benefit from embedded rental growth, healthy occupier demand and thematic tailwinds. While office fundamentals are deteriorating, best in class offices post healthy rental growth
	Infrastructure Debt	■	■	■	Infrastructure debt offers better expected returns than global credits, with lower spread volatility during recessionary periods. In the event of a recession, infrastructure equity's defensive attributes are beneficial, with thematic drivers coming from the green transition

Past performance does not predict future returns. The level of yield is not guaranteed and may rise or fall in the future.

Source: HSBC Asset Management. Data as at 10am UK time 05 January 2024.



Key Events and Data Releases

This week

Date	Country	Indicator	Data as of	Actual	Prior	Comment
Tuesday 02 Jan.	CN	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	Dec	50.8	51	Official and Caixin PMI readings show a mixed picture, but more policy support is still needed to revive confidence and growth
	IN	HSBC Manufacturing PMI	Dec	54.9	56	Latest Indian data continued to show macro resilience, although sequential growth momentum may moderate gradually amid persistent external headwinds
Wednesday 03 Jan.	US	ISM Manufacturing	Dec	47.4	46.7	The manufacturing PMI index remains in negative territory with lower new orders pointing to further weakness near-term. Price intentions are low
	US	Fed 13 Dec Meeting Minutes				The Fed has signalled rates have peaked, but the committee stressed "further evidence that inflation pressures were abating to become confident in a sustained return of inflation to 2%."
Thursday 04 Jan.	CN	Caixin services PMI?	Dec	52.9	51.5	
	EZ	S&P Global Composite PMI	Dec	47.4	46.7	
	US	S&P Global Composite PMI	Dec	50.9	51.0	
Friday 05 Jan.	IN	GDP annual estimate (yoy)	2024	-	7.2%	Indian growth remains strong, driven by buoyant domestic demand
	EZ	CPI Estimate (yoy)	Dec	2.9%	2.4%	Euro area disinflation is becoming more evident, both in the goods and services sector. Lower unit labour costs growth is crucial to softer core inflation in coming months
	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (000s)	Dec	-	199	Latest labour market data is consistent with a gradual easing of labour market conditions. Wage pressures look set to moderate further in coming months

P – Preliminary, Q – Quarter, F – Final

EZ- Eurozone, CN – China, IN – India

The week ahead

Date	Country	Indicator	Data as of	Survey	Prior	Comment
Monday 08 Jan.	GE	Factory Orders (yoy)	Nov	1.0%	-7.3%	
Tuesday 09 Jan.	GE	Industrial Production (mom)	Nov	0.0%	-0.4%	The corporate sector remains in a cautious mode with increased signs of layoffs amid ongoing cyclical and structural challenges
	EZ	Unemployment Rate	Nov	6.6	6.5%	The labour market is showing increasing signs of cooling particularly in Germany
	MX	CPI (yoy)	Dec	4.6%	4.3%	Core inflation should soften near-term, pointing to scope for lower rates in coming months
Wed.10 January	US	US Fed member Williams gives a speech on 2024 Economic Outlook				
Thursday 11 Jan.	BR	IBGE Inflation IPCA (yoy)	Dec	-	4.68%	Headline inflation should continue to ease, paving the way for further gradual monetary easing
	US	CPI (yoy)	Dec	3.3%	3.1%	Disinflation pressures are most evident in the goods sector. Easing service sector inflation hinges on further signs of softer labour market conditions
Friday 12 January	CN	Trade Balance (USD bn)	Dec	76.2	68.4	
	UK	GDP (mom)	Nov	-	-0.3%	
	IN	CPI (yoy)	Dec	5.8%	5.6%	Higher food prices remain the key upside risk to headline inflation, core inflation should moderate further
	IN	Industrial Production (yoy)	Nov	4.0%	11.7%	Industrial production should remain resilient, supported by government subsidies, robust construction activity and supply diversification in Asia
Saturday 13 Jan.	TW	Presidential election				

P – Preliminary, Q – Quarter, F – Final

EZ- Eurozone, CN – China, GE – Germany, IN – India, BR – Brazil. MX- Mexico, TW – Taiwan

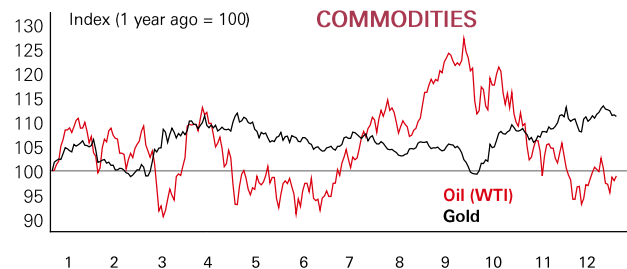
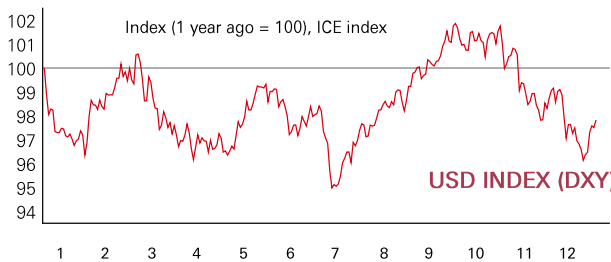
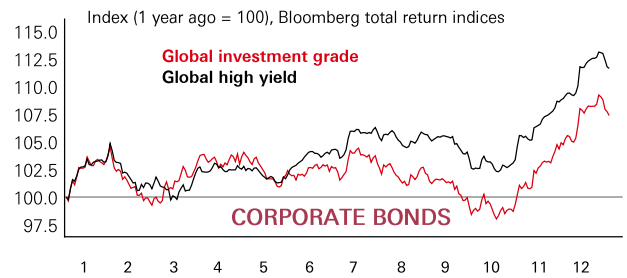
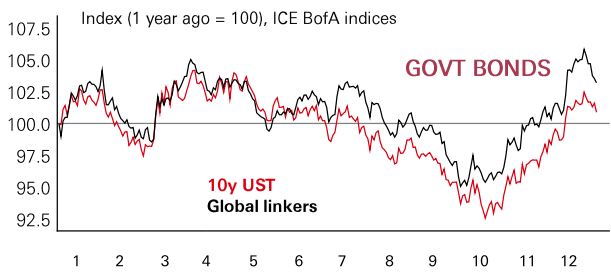
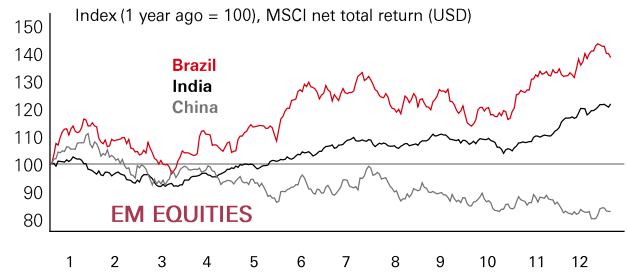
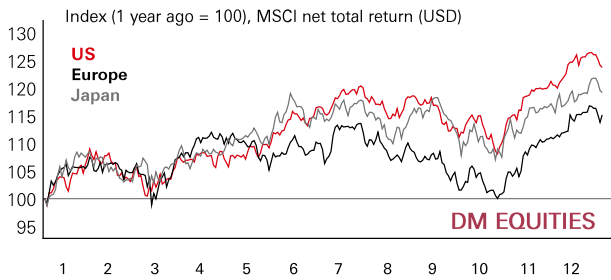
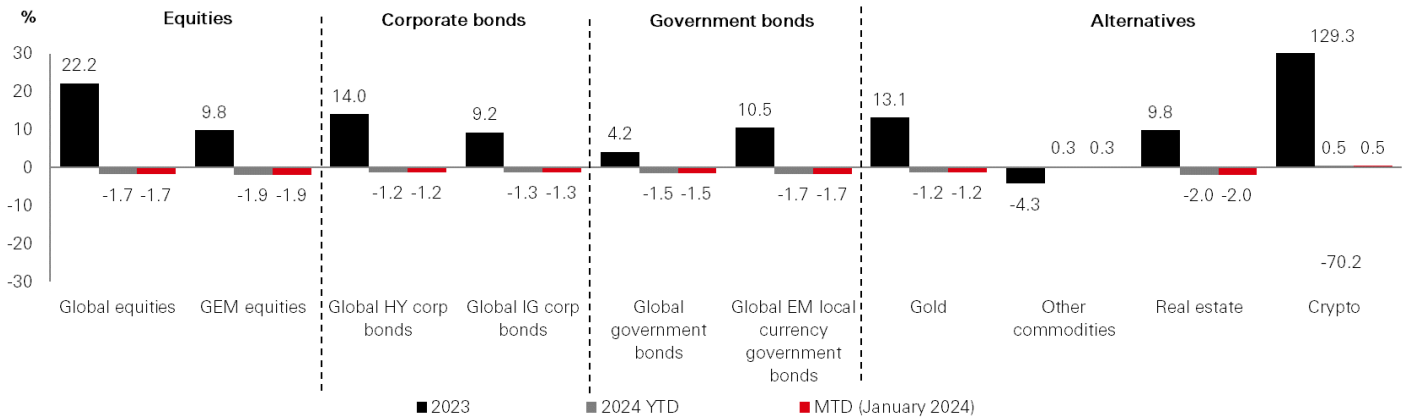
Past performance does not predict future returns.

Source: HSBC Asset Management.

This week

Following a strong performance in December 2023, risk markets began 2024 on the back foot as investors pared back expectations of an early Fed easing in a holiday-shortened week, with the US dollar rallying. The S&P 500 posted modest declines but fared better than the tech-heavy Nasdaq. European stocks lost ground, with Japan's Nikkei following suit. In EM, China's Shanghai composite index fell amid ongoing concerns about the Chinese economy. In fixed income, US Treasuries weakened as December's FOMC minutes signalled no urgency to ease, pressuring European government bonds. In commodities, rising geopolitical tensions boosted crude oil prices. Gold was range-bound, with central bank demand remaining strong. Meanwhile, copper softened amid lingering global demand concerns.

Selected asset performance



Past performance does not predict future returns. The level of yield is not guaranteed and may rise or fall in the future.

Source: HSBC Asset Management. Macrobond, Bloomberg. Data as at 10am UK time 05 January 2024.



Market data

Equity Indices	Close	1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	YTD Change (%)	52-week High	52-week Low	Fwd P/E (X)
World									
MSCI AC World Index (USD)	714	-1.8	3.0	10.3	17.9	-1.8	730	605	16.6
North America									
US Dow Jones Industrial Average	37,440	-0.7	3.6	13.0	13.7	-0.7	37,790	31,430	17.8
US S&P 500 Index	4,689	-1.7	2.7	10.1	23.1	-1.7	4,793	3,802	19.7
US NASDAQ Composite Index	14,510	-3.3	2.0	9.8	40.8	-3.3	15,150	10,265	26.6
Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index	20,871	-0.4	2.4	9.1	7.0	-0.4	21,091	18,692	13.9
Europe									
MSCI AC Europe (USD)	528	-1.0	3.5	12.3	13.3	-1.0	538	459	12.7
Euro STOXX 50 Index	4,430	-2.0	-0.5	8.0	11.9	-2.0	4,593	3,950	12.0
UK FTSE 100 Index	7,656	-1.0	2.2	2.7	0.3	-1.0	8,047	7,207	10.8
Germany DAX Index*	16,486	-1.6	-0.3	9.4	14.2	-1.6	17,003	14,389	11.3
France CAC-40 Index	7,369	-2.3	-0.2	5.3	9.0	-2.3	7,654	6,732	12.1
Spain IBEX 35 Index	10,086	-0.2	-1.5	10.1	17.2	-0.2	10,301	8,501	10.4
Italy FTSE MIB Index	30,220	-0.4	0.5	9.9	21.7	-0.4	30,864	24,751	8.1
Asia Pacific									
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (USD)	517	-2.2	4.1	7.3	-0.6	-2.2	563	469	12.9
Japan Nikkei-225 Stock Average	33,377	-0.3	1.8	7.4	29.3	-0.3	33,853	25,720	19.4
Australian Stock Exchange 200	7,489	-1.3	6.1	8.1	6.0	-1.3	7,633	6,751	16.6
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	16,535	-3.0	1.3	-3.9	-21.5	-3.0	22,701	15,972	7.8
Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index	2,929	-1.5	-1.5	-5.8	-7.2	-1.5	3,419	2,882	9.8
Hang Seng China Enterprises Index	5,607	-2.8	0.0	-4.8	-21.8	-2.8	7,774	5,444	6.9
Taiwan TAIEX Index	17,519	-2.3	1.1	6.5	22.5	-2.3	17,957	14,271	15.8
Korea KOSPI Index	2,578	-2.9	3.4	7.3	13.8	-2.9	2,676	2,253	9.9
India SENSEX 30 Index	72,011	-0.3	3.9	9.7	19.3	-0.3	72,562	57,085	23.5
Indonesia Jakarta Stock Price Index	7,351	1.1	3.5	6.9	10.5	1.1	7,404	6,543	1.8
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index	1,488	2.3	2.6	5.1	0.5	2.3	1,502	1,369	13.3
Philippines Stock Exchange PSE Index	6,630	2.8	5.1	7.3	-1.9	2.8	7,138	5,920	11.5
Singapore FTSE Straits Times Index	3,184	-1.7	3.5	0.9	-3.3	-1.7	3,408	3,042	10.3
Thailand SET Index	1,428	0.9	3.2	-1.7	-14.2	0.9	1,696	1,355	14.0
Latam									
Argentina Merval Index	1,004,790	8.1	13.5	63.9	379.3	8.1	1,084,545	201,380	5.9
Brazil Bovespa Index*	131,226	-2.2	3.4	15.8	21.9	-2.2	134,392	96,997	8.2
Chile IPSA Index	6,076	-2.0	2.9	8.2	18.6	-2.0	6,449	5,072	10.0
Colombia COLCAP Index	1,267	6.0	10.2	16.0	-3.9	6.0	1,348	1,045	6.5
Mexico S&P/BMV IPC Index	55,407	-3.4	2.4	12.0	9.1	-3.4	58,338	47,765	12.6
EEMEA									
Russia MOEX Index	3,131	1.0	0.1	0.0	45.2	1.0	3,287	2,141	N/A
South Africa JSE Index	73,911	-3.9	-1.7	3.7	-2.0	-3.9	81,338	69,128	9.5
Turkey ISE 100 Index*	7,549	1.1	-6.3	-11.1	47.5	1.1	8,563	4,311	4.6

*Indices expressed as total returns. All others are price returns.

Equity Indices - Total Return	1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	YTD Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	3-year Change (%)	5-year Change (%)
Global equities	-1.7	3.1	10.6	-1.7	20.0	16.1	69.4
US equities	-1.8	2.7	10.6	-1.8	25.2	26.8	96.8
Europe equities	-1.0	3.5	12.7	-1.0	16.4	13.6	46.6
Asia Pacific ex Japan equities	-2.1	4.2	7.7	-2.1	2.1	-17.9	24.2
Japan equities	-2.1	3.1	8.1	-2.1	20.7	0.0	36.9
Latam equities	-3.2	5.6	21.6	-3.2	29.6	28.7	22.0
Emerging Markets equities	-1.9	3.5	8.4	-1.9	4.7	-17.9	17.7

All total returns quoted in USD terms and subject to one-day lag.

Data sourced from MSCI AC World Total Return Index, MSCI USA Total Return Index, MSCI AC Europe Total Return Index, MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Total Return Index, MSCI Japan Total Return Index, MSCI Emerging Latin America Total Return Index, and MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Index. Total return includes income from dividends and interest as well as appreciation or depreciation in the price of an asset over the given period.

Past performance does not predict future returns.

Source: HSBC Asset Management. Bloomberg. Data as at 10am UK time 05 January 2024.



Market data

	Close	1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
Bond indices - Total Return						
BarCap GlobalAgg (Hedged in USD)	557	-0.7	1.5	5.9	5.6	-0.7
JPM EMBI Global	834.0	-1.7	1.9	9.2	8.3	-1.7
BarCap US Corporate Index (USD)	3180.8	-1.2	1.7	8.3	6.3	-1.2
BarCap Euro Corporate Index (Eur)	244.6	-0.7	0.9	5.1	6.4	-0.7
BarCap Global High Yield (Hedged in USD)	560.5	-1.0	2.0	8.0	11.4	-1.0
Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan Bond Index (USD)	212.8	-0.5	1.5	5.6	5.1	-0.5
Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan High-Yield Bond Index (USD)	231	0.6	3.1	7.8	0.1	0.6

Total return includes income from dividends and interest as well as appreciation or depreciation in the price of an asset over the given period.

Currencies (vs USD)	Latest	1-week Ago	1-month Ago	3-months Ago	1-year Ago	Year End 2023	52-week High	52-week Low	1-week Change (%)
Developed markets									
EUR/USD	1.09	1.10	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.10	1.13	1.04	-1.2
GBP/USD	1.27	1.27	1.26	1.22	1.19	1.27	1.31	1.18	-0.6
CHF/USD	1.17	1.19	1.14	1.10	1.07	1.19	1.20	1.06	-1.4
CAD	1.34	1.32	1.36	1.37	1.36	1.32	1.39	1.31	-1.0
JPY	145	141	147	149	133	141	152	127	-3.0
AUD/USD	0.67	0.68	0.66	0.64	0.68	0.68	0.72	0.63	-2.0
NZD/USD	0.62	0.63	0.61	0.60	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.58	-1.7
Asia									
HKD	7.81	7.81	7.82	7.83	7.81	7.81	7.85	7.79	0.0
CNY	7.16	7.10	7.15	7.30	6.88	7.10	7.35	6.69	-0.8
INR	83.2	83.2	83.4	83.3	82.6	83.2	83.5	80.9	0.1
MYR	4.66	4.59	4.66	4.73	4.39	4.59	4.79	4.23	-1.3
KRW	1316	1291	1311	1351	1270	1291	1364	1216	-1.9
TWD	31.0	30.6	31.5	32.3	30.7	30.6	32.5	29.6	-1.3
Latam									
BRL	4.90	4.85	4.93	5.17	5.35	4.85	5.37	4.70	-1.0
COP	3933	3875	4002	4351	4966	3875	4994	3806	-1.5
MXN	17.0	17.0	17.4	18.3	19.3	17.0	19.3	16.6	-0.3
ARS	812	808	363	350	179	808	812	179	-0.4
EEMEA									
RUB	91.0	89.5	92.3	100.1	72.6	89.5	102.4	67.0	-1.7
ZAR	18.8	18.4	19.0	19.5	17.2	18.4	19.9	16.7	-2.3
TRY	29.8	29.5	28.9	27.6	18.8	29.5	29.9	18.4	-1.1

Bonds	Close	1-week Ago	1-month Ago	3-months Ago	1-year Ago	Year End 2023	1-week basis point change*
US Treasury yields (%)							
3-Month	5.35	5.33	5.36	5.49	4.59	5.33	1
2-Year	4.42	4.25	4.58	5.02	4.46	4.25	17
5-Year	4.02	3.85	4.14	4.69	3.91	3.85	17
10-Year	4.03	3.88	4.16	4.72	3.72	3.88	15
30-Year	4.18	4.03	4.30	4.89	3.79	4.03	15
10-year bond yields (%)							
Japan	0.60	0.61	0.67	0.81	0.42	0.61	0
UK	3.80	3.53	4.02	4.54	3.55	3.53	27
Germany	2.17	2.02	2.25	2.88	2.31	2.02	14
France	2.70	2.56	2.80	3.46	2.82	2.56	15
Italy	3.85	3.69	3.99	4.89	4.32	3.69	16
Spain	3.16	2.98	3.25	4.00	3.36	2.98	18
China	2.53	2.56	2.69	2.68	2.84	2.56	-3
Australia	4.13	3.96	4.41	4.57	3.84	3.96	18
Canada	3.24	3.11	3.34	4.13	3.18	3.11	13

*Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Commodities		1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	YTD Change (%)	52-week High	52-week Low
Gold	2,038	-1.2	0.9	12.0	11.2	-1.2	2,135	1,805
Brent Oil	78.3	1.7	1.5	-3.3	3.1	1.7	91	69
WTI Crude Oil	73.0	1.9	0.7	-6.7	1.1	1.9	88	64
R/J CRB Futures Index	265.0	0.4	-0.5	-3.5	0.5	0.4	290	254
LME Copper	8,467	-1.1	1.6	7.2	1.1	-1.1	9,551	7,856

Past performance does not predict future returns. The level of yield is not guaranteed and may rise or fall in the future.

Source: HSBC Asset Management. Bloomberg. Data as at 10am UK time 05 January 2024.

For Professional Clients and intermediaries within countries and territories set out below; and for Institutional Investors and Financial Advisors in Canada and the US. This document should not be distributed to or relied upon by Retail clients/investors.

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. The capital invested in the fund can increase or decrease and is not guaranteed. The performance figures contained in this document relate to past performance, which should not be seen as an indication of future returns. Future returns will depend, inter alia, on market conditions, fund manager's skill, fund risk level and fees. Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency exchange may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up. Investments in emerging markets are by their nature higher risk and potentially more volatile than those inherent in some established markets. Economies in Emerging Markets generally are heavily dependent upon international trade and, accordingly, have been and may continue to be affected adversely by trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries and territories with which they trade. These economies also have been and may continue to be affected adversely by economic conditions in the countries and territories in which they trade. Mutual fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

The contents of this document may not be reproduced or further distributed to any person or entity, whether in whole or in part, for any purpose. All non-authorized reproduction or use of this document will be the responsibility of the user and may lead to legal proceedings. The material contained in this document is for general information purposes only and does not constitute advice or a recommendation to buy or sell investments. Some of the statements contained in this document may be considered forward looking statements which provide current expectations or forecasts of future events. Such forward looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those described in such forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. We do not undertake any obligation to update the forward-looking statements contained herein, or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those projected in the forward-looking statements. This document has no contractual value and is not by any means intended as a solicitation, nor a recommendation for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument in any jurisdiction in which such an offer is not lawful. The views and opinions expressed herein are those of HSBC Asset Management at the time of preparation, and are subject to change at any time. These views may not necessarily indicate current portfolios' composition. Individual portfolios managed by HSBC Asset Management primarily reflect individual clients' objectives, risk preferences, time horizon, and market liquidity. Foreign and emerging markets. Investments in foreign markets involve risks such as currency rate fluctuations, potential differences in accounting and taxation policies, as well as possible political, economic, and market risks. These risks are heightened for investments in emerging markets which are also subject to greater illiquidity and volatility than developed foreign markets. This commentary is for information purposes only. It is a marketing communication and does not constitute investment advice or a recommendation to any reader of this content to buy or sell investments nor should it be regarded as investment research. It has not been prepared in accordance with legal requirements designed to promote the independence of investment research and is not subject to any prohibition on dealing ahead of its dissemination. This document is not contractually binding nor are we required to provide this to you by any legislative provision.

All data from HSBC Asset Management unless otherwise specified. Any third party information has been obtained from sources we believe to be reliable, but which we have not independently verified.

HSBC Asset Management is the brand name for the asset management business of HSBC Group, which includes the investment activities that may be provided through our local regulated entities. HSBC Asset Management is a group of companies in many countries and territories throughout the world that are engaged in investment advisory and fund management activities, which are ultimately owned by HSBC Holdings Plc. (HSBC Group). The above communication is distributed by the following entities:

- ◆ In Argentina by HSBC Global Asset Management Argentina S.A., Sociedad Gerente de Fondos Comunes de Inversión, Agente de administración de productos de inversión colectiva de FCI N°1;
- ◆ In Australia, this document is issued by HSBC Bank Australia Limited ABN 48 006 434 162, AFSL 232595, for HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited ARBN 132 834 149 and HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited ARBN 633 929 718. This document is for institutional investors only, and is not available for distribution to retail clients (as defined under the Corporations Act). HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited and HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited are exempt from the requirement to hold an Australian financial services license under the Corporations Act in respect of the financial services they provide. HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong under the Hong Kong laws, which differ from Australian laws. HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes the Financial Services Authority of the United Kingdom as it was previously known before 1 April 2013, under the laws of the United Kingdom, which differ from Australian laws;
- ◆ in Bermuda by HSBC Global Asset Management (Bermuda) Limited, of 37 Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda which is licensed to conduct investment business by the Bermuda Monetary Authority;
- ◆ in Canada by HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited which provides its services as a dealer in all provinces of Canada except Prince Edward Island and also provides services in Northwest Territories. HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited provides its services as an advisor in all provinces of Canada except Prince Edward Island;
- ◆ in Chile: Operations by HSBC's headquarters or other offices of this bank located abroad are not subject to Chilean inspections or regulations and are not covered by warranty of the Chilean state. Further information may be obtained about the state guarantee to deposits at your bank or on www.sbif.cl;
- ◆ in Colombia: HSBC Bank USA NA has an authorized representative by the Superintendencia Financiera de Colombia (SFC) whereby its activities conform to the General Legal Financial System. SFC has not reviewed the information provided to the investor. This document is for the exclusive use of institutional investors in Colombia and is not for public distribution;
- ◆ in Finland, Norway, Denmark and Sweden by HSBC Global Asset Management (France), a Portfolio Management Company authorised by the French regulatory authority AMF (no. GP99026) and through the Stockholm branch of HSBC Global Asset Management (France), regulated by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority (Finansinspektionen);
- ◆ in France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Portugal, Greece by HSBC Global Asset Management (France), a Portfolio Management Company authorised by the French regulatory authority AMF (no. GP99026);

- ◆ in Germany by HSBC Global Asset Management (Deutschland) GmbH which is regulated by BaFin (German clients) respective by the Austrian Financial Market Supervision FMA (Austrian clients);
- ◆ in Hong Kong by HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited, which is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission. This video/content has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission;
- ◆ in India by HSBC Asset Management (India) Pvt Ltd. which is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India;
- ◆ in Italy and Spain by HSBC Global Asset Management (France), a Portfolio Management Company authorised by the French regulatory authority AMF (no. GP99026) and through the Italian and Spanish branches of HSBC Global Asset Management (France), regulated respectively by Banca d'Italia and Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (Consob) in Italy, and the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (CNMV) in Spain;
- ◆ in Mexico by HSBC Global Asset Management (Mexico), SA de CV, Sociedad Operadora de Fondos de Inversión, Grupo Financiero HSBC which is regulated by Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores;
- ◆ in the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain & Kuwait by HSBC Global Asset Management MENA, a unit within HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, U.A.E Branch, PO Box 66 Dubai, UAE, regulated by the Central Bank of the U.A.E. and the Securities and Commodities Authority in the UAE under SCA license number 602004 for the purpose of this promotion and lead regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority. HSBC Bank Middle East Limited is a member of the HSBC Group and HSBC Global Asset Management MENA are marketing the relevant product only in a sub-distributing capacity on a principal-to-principal basis. HSBC Global Asset Management MENA may not be licensed under the laws of the recipient's country of residence and therefore may not be subject to supervision of the local regulator in the recipient's country of residence. None or some of the products and services of the manufacturer may not have been approved by or registered with the local regulator and the assets may be booked outside of the recipient's country of residence.
- ◆ in Peru: HSBC Bank USA NA has an authorized representative by the Superintendencia de Banca y Seguros in Perú whereby its activities conform to the General Legal Financial System - Law No. 26702. Funds have not been registered before the Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores (SMV) and are being placed by means of a private offer. SMV has not reviewed the information provided to the investor. This document is for the exclusive use of institutional investors in Perú and is not for public distribution;
- ◆ in Singapore by HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited, which is regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The content in the document/video has not been reviewed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore;
- ◆ in Switzerland by HSBC Global Asset Management (Switzerland) AG. This document is intended for professional investor use only. For opting in and opting out according to FinSA, please refer to our website at <https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.ch/> if you wish to change your client categorization, please inform us. HSBC Global Asset Management (Switzerland) AG having its registered office at Gartenstrasse 26, PO Box, CH-8002 Zurich has a licence as an asset manager of collective investment schemes and as a representative of foreign collective investment schemes. Disputes regarding legal claims between the Client and HSBC Global Asset Management (Switzerland) AG can be settled by an ombudsman in mediation proceedings. HSBC Global Asset Management (Switzerland) AG is affiliated to the ombudsman FINOS having its registered address at Talstrasse 20, 8001 Zurich. There are general risks associated with financial instruments, please refer to the Swiss Banking Association ("SBA") Brochure "Risks Involved in Trading in Financial Instruments";
- ◆ in Taiwan by HSBC Global Asset Management (Taiwan) Limited which is regulated by the Financial Supervisory Commission R.O.C. (Taiwan);
- ◆ in the UK by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority;
- ◆ and in the US by HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc. which is an investment adviser registered with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

NOT FDIC INSURED ◆ NO BANK GUARANTEE ◆ MAY LOSE VALUE

Copyright © HSBC Global Asset Management Limited 2023. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, on any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without the prior written permission of HSBC Global Asset Management Limited. 2024-0020 EXP 31.07.2024