

Investment Weekly

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Chart of the week - China's policy 'put'



After recently announcing new stimulus measures, China's policymakers have yet to fill in the details on the scale of support planned for tackling issues in housing markets, local governments, and consumer confidence. But with recent press conferences unveiling new commitments, there is clear evidence of a fundamental shift in policy thinking.

Speculating on the precise timing of China stimulus isn't sensible. However, the "three arrows" policy strategy – liquidity, fiscal/credit, structural measures – offers a way forward to boost the economy out of the deflation trap. With further policy meetings in the calendar – with the NPC standing committee in a few weeks – we may hear more soon.

As for markets, many Asian investors remain cautious on China stocks, arguing that it will take a long time for capital flows to return. But at 11.5x earnings, China still trades at a heavy discount to EM (14x) and global stocks (21x). With bad news still in the price, good news could be 'doubly good' for stocks. **We think current policy settings are calibrated as a policy 'put'**. With more support to follow, being negative and underweight seems risky.

Another way to think about market effects is that China stimulus sets up a **rotation trade in global stocks**. China's rally has already caused volatility in regional fund flows, affecting markets like India, Korea, and Japan. But perhaps the bigger picture is that **Chinese stimulus is spurring a rotation away from expensive US stocks, toward Asia**.

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The driving forces behind this week's ECB rate cut

Private Credit →

Growth opportunities in Asia for the direct lending market

Market Spotlight

Taking geopolitics seriously

Geopolitical risk has been on the rise in 2024 – but a first question might be, "so what?". Many investors already feel well-equipped to deal with geopolitical risk. Most of the time, after all, the "geopolitical risk premium" has only a fleeting or transitory influence on investment markets. The effects unwind fairly quickly.

But this time could be different. In our new <u>Capital Market Assumptions</u> paper, we argue that there are several reasons why investors need to take geopolitics seriously in their asset allocation considerations. First, economic power is diffusing to Asia and the Global South, with profound implications for the macro-economy and the financial system. Second, the global environment has become less friendly to international cooperation. And third, the policies and principles that have stabilised the global order over the last 30 to 40 years seem increasingly obsolete.

It means that the "nice" economic regime now risks being "vile" – or, to spell it out, one of "Volatile Inflation and Limited Expansion". If left unchecked, it implies rising prices and lower economic growth potential. For investors, portfolio strategy will need to be prepared for such an eventuality and resilient to the implications of shorter business cycles, greater market dispersion, and changed correlations.

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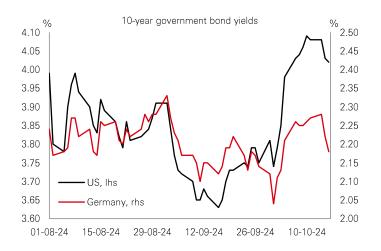
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ECB speeds up

At its October meeting, the European Central Bank (ECB) delivered its second rate cut in as many months and its third of this easing cycle. During the summer, the expectation was that it would cut at a pace of 25bp every other meeting. What has changed? One factor is that the Federal Reserve has become more willing to ease policy. However, there have also been important eurozone developments. First, the latest inflation numbers show tentative signs that service sector inflation is now weakening, having been relatively sticky earlier this year. Wage growth is also softening, supporting the view that inflation pressures are fading. Second, activity data have surprised to the downside – the PMIs point to a deceleration in growth during H2 2024, led by Germany.

With the inflation situation improving, growth looking patchy particularly in Germany – and the ECB easing policy at a brisker pace, Bunds have been outperforming US Treasuries since mid-September, reversing the trend seen since mid-April. Recent developments have also been consistent with our preference for a moderate overweight position in Bunds.

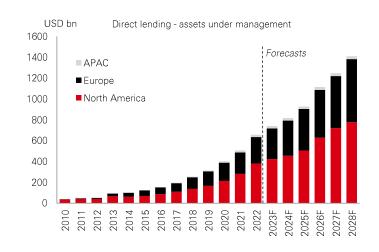


Going direct

The private credit market has grown rapidly in recent years, driven in part by strong demand for direct lending. There have been two key reasons for this: one is that traditional banks have retrenched from parts of the lending market, leaving private credit managers to fill the void. Another is that direct lending proved popular with private equity managers during the post-Covid deal-making boom.

For private credit investors, the returns have been strong. With an average yield of nearly 12%, the asset class has outperformed other Credits. With the global easing cycle under way, returns are expected to moderate over time, but it's expected to remain a high yield asset class.

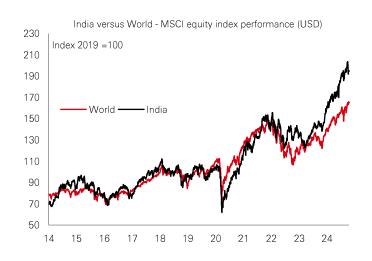
While North America and Europe currently dominate direct lending markets, Asia is comparatively small – but growing strongly in some areas. With around 80% of total credit in Asia still provided by banks, there is growing demand for alternative sources of finance for fast growing firms, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity deals. This supports our positive view on the outlook for private credit and its role as a high yielding portfolio diversifier.



Navigating new India

Reforms implemented over the past decade along with more credible monetary and fiscal policy have allowed India to begin tapping its catchup potential and enviable demographics. The IMF expects India to be the fastest growing G20 economy over the remainder of the decade, with real GDP rising by almost 50% by 2029.

Consistent with the strong recent and expected growth, MSCI India has outperformed MSCI ACWI by a significant margin over the last five years. Importantly, however, the Indian equity market now offers greater diversification and less volatility than in the past - MSCI India now comprises over 150 stocks versus under 80 in late 2019. Moreover, it is not just in equity space that India stands out - its 10y government yield is among the highest for investment grade issuers and has a low correlation with global bonds. Add in an undervalued INR, which also exhibits less volatility than the average EM currency, and there is a strong case for India to be viewed as an asset class in its own right, rather than simply part of a benchmark.



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Asset class views

Our baseline macro scenario is for a soft-ish landing, characterised by growth falling below trend and inflation returning to target. But the data flow is likely to remain bumpy and the outlook remains uncertain. Risk asset valuations are stretched in many areas. That means that any deterioration in corporate fundamentals could create market volatility. A defensive positioning in portfolios remains appropriate, which includes selective exposures to fixed income, risk assets, and private markets.

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

| | Asset Class | - View + | Comments |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| ors | Global growth | | A defensive positioning in investment portfolios remains appropriate given continuing risk of macro disappointment or weakness. We prefer to access the growth factor in laggard regions, such as Asia and emerging markets |
| Macro Factors | Duration | | Improving inflation data and increasing concern regarding downside risks to growth have pulled yields lower. Nonetheless, carry remains appealing and, if adverse economic outcomes prevail, there is scope for strong returns in global duration. We favour the US and UK curves |
| Š | Emerging Markets | | The EM growth outlook is a relative bright spot in a global context. Falling inflation and Fed policy easing should pave the way for more countries to cut rates. Supportive policy in China has buoyed confidence but all eyes are on more pro-growth measures |
| | US 10yr Treasuries | | Yields have reversed the rise seen earlier in the year, as inflation and labour data have started to surprise to the downside. The market is now pricing in meaningful Federal Reserve rate cuts, but USTs still provide an attractive yield and scope for capital gains if the economy weakens markedly |
| Bonds | EMD Local | | Real yields remain high in many EM local markets and long-term valuations are attractive. Fed easing is likely to maintain downward pressure on the USD and allow EM FX appreciation that would provide an important tailwind to returns for international investors |
| | Asia Local | | With Fed policy easing under way, there is scope for rate cuts among regional central banks, with inflation risk across the region broadly manageable. The macro backdrop is supportive, with India, Indonesia, Korea, and the Philippines having a more favourable rates outlook |
| | Global Credit | | Global credit is expensive with most non-financial spreads at near-cyclical tights. Financials, particularly banks, look attractive but less so than they were at the start of 2024. 'All in' yields continue to support inflows, helping long duration corporate credit |
| Credits | Global High- Yield | | HY spreads remain historically tight despite cooling in the US economy, with spreads way below historical averages. Nevertheless 'all in' yields are high. For now, still reasonable growth and moderating inflation mean that the fundamental backdrop is supportive |
| Cre | Asia Credit | •••• | Asia credit spreads (both IG and HY) are likely to narrow in response to a sustained US easing cycle in the medium term. Attractive 'all in' yields and solid fundamentals are supportive but tight spreads and the potential for a re-rating of global risks could add near-term pressure |
| | EMD Hard Currency Bonds | | EM sovereigns should benefit from Fed rate cuts. They have underperformed competitor asset classes like global HY recently, which is at odds with fundamental improvements and ratings upgrades. Also, it is a high-duration asset class and more exposed to moves in core yields |
| | DM Equities | | Markets face potential volatility amid slowing global growth and political uncertainty, although falling rates should be supportive. We expect more broadening out for asset returns beyond the US technology sector and mega-cap growth into other regions, sectors, and styles |
| Equities | EM Equities | •••• | The EM growth outlook is a relative bright spot in a global context, with disinflation and ongoing Fed rate cuts expected to be supportive. Stock and currency market valuations remain undemanding. Idiosyncratic trends within EMs imply scope for portfolio diversification too |
| | Asia ex Japan | | The earnings outlook is supported by solid demand for tech-related products and services, room for monetary easing, and other regional cyclical and structural growth stories. Valuations remain undemanding but there are risks from global growth uncertainty and geopolitical developments |
| ø | Global Private Equity | | With tighter financial conditions raising the cost of leverage, PE funds may face challenges in delivering consistently strong returns. However, increasing economic headwinds can create attractive entry points for longer-term investors. The investment case is about alpha, not beta |
| Alternatives | Global Real Estate | | Unlisted and quoted real estate has recently returned to favour. It is suited to a backdrop of falling rates and a soft landing and remains cheap versus its longer run averages in the US, but not as cheap in DM. Lower rates should support a bottoming (and even improvement) in capital values in 2024. Valuations are still supportive, but the sector is vulnerable to macro disappointment |
| ⋖ | Infrastructure Debt | | Infrastructure debt currently offers stronger expected returns than global credits, and experiences lower spread volatility during economic slowdowns. It has strong defensive attributes, offers inflation-linked cash flows and benefits from thematic drivers such as the green transition |

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Key Events and Data Releases

| This week | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--|
| Date | Country | Indicator | Data as of | Actual | Prior | Comment |
| Sat. 12 October | CN | Briefing from Ministry of Finance | Oct | | | The MoF unveiled measures to tackle risks related to local public debt and property destocking, and signalled more fiscal support |
| Sun. 13 October | CN | CPI (yoy) | Sep | 0.4% | 0.6% | Soft CPI data suggest deflationary pressures from non-food items are due to demand/supply imbalances |
| Mon. 14 October | CN | Trade Balance (USD) | Sep | 81.7bn | 91.0bn | Typhoon disruptions and ongoing macro challenges resulted in a narrowing of the trade surplus |
| Tue. 15 October | UK | Unemployment Rate, ILO | Aug | 4.0% | 4.1% | Strong jobs gains pushed the unemployment rate lower in August, but data reliability remains a problem |
| Wed. 16 October | ID | Bank Indonesia Rate | Oct | 6.00% | 6.00% | BI left policy unchanged. Modest price pressures allow room for future easing, but recent currency weakness creates uncertainty |
| | UK | CPI (yoy) | Sep | 1.7% | 2.2% | Disinflation in the service sector is more evident, supporting calls for two 25bp cuts by the BoE by year-end |
| | PH | Central Bank Policy Rate | Oct | 6.00% | 6.25% | The BSP continued its easing cycle, with the governor suggesting further measured cuts ahead |
| Thu. 17 October | TY | CBRT 1 Week Repo Lending Rate | Oct | 50.00% | 50.00% | Turkey's central bank kept rates steady as expected, but were more hawkish as recent sticky inflation data has increased uncertainty |
| | EZ | ECB Deposit Rate | Oct | 3.25% | 3.50% | Improving inflation and recent downside surprises in economic activity drove the ECB's decision to deliver a back-to-back cut |
| | US | Retail Sales (mom) | Sep | 0.4% | 0.1% | Strong household balance sheets and declining rates supported retail sales and point to robust $\Omega 3$ consumer spending |
| | US | Industrial Production (mom) | Sep | -0.3% | 0.3% | Looking through the volatility, the level of industrial production has remained broadly unchanged since late 2022 |
| | СН | Banco Central de Chile Policy Rate | Oct | 5.25% | 5.5% | BCC cut by 25bp, in line with expectations, and aims to reduce the policy rate gradually towards a more neutral level |
| Fri. 18 October | JP | CPI (yoy) | Sep | 2.5% | 3.0% | Headline inflation was pulled lower by a fall in energy prices. Core inflation measures edged down |
| | CN | Industrial Production (yoy) | Sep | 5.4% | 4.5% | Industrial activity held up but weak global manufacturing data and geopolitical risks create uncertainty regarding the outlook |
| | CN | Retail Sales (yoy) | Sep | 3.2% | 2.1% | The pickup in goods sales was aided by the consumer goods trade-in scheme benefiting auto and home appliance sales |
| | CN | GDP (yoy) | Q3 | 4.6% | 4.7% | Sequential real growth rose to 0.9% qoq, up from 0.5% in Q2. But nominal GDP growth was soft at 4.0% yoy amid deflation |

CN - China, EZ - Eurozone, UK - United Kingdom, ID - Indonesia, PH - Philippines, TY - Turkey, US - United States, CH - Chile, JP - Japan

The week ahead

| Date | Country | Indicator | Data as of | Survey | Prior | Comment |
|------------------|---------|---|---------------|--------|-------|---|
| Mon. 21 October | US | Earnings | Q3 | | | 11% of the S&P500 have reported Q3 results, with a healthy level of beats in healthcare, IT, and financials. Energy missed heavily. |
| Tues. 22 October | | IMF and World Bank Bi-Annual Meeting | Oct | | | The IMF's latest World Economic Outlook should be relatively sanguine about global growth in 2025 |
| Wed. 23 October | CA | BoC Policy Rate | Oct | 3.75% | 4.25% | Below target headline inflation and downside growth risks suggest the BoC will deliver a 50bp cut at its October meeting |
| Thu. 24 October | US | Composite PMI (Flash) | Oct | 54.4 | 54.0 | The US composite PMI has been broadly steady since the spring, comfortably in expansion territory |
| | EZ | Composite PMI (Flash) | Oct | - | 49.6 | Eurozone composite PMI has moved back into contraction territory, with Germany showing greater signs of weakness |
| | JP | Tokyo CPI excluding food and energy (yoy) | Oct | - | 1.2% | Tokyo's core CPI has remained below 2% recently as service sector inflation has softened |
| | IN | S&P Global Composite PMI (Flash) | Oct | - | 58.3 | India's composite PMI is moderating, driven by softer growth in new business and export orders, but remains high |
| | UK | S&P Global Composite PMI (Flash) | Oct | - | 52.6 | The UK composite PMI has remained in a relatively tight range this year at a level consistent with solid growth |
| Fri. 25 October | GE | IFO Business Confidence Index | Oct | 86.0 | 85.4 | IFO's business climate index has declined for four consecutive months, highlighting the loss of momentum in German growth |

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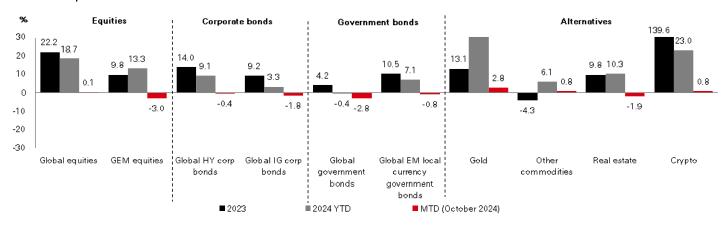
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This week

A solid increase in US retail sales during September buoyed US Treasury yields towards the end of the week. In stocks, the small-cap Russell 2000 saw the strongest gains, with the large-cap S&P 500 touching new highs, helped by upbeat Q3 earnings news. In Europe, the ECB cut rates by 25bp, noting that inflation was increasingly under control but warning the outlook for the bloc's economy was worsening. In Asia, Chinese equities pulled back for a second week following recent rallies, with a slew of macro data releases and policy expectations remaining in focus. India's Sensex also fell, but some ASEAN markets fared better, with Thai and Indonesian equities ending positively. Brazil's lbovespa and Mexico's IPC were also both on course to finish higher. Elsewhere, the oil price fell on easing fears over tensions in the Middle East. Gold once again reached new highs.

Selected asset performance



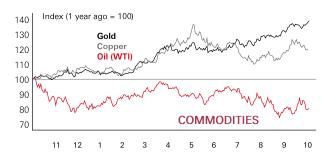












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Market data

| 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 | Close | (70) | (70) | (70) | (70) | (70) | riigii | LOW | (/\) |
| MSCI AC World Index (USD) | 852 | -0.1 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 29.9 | 17.2 | 858 | 628 | 19.9 |
| North America | 002 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 20.0 | 17.2 | 000 | 020 | 10.0 |
| US Dow Jones Industrial Average | 43,239 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 28.4 | 14.7 | 43,290 | 32,327 | 22.4 |
| US S&P 500 Index | 5,841 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 35.4 | 22.5 | 5,878 | 4,104 | 24.2 |
| US NASDAQ Composite Index | 18,374 | 0.2 | 4.6 | 2.8 | 38.0 | 22.4 | 18,671 | 12,544 | 36.0 |
| Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index | 24,690 | 0.9 | 4.7 | 8.6 | 26.9 | 17.8 | 24,704 | 18,692 | 17.0 |
| Europe | | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI AC Europe (USD) | 571 | -0.7 | -0.8 | 0.9 | 20.3 | 7.0 | 595 | 459 | 14.5 |
| Euro STOXX 50 Index | 4.947 | -1.1 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 20.5 | 9.4 | 5,122 | 3,993 | 14.4 |
| UK FTSE 100 Index | 8,385 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 8,474 | 7,280 | 12.5 |
| Germany DAX Index* | 19,583 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 29.7 | 16.9 | 19,675 | 14,630 | 14.7 |
| France CAC-40 Index | 7,584 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 8,259 | 6,774 | 14.5 |
| Spain IBEX 35 Index | 11,905 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 29.2 | 17.8 | 12,038 | 8,879 | 11.3 |
| Italy FTSE MIB Index | 35,039 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 24.5 | 15.4 | 35,474 | 27,078 | 10.3 |
| Asia Pacific | | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (USD) | 602 | -2.0 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 23.0 | 13.7 | 632 | 469 | 15.1 |
| Japan Nikkei-225 Stock Average | 38,982 | -1.6 | 7.2 | -2.9 | 21.7 | 16.5 | 42,427 | 30,538 | 21.3 |
| Australian Stock Exchange 200 | 8,283 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 17.0 | 9.1 | 8,385 | 6,751 | 19.3 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng Index | 20,634 | -2.9 | 16.8 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 21.0 | 23,242 | 14,794 | 9.6 |
| Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index | 3,256 | 1.2 | 19.8 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 9.4 | 3,674 | 2,635 | 12.6 |
| Hang Seng China Enterprises Index | 7,400 | -2.9 | 19.8 | 17.3 | 21.8 | 28.3 | 8,373 | 4,943 | 8.8 |
| Taiwan TAIEX Index | 23,487 | 2.6 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 42.9 | 31.0 | 24,417 | 15,976 | 18.7 |
| Korea KOSPI Index | 2,596 | 0.0 | 0.8 | -8.1 | 5.4 | -2.2 | 2,896 | 2,274 | 10.3 |
| India SENSEX 30 Index | 80,937 | -0.5 | -2.4 | -0.5 | 22.9 | 12.0 | 85,978 | 63,093 | 23.0 |
| Indonesia Jakarta Stock Price Index | 7,736 | 2.9 | -1.2 | 5.7 | 11.7 | 6.4 | 7,911 | 6,640 | 14.8 |
| Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index | 1,647 | 0.8 | -0.8 | 0.8 | 13.9 | 13.2 | 1,685 | 1,425 | 15.1 |
| Philippines Stock Exchange PSE Index | 7,399 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 10.4 | 18.0 | 14.7 | 7,605 | 5,920 | 12.6 |
| Singapore FTSE Straits Times Index | 3,640 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 4.9 | 16.1 | 12.3 | 3,653 | 3,042 | 11.6 |
| Thailand SET Index | 1,499 | 1.9 | 4.4 | 13.1 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 1,507 | 1,273 | 16.6 |
| Latam | | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina Merval Index | 1,801,604 | 1.0 | -0.7 | 17.8 | 125.5 | 93.8 | 1,856,002 | 568,624 | 7.7 |
| Brazil Bovespa Index* | 130,793 | 0.6 | -2.2 | 2.5 | 14.7 | -2.5 | 137,469 | 112,098 | 9.0 |
| Chile IPSA Index | 6,572 | 0.0 | 3.8 | -0.1 | 13.4 | 6.0 | 6,838 | 5,363 | 11.1 |
| Colombia COLCAP Index | 1,346 | 1.5 | 3.0 | -1.3 | 18.7 | 12.6 | 1,451 | 1,084 | 7.4 |
| Mexico S&P/BMV IPC Index | 52,464 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -1.1 | 6.5 | -8.6 | 59,021 | 47,765 | 12.2 |
| EEMEA | | | | | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia Tadawul Index | 11,907 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -2.3 | 11.1 | -0.5 | 12,883 | 10,262 | N/A |
| South Africa JSE Index | 86,582 | 0.5 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 20.3 | 12.6 | 87,803 | 69,128 | 12.4 |
| Turkey ISE 100 Index* | 9,002 | 1.4 | -7.9 | -19.2 | 14.8 | 20.5 | 11,252 | 7,203 | 5.0 |

^{*}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 | -0.1 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 18.7 | 32.0 | 22.1 | 76.2 |
| US equities | 0.5 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 23.2 | 36.9 | 31.6 | 107.0 |
| Europe equities | -0.7 | -0.7 | 1.3 | 9.6 | 23.6 | 11.5 | 42.4 |
| Asia Pacific ex Japan equities | -2.0 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 16.2 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 32.5 |
| Japan equities | -1.4 | 0.5 | -2.0 | 9.1 | 19.4 | 8.0 | 34.8 |
| Latam equities | -0.5 | -3.9 | -2.6 | -15.0 | 4.3 | 17.2 | 5.6 |
| Emerging Markets equities | -2.1 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 13.3 | 23.5 | -4.2 | 25.2 |

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.



Market data

| | | 1-week Change | 1-month Change | 3-month Change | 1-year Change | YTD Change |
|--|--------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Bond indices - Total Return | Close | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| BarCap GlobalAgg (Hedged in USD) | 582 | 0.3 | -0.7 | 2.3 | 11.1 | 3.7 |
| JPM EMBI Global | 908.9 | 0.2 | -0.7 | 3.8 | 19.6 | 7.1 |
| BarCap US Corporate Index (USD) | 3353.3 | 0.1 | -1.3 | 2.9 | 15.2 | 4.1 |
| BarCap Euro Corporate Index (Eur) | 256.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 10.4 | 4.1 |
| BarCap Global High Yield (Hedged in USD) | 621.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 4.3 | 19.9 | 9.7 |
| Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan Bond Index (USD) | 226.6 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 2.5 | 12.7 | 6.0 |
| Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan High-Yield Bond Index (USD) | 263 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 22.8 | 14.5 |

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 | 3-months | 1-year Ago | Year End 2023 | 52-week High | 52-week Low | 1-week Change (%) |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|---------|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Developed markets | Latest | Ago | Ago | Ago | Agu | 2023 | підіі | LOW | (/0) |
| EUR/USD | 1.08 | 1.09 | 1.11 | 1.09 | 1.05 | 1.10 | 1.12 | 1.05 | -0.9 |
| GBP/USD | ·-···· | ····· | | | ············· | - | ····· | | |
| | 1.31 | 1.31 | 1.32 | 1.29 | 1.21 | 1.27 | 1.34 | 1.21 | 0.0 |
| CHF/USD | 1.16 | 1.17 | 1.18 | 1.13 | 1.11 | 1.19 | 1.20 | 1.08 | -1.0 |
| CAD | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.36 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 1.32 | 1.39 | 1.32 | -0.2 |
| JPY | 150 | 149 | 142 | 157 | 150 | 141 | 162 | 140 | -0.5 |
| AUD/USD | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.63 | -0.6 |
| NZD/USD | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.58 | -0.7 |
| Asia | | | | | | | | | |
| HKD | 7.77 | 7.77 | 7.79 | 7.81 | 7.83 | 7.81 | 7.84 | 7.76 | 0.0 |
| CNY | 7.11 | 7.07 | 7.08 | 7.26 | 7.32 | 7.10 | 7.32 | 7.01 | -0.6 |
| INR | 84.1 | 84.1 | 83.8 | 83.7 | 83.3 | 83.2 | 84.1 | 82.6 | 0.0 |
| MYR | 4.30 | 4.29 | 4.24 | 4.67 | 4.75 | 4.59 | 4.81 | 4.09 | -0.4 |
| KRW | 1370 | 1351 | 1334 | 1384 | 1350 | 1288 | 1400 | 1283 | -1.4 |
| TWD | 32.1 | 32.2 | 32.0 | 32.6 | 32.3 | 30.7 | 32.9 | 30.6 | 0.3 |
| Latam | | | | | | | | | |
| BRL | 5.65 | 5.61 | 5.46 | 5.54 | 5.06 | 4.86 | 5.86 | 4.80 | -0.8 |
| COP | 4257 | 4209 | 4182 | 4045 | 4237 | 3855 | 4302 | 3738 | -1.1 |
| MXN | 19.8 | 19.3 | 19.3 | 18.0 | 18.2 | 17.0 | 20.2 | 16.3 | -2.7 |
| ARS | 980 | 975 | 962 | 925 | 350 | 808 | 983 | 350 | -0.6 |
| EEMEA | | 3,3 | 332 | 020 | | 000 | 333 | 000 | 3.5 |
| RUB | 97.4 | 95.8 | 92.8 | 88.4 | 98.0 | 89.5 | 100.3 | 82.7 | -1.6 |
| ZAR | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.5 | 18.3 | 19.0 | 18.4 | 19.4 | 17.0 | -1.1 |
| TRY | 34.2 | 34.3 | 34.1 | 33.1 | 28.0 | 29.5 | 34.5 | 27.9 | 0.2 |

| 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 (%) | | | | | | | Ü |
| 3-Month | 4.63 | 4.63 | 4.75 | 5.33 | 5.49 | 5.33 | 1 |
| 2-Year | 3.97 | 3.96 | 3.62 | 4.47 | 5.22 | 4.25 | 2 |
| 5-Year | 3.90 | 3.90 | 3.48 | 4.12 | 4.93 | 3.85 | 0 |
| 10-Year | 4.10 | 4.10 | 3.70 | 4.20 | 4.91 | 3.88 | 0 |
| 30-Year | 4.41 | 4.41 | 4.02 | 4.42 | 4.99 | 4.03 | 0 |
| 10-year bond yields (%) | | | | | | | |
| Japan | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.82 | 1.03 | 0.80 | 0.61 | 2 |
| UK | 4.09 | 4.21 | 3.85 | 4.06 | 4.66 | 3.53 | -12 |
| Germany | 2.21 | 2.27 | 2.19 | 2.43 | 2.92 | 2.02 | -6 |
| France | 2.94 | 3.04 | 2.92 | 3.09 | 3.56 | 2.56 | -10 |
| Italy | 3.41 | 3.56 | 3.57 | 3.74 | 4.98 | 3.69 | -15 |
| Spain | 2.91 | 3.01 | 3.00 | 3.21 | 4.05 | 2.98 | -10 |
| China | 2.12 | 2.15 | 2.04 | 2.27 | 2.71 | 2.56 | -2 |
| Australia | 4.31 | 4.23 | 3.86 | 4.24 | 4.65 | 3.96 | 8 |
| Canada | 3.16 | 3.22 | 2.93 | 3.38 | 4.11 | 3.11 | -6 |

^{*}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 | 2,708 | 1.9 | 5.8 | 10.7 | 39.0 | 31.3 | 2,714 | 1,923 |
| Brent Oil | 74.8 | -5.4 | 2.6 | -9.2 | -10.3 | -0.3 | 87 | 68 |
| WTI Crude Oil | 71.1 | -6.0 | 1.7 | -10.0 | -10.3 | 0.6 | 83 | 65 |
| R/J CRB Futures Index | 281.7 | -3.2 | 0.7 | -1.4 | -1.4 | 6.8 | 300 | 258 |
| LME Copper | 9,516 | -2.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 19.4 | 11.2 | 11,105 | 7,856 |

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