

# Market Flash Report

November 2023

## Key Takeaways

- **Market News:** Following three months of weak performance, both equity and fixed income markets saw a sharp uptick in November as the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq finished the month up +8.7% and +10.8%. Markets rose for five straight days to start the month after the Treasury declared that bond issuance would be less than previously projected. The rally persisted when inflation fell below economist forecasts.
- **Fixed Income:** Throughout the month, Treasury yields decreased due to a combination of factors including increased unemployment claims, as well as the reports of cooling inflation and decreased bond issuance. The drop in yields led to the best month of performance for bonds so far this year with only a month to go.
- **Commodities:** November saw a -5% decline in oil prices, which helped make commodities the worst-performing asset class for the month. Weaker oil and natural gas prices helped contribute to lower headline inflation for October, however, OPEC announced several cuts in oil production which could cause prices to rebound.
- **Foreign Equities:** European and Japanese equities rose +9.8% and +8.6% in November as Developed ex-US equities were among top performers for the month as the US Dollar dropped -3% vs. a basket of currencies. Europe's business activity exceeded expectations, which helped boost Developed ex-US Small caps +10.6% in November, its best month in 2023.

## Index Performance (as of 11/30/2023)

ARIZONA  
 CALIFORNIA  
 COLORADO  
 D.C. METRO AREA  
 FLORIDA  
 GEORGIA  
 MASSACHUSETTS  
 NEW JERSEY  
 NEW YORK  
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Equity	MTD	YTD	One-Year
U.S. Large Cap	8.7%	20.3%	13.4%
U.S. Small Cap	8.9%	4.1%	-2.7%
Developed Non-U.S.	9.2%	12.7%	12.9%
Emerging Market	7.6%	5.6%	4.2%
<b>Real Assets</b>			
Real Estate	9.9%	0.9%	-1.7%
Commodities	-2.3%	-5.4%	-7.7%
Natural Resource Equities	1.1%	1.8%	-2.4%
<b>Fixed Income</b>			
<u>Core Plus</u>			
U.S. High Yield Debt	4.5%	9.4%	8.7%
Emerging Market Debt	6.3%	11.5%	14.0%
<u>Core Bonds</u>			
U.S. Aggregate Bonds	4.9%	2.0%	1.6%
U.S. Treasuries	3.9%	1.1%	0.5%
U.S. Municipal Bonds	3.8%	2.7%	3.2%
<b>Month-End Values/Yield</b>			
CBOE Volatility Index	12.9	18.1	20.6
10-Year Treasury Yield	4.3%	4.9%	3.6%

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