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Economic growth and composition of GDP







Real GDP trend

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Figures may not sum due to rounding. Trend growth based on quarterly growth real GDP growth until cycle peak 4Q 2019. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Inflation





Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *CPI is the Consumer Price Index, core CPI is the trimmed mean measure of inflation. Tradeables represent approximately 35% of the CPI basket and non-tradeables 65%. Core goods CPI is goods CPI excluding volatile items. Monthly CPI series not shown on chart.



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Consumer sentiment and income

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Source: ABS, FactSet, Westpac, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Consumer finances

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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, BEA, FactSet, Reserve Bank of Australia, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Interest charged on total housing loans relative to household disposable income. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Business conditions and investment

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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Local economy

Labour market





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Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Australian Bureau of Statistics; (Right) ANZ-Indeed, National Australia Bank. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Residential real estate prices



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Residential real estate financing



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32%

28%

24%

20%

16%

12%

8%

4%

0%

-4%

-8%

-12%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Right) RPD CoreLogic. House price is the year-over-year change in the hedonic index for national dwelling prices. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024. J.P.Morgan ASSET MANAGEMENT



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Trade





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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Source: Australian Treasury, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global growth



Real GDP forecast

Quarter-over-quarter, seasonally adjusted annualised rate



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Global inflation



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2023

2024

Feb Mar

-

50.6

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52.2

52.3

52.9

49.9

47.4

47.7

-

-

61.3

-

-

52.1

50.3

52.4

51.4

53.4

52.5

50.6

53.0

49.2

46.3

48.1

51.1

53.9

52.5

60.6

55.1

48.9



Composite Purchasing Managers' Index

Global economy

Spain

China

India

Brazil

Emerging South Africa Source: FactSet, Markit, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Heatmap colours are based on PMI relative to the 50 level, which indicates acceleration or deceleration of the sector, for the time period shown. Heatmap is based on quarterly averages, with the exception of the two most recent figures, which are single month readings. DM and EM represent developed markets and emerging markets, respectively.



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Global manufacturing





Global PMI for manufacturing by country



Developed

Emerging





Global trade





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Source: FactSet, Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Emerging markets and developed markets as defined by Netherlands Bureau of Policy Research world trade monitor. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global supply chains





Source: Applied Macroeconomics and Econometrics Center, Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The Global Supply Chain Pressure Index tracks the state of global supply chains using data from the transportation and manufacturing sectors. Freight costs are represented by the Drewry World Container Index, which tracks the freight costs of 40-foot container via eight major East-West trade routes, including spot rates and short-term contract rates. Shanghai-Rotterdam and Shanghai-Los Angeles represent the two trade routes in the index with the highest volume and thus highest weighting. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global economy



Global inflation heatmap

Above trend

2023

Feb Mar

-

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3.1%

-

3.0%

-

-

-

3.2% 3.4%

2.6%

2.8%

3.6%

0.7% 5.1% 3.1%

2.3%

2.8%

1.8%

-0.8%

4.5%

4.4%

67.1%

5.6%

2022

2020

2021

	Hea Yea	adline con r-over-year, c	sumer prices quarterly	;				
			Below trend	•	Inflation running —			
omy			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
ČOD	tets	U.S.						
alec	Mar	UK						
lob	EM Asia Developed I	Eurozone						
G		Japan						
		Australia						
		China						
		India						
		Korea						
		Taiwan		_				
		Indonesia						
		Malaysia						

Source: ABS, Department of Statistics Malaysia, DGBAS, Eurostat, FactSet, Goskomstat of Russia, IBGE, India Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, INEGI, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, Korean National Statistical Office, Ministry of Commerce Thailand, Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications Japan, National Bureau of Statistics of China, Office for National Statistics UK, Statistics Indonesia, Statistics Institute Turkey, Statistics South Africa, U.S. Department of Labor, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Quarterly averages, except for the two most recent figures, which are single month readings, are shown. Colours are based on z-score of year-over-year inflation rate relative to each country's own 10-year history where red (blue) indicates inflation above (below) long-run trend. EM represents emerging markets. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Thailand

Brazil

Mexico

Turkey

South Africa

Other EM



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U.S.: GDP and inflation

Real GDP



Inflation

Contribution to quarter-over-quarter, SAAR

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U.S.: Inflation



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Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Values may not sum to headline CPI figures due to rounding and underlying calculations. *Core services ex-shelter CPI is a custom index using CPI components created by J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global economy

U.S.: Labour market





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Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Right) Atlanta Federal Reserve. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



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U.S.: Business investment and consumer finances



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Source: BEA, Chicago Fed, Dallas Fed, Kansas City Fed, New York Fed, Philadelphia Fed, Richmond Fed, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Future capex intentions is an equally weighted average of the six Fed districts' capex intentions measures, shown as a three-month moving average. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Eurozone: GDP and inflation



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Global economy

Source: Eurostat, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *CPI is the Consumer Price Index. Core CPI is CPI excluding food and energy. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Eurozone: Growth indicators



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Source: Eurostat, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Right) European Commission. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024. GTM AUS 26



Japan: GDP and inflation



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Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Japanese Cabinet Office; (Right) Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. *CPI is the Consumer Price Index. Core CPI excludes food and energy prices. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



China: GDP and inflation



Source: BEA, FactSet, NBS China, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Latest Chinese GDP growth figure is 4Q23. *CPI is the Consumer Price Index, PPI is the producer price index.



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Global economy



China: Investment



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Source: CEIC, NBS China, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



China: Monetary policy and exchange rate





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Source: CEIC, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Right) People's Bank of China.

*CFETS RMB Index is the China Foreign Exchange Trade System basket of 24 currencies traded against the Chinese renminbi. The central bank requests all commercial banks to reference the finalised LPR to price their new lending and use LPR as the benchmark rate in floating rate loan contracts. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

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China: Property market





Source: FactSet, NBS, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

*Housing volumes are the change in the rolling 12-month averages of residential floor space started, completed and sold. **Domestic loans refers to loans borrowed from banks. Self-raised funds includes developers' own funds, bond and equity issuance and accounts payable to construction contractors and other relevant parties. Mortgages are mortgage loans that home buyers borrow from banks and public housing funds. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

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World equity market returns

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	1Q'24	Ann.	Vol.
AUD Local	24.3% U.S. 13.7%	25.6% Japan 12.1%	13.2% Small Cap 13.2%	31.5% Asia ex JP 35.9%	6.2% U.S. -4.4%	31.7% U.S. 31.5%	14.2% Asia ex JP 22.7%	36.6% U.S. 28.7%	-1.1% Australia -1.1%	25.5% U.S. 26.3%	15.6% U.S. 10.6%	15.6% U.S. 10.6%	15.1% U.S. 12.0%	Small Cap 17.2%
	14.9% Asia ex JP 7.7%	14.0% U.S. 1.4%	12.5% U.S. 12.0%	27.5% EM 31.0%	-2.3% Portfolio -7.3%	24.8% Europe 24.6%	9.2% Small Cap 9.2%	24.1% Europe 23.3%	-8.4% Europe -8.0%	19.9% Europe 15.0%	15.1% Japan 18.1%	15.1% Japan 18.1%	9.1% Portfolio 8.3%	U.S. 15.2%
	8.7% Portfolio 6.8%	10.2% Small Cap 10.2%	12.1% EM 10.1%	20.0% Small Cap 20.0%	-2.8% Australia -2.8%	24.0% Portfolio 23.7%	8.1% EM 19.5%	19.0% Portfolio 17.2%	-8.7% Japan -2.5%	19.3% Japan 28.3%	10.2% Europe 8.4%	10.2% Europe 8.4%	8.3% Japan 8.6%	Japan 14.7%
	7.3% EM 5.6%	9.8% Europe 5.4%	11.8% Australia 11.8%	17.2% Japan 22.2%	-4.2% Japan -16.0%	23.4% Australia 23.4%	7.9% U.S. 18.4%	17.2% Australia 17.2%	-8.8% Portfolio -9.5%	15.8% Portfolio 16.2%	9.6% Portfolio 8.2%	9.6% Portfolio 8.2%	7.9% Australia 7.9%	Asia ex JP 14.6%
	5.7% Japan 10.3%	8.4% Portfolio 3.3%	9.4% Portfolio 9.8%	16.9% Europe 13.7%	-4.6% Asia ex JP -12.0%	21.4% Small Cap 21.4%	4.2% Portfolio 8.6%	16.9% Small Cap 16.9%	-12.2% U.S. -18.1%	12.4% Australia 12.4%	7.5% Small Cap 7.5%	7.5% Small Cap 7.5%	7.6% Europe 7.0%	Portfolio 14.5%
	5.6% Australia 5.6%	2.6% Australia 2.6%	6.3% Asia ex JP 6.4%	16.7% Portfolio 19.1%	-4.7% EM -9.7%	19.4% Japan 18.1%	3.0% Japan 7.4%	7.3% Japan 12.7%	-13.5% Asia ex JP -15.1%	9.6% EM 10.3%	7.1% Asia ex JP 4.5%	7.1% Asia ex JP 4.5%	7.0% Asia ex JP 5.2%	Australia 14.1%
	3.1% Europe 5.2%	2.5% Asia ex JP -5.3%	4.0% Japan 0.3%	12.8% U.S. 21.8%	-4.8% Europe -10.0%	19.1% EM 18.5%	1.4% Australia 1.4%	3.8% EM 0.1%	-13.9% EM -15.2%	7.8% Small Cap 7.8%	7.1% EM 4.6%	7.1% EM 4.6%	6.0% Small Cap 6.0%	EM 13.5%
	-3.8% Small Cap -3.8%	-3.9% EM -5.4%	0.7% Europe 7.9%	11.8% Australia 11.8%	-8.7% Small Cap -8.7%	18.7% Asia ex JP 18.2%	-3.5% Europe -1.7%	1.4% Asia ex JP -2.8%	-18.4% Small Cap -18.4%	5.7% Asia ex JP 6.8%	5.3% Australia 5.3%	5.3% Australia 5.3%	5.9% EM 5.6%	Europe 13.2%

Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, TOPIX, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Annualised return (Ann.) and volatility (Vol.) covers the period 2014 to 2022. Volatility is based on local currency returns. Small Cap: S&P ASX Small Ordinaries; Asia ex JP: MSCI AC Asia ex Japan; EM: MSCI EM Index; Europe: MSCI Europe Index; Japan: TOPIX first section; Australia: ASX 200 Index; U.S.: S&P 500 Index. Hypothetical portfolio (for illustrative purposes only and should not be taken as a recommendation): 20% U.S.; 30% Australia; 15% EM; 15% Europe; 10% Japan; 10% small cap. All indices are total returns. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.



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Global equities: Source of return and valuations



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India

Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

All return values are MSCI indices except the U.S. and Australia, which are the S&P 500 and ASX 200, respectively. *Multiple expansion is based on the forward P/E ratio and EPS growth outlook is based on NTMA earnings estimates. Chart is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. J.P.Morgan ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Global equities: Earnings and revisions



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Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global equities: Growth vs. value





Equity sector correlation changes in bond yields*

Correlation of MSCI World sectors rel. performance with U.S. 10y Treasury yield



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Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. 10-year correlation period. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global equities: Lage cap vs. small cap



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Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Large cap is the MSCI World Index, small cap is the MSCI World Small Cap Index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Global equities: Profit margins and return on equity



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Global equities: Dividends



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Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Value, growth, large and small cap indices represented by the MSCI World universe of companies. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Global equities: Concentration risk and valuation dispersion



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Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



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ASX 200 Index: Forward P/E ratio



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Price-to-earnings is price divided by consensus analyst estimates of earnings per share for the next 12 months. Dividend yield is calculated as the next 12-month consensus dividend divided by most recent price. Price-to-book ratio is the price divided by book value per share. Price-to-cash flow is price divided by NTM cash flow. EY minus corporate bond yield is the forward earnings yield (consensus analyst estimates of EPS over the next 12 months divided by price) less the yield on the AusBond Credit (5-10y) Index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

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Australia sector earnings and valuations



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U.S. sector earnings and valuations





45x 40x 35x 30x 25x \diamond 20x \diamond 15x 10x 5x 0x . Comm. Services Cons. Staples S&P 500 Materials Energy Real Estate Industrials Utilities Health Care Financials Cons. Disc Info Tech 15-year range Current 15-year average

Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Europe sector earnings and valuations

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Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Real estate sector valuations start in September 2016. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Japan equities

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Emerging market equity valuations and returns

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Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) CEIC, national statistics agencies; (Right) U.S. Federal Reserve. *EM Asia ex-China includes Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Overall exports aggregate is gross domestic product (GDP)-weighted. **REER is the real effective exchange rate. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Equities

Fixed income sector returns

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	1Q '24	Ten-yr Ann.
AUD Local	25.3% Global HY 7.1%	16.0% U.S. MBS 6.1%	14.2% U.S. MBS 1.5%	15.3% Global HY 15.9%	5.1% Aus IG 5.1%	12.2% U.S. MBS 1.0%	14.6% EM Debt 14.4%	5.3% Aus IG 5.3%	12.5% U.S. TIPS 6.0%	-5.5% U.S. MBS -11.8%	12.7% Global HY 12.4%	6.1% Global HY 2.0%	6.1% Global HY 2.0%	6.5% Global HY 4.2%
	16.4%	15.4%	13.9%	10.7%	3.5%	12.1%	13.9%	4.1%	7.6%	-6.2%	9.8%	6.0%	6.0%	5.9%
	Global IG	EM Debt	EM Debt	EM Debt	Aus Gov	U.S. Treas.	Global HY	Aus Gov	Global HY	U.S. Treas.	EM Debt	EM Debt	EM Debt	EM Debt
	0.3%	5.5%	1.2%	10.2%	3.5%	0.9%	14.0%	4.1%	2.9%	-12.5%	10.5%	1.4%	1.4%	3.1%
	14.4%	14.8%	13.4%	5.6%	2.0%	9.7%	11.7%	1.1%	5.0%	-6.7%	8.9%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%
	U.S. MBS	U.S. Treas.	U.S. Treas.	Portfolio	Global HY	U.S. TIPS	Global IG	U.S. TIPS	U.S. MBS	Aus IG	Global IG	U.S. TIPS	U.S. TIPS	Global IG
	-1.4%	5.1%	0.8%	5.4%	7.6%	-1.3%	11.5%	11.0%	-1.0%	-6.7%	9.6%	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.8%
	12.9%	13.3%	10.9%	5.2%	1.2%	7.4%	9.5%	0.8%	4.5%	-7.0%	6.8%	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%
	U.S. Treas.	U.S. TIPS	U.S. TIPS	U.S. TIPS	EM Debt	Global HY	Portfolio	Portfolio	EM Debt	Global HY	Aus IG	Global IG	Global IG	U.S. MBS
	-2.7%	3.6%	-1.4%	4.7%	9.3%	-2.4%	9.2%	6.1%	-1.5%	-11.8%	6.8%	-0.8%	-0.8%	1.4%
	9.9%	12.8%	8.5%	4.8%	1.0%	7.2%	8.6%	0.5%	3.7%	-10.2%	6.8%	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%
	Portfolio	Global IG	Global IG	Global IG	Global IG	Portfolio	U.S. TIPS	Global IG	U.S. Treas.	Aus Gov	Portfolio	U.S. Treas.	U.S. Treas.	U.S. Treas.
	0.3%	3.1%	-3.6%	4.3%	9.1%	0.7%	8.4%	10.4%	-2.3%	-10.2%	6.8%	-1.0%	-1.0%	1.3%
	8.4%	11.7%	7.8%	3.8%	0.9%	7.1%	7.8%	-1.6%	3.1%	-10.4%	4.4%	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%
	EM Debt	Portfolio	Global HY	Aus IG	Portfolio	Global IG	Aus Gov	Global HY	Global IG	EM Debt	U.S. MBS	U.S. MBS	U.S. MBS	Portfolio
	-6.6%	6.0%	-2.1%	3.8%	5.1%	-3.6%	7.8%	6.3%	-2.9%	-16.5%	5.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	2.6%
	6.1%	10.3%	7.7%	2.5%	-4.6%	6.0%	7.1%	-1.6%	2.3%	-10.7%	4.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%
	U.S. TIPS	Aus Gov	Portfolio	Aus Gov	U.S. TIPS	EM Debt	Aus IG	U.S. Treas.	Portfolio	Global IG	Aus Gov	Portfolio	Portfolio	Aus IG
	-8.6%	10.3%	0.5%	2.5%	3.0%	-4.6%	7.1%	8.0%	-1.1%	-16.7%	4.3%	0.7%	0.7%	3.4%
	4.3%	9.2%	3.0%	2.2%	-5.1%	5.1%	7.0%	-3.5%	-1.6%	-11.7%	3.4%	1.4%	1.4%	2.5%
	Aus IG	Global HY	Aus IG	U.S. MBS	U.S. MBS	Aus Gov	U.S. Treas.	EM Debt	Aus IG	Portfolio	U.S. Treas.	Aus IG	Aus IG	Aus Gov
	4.3%	2.5%	3.0%	1.7%	2.5%	5.1%	6.9%	5.9%	-1.6%	-11.1%	4.1%	1.4%	1.4%	2.5%
	0.3%	8.1%	2.3%	1.5%	-5.3%	3.9%	6.5%	-5.4%	-3.1%	-76.2%	3.3%	0.9%	0.9%	-8.3%
	Aus Gov	Aus IG	Aus Gov	U.S. Treas.	U.S. Treas.	Aus IG	U.S. MBS	U.S. MBS	Aus Gov	U.S. TIPS	U.S. TIPS	Aus Gov	Aus Gov	U.S. TIPS
	0.3%	8.1%	2.3%	1.0%	2.3%	3.9%	6.4%	3.9%	-3.1%	-11.8%	3.9%	0.9%	0.9%	2.4%

Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, ICE BofA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Aus Gov: AusBond Treasury (0+Y); U.S. Treas.: Barclays U.S. Aggregate Government – Treasury; Global IG: Barclays Global Aggregate – Corporate – Investment Grade; Aus IG: Bloomberg AusBond Credit (0+Y); Global HY: BoA/ML Global High Yield; EM Debt: J.P. Morgan EMBI Global; U.S. TIPS: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS); U.S. MBS: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Securitised – MBS. Hypothetical portfolio (for illustrative purposes only and should not be taken as a recommendation): 25% Aus Gov, 15% Aus IG, 10% Global IG, 15% Global HY, 10% EM Debt, 15% U.S. Treas., 5% U.S. TIPS, 5% U.S. MBS. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Source: FactSet, Tullett Prebon, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Fixed income yields

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Nominal yields



Maximum yield in past 10 years

Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, ICE BofA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Euro IG: Bloomberg Barclays Euro-Aggregate – Corporate; Global IG: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate – Corporate; Aus IG: Bloomberg AusBond Credit (0+Y); U.S. IG: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Corporate. Euro HY: ICE BofA Euro Developed Markets Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index; Global HY: ICE BofA Global High Yield; U.S. HY: ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index; USD EM Corp: CEMBI Broad Diversified; Local EMD: GBI-EM Global Diversified; USD EMD: EMBI Global; USD Asia Credit: JPM Asia Credit; Local Asia EMD: JPM JADE; USD Asia HY: JPM Asia HY. Positive yield does not imply positive return. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Max yield on USD Asia HY is 19.1%. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.

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results.



Fixed income interest rate sensitivity



Impact of a 1% rise or fall in interest rates

Total return, assumes a parallel shift in the yield curve

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U.S. real yields





U.S. 10-year Treasury yield*

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) FactSet, U.S. Federal Reserve; (Right) Bloomberg L.P. *Real yield calculated using 10-year breakeven, which represents the difference in yield between nominal and inflation-protected government bonds and is a market-based measure of average inflation expectations over the next 10 years. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.





Central bank policy rates



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Source: Bank of Japan, European Central Bank, FactSet, Reserve Bank of Australia, U.S. Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Central bank policy rate changes



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Source: Bank of International Settlements, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) CEIC; (Right) J.P. Morgan Economic Research. *Covers the 38 central banks included in the Bank of International Settlements' central bank policy monitor. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Bank of Japan's monetary policy





Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Right) Morningstar, The Investment Trusts Association Japan, Bank of Japan. The BoJ removed its yield curve control (YCC) policy in March 2024 but will continue JGB purchases with broadly the same amount as before. *Total market value of Japan equity ETFs listed in Japan are based on J.P. Morgan Asset Management calculations. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.





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J.P.Morgan Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Base returns refer to equivalent-duration U.S. Treasury base rate returns and any residuals. ASSET MANAGEMENT



U.S. securitised market





Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Bloomberg Barclays; (Right) Equifax, New York Fed Consumer Credit. *Credit score is Equifax Risk Score 3.0. Credit scores measure creditworthiness or likelihood of repayment of a borrower. The higher the score, the lower the risk of default. CMBS is commercial mortgage-backed securities, MBS is mortgage-backed securities. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



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U.S. high yield: Spread and default rate



U.S. high yield spread and default rate

Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, J.P. Morgan Securities, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Default rates are defined as the par value percentage of the total market trading at or below 50% of par value and include any Chapter 11 filing, prepackaged filing or missed interest payments. Spreads indicated are benchmark yield to worst less comparable maturity Treasury yields. Guide to the Markets – Australia, Data as of 31 March 2024.

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U.S. high yield: Fundamentals





Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) J.P. Morgan Economic Research; (Right) Bloomberg, ICE BofA. ICE BoA Global Corporate Index and ICE BofA Global Developed Market Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index. *Net leverage is net debt divided by adjusted earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA). Interest coverage ratio is EBITDA over interest expense. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Emerging market debt





Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) J.P. Morgan Securities Research; (Right) FactSet. Real yield is calculated by using nominal yield less current CPI for the respective countries. Sector yields based on J.P. Morgan GBI-EM (EM sovereign (local currency)), J.P. Morgan EMBI+ (EM sovereign (USD)), J.P. Morgan CEMBI (EM corporate (USD)). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Average returns 12 months following the first rate cut



Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, U.S. Federal Reserve. J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Total returns in local currency unless otherwise specified. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.

Other asset classes

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Cross asset valuations

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Asset class valuations

Z-score based on 20-year average valuations measures



Source: Bloomberg L.P, FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Yield-to-worst and spread-to-worst are inversely related to fixed income prices. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.





Energy prices



Source: FactSet, ICE, Nymex, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Oil supply



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Source: Baker-Hughes, EIA, FactSet, U.S. Department of Energy, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Weekly U.S. crude oil and petroleum ending inventory includes strategic petroleum reserve, and active rig count represents both natural gas and oil rigs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Iron ore

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Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Right) CEIC, CISA. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

Other asset classes



Metals

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Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) U.S. Federal Reserve; (Right) London Metals Exchange. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Australian dollar





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Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Reserve Bank of Australia; (Right) OECD.

*USD and AUD Index shows performance vs. a basket of trading partners. **DM is developed markets and the yield is a GDP-weighted average of the 10-year government bond yields of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Switzerland and the UK. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



Volatility

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Equity and bond market volatility



Source: CBOE, FactSet, ICE BofA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The VIX-CBOE Volatility Index measures market expectations of near-term volatility conveyed by S&P 500 Index (SPX) option prices. The MOVE index measures the volatility in U.S. Treasury yields across different maturities. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.



Alternative asset correlations, returns and yields

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Correlations, returns and yields

10-year correlations and 10-year annualised total returns, quarterly, 2013 - 2022



Source: Burgiss, Cliffwater, FactSet, Gilberto-Levy, HFRI, MSCI, NCREIF, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Correlations are based on quarterly returns over the past 10 years through 2022. A 60/40 portfolio is comprised of 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Total Return Index. Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index. 10-year annualised returns are calculated from 2013 to 2022. *CML is commercial mortgage loans. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

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									15-years '09 - '23									
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	1Q '24	Ann.	Vol.
EM equity 38.8%	Aus. Fl 6.0%	Aus. Fl 11.4%	REITs 32.2%	DM equity 47.8%	REITs 27.3%	REITs 14.0%	REITs 13.9%	EM equity 27.5%	Global Fl 9.8%	DM equity 28.6%	EM equity 8.1%	DM equity 29.9%	Cash 1.3%	DM equity 23.6%	DM equity 14.0%	DM equity 14.0%	DM equity 12.3%	REITs 19.6%
Aus. equity 37.0%	Cash 4.7%	Global Fl 5.6%	Aus. equity 20.3%	Aus. equity 20.2%	DM equity 15.3%	DM equity 12.1%	EM equity 12.1%	DM equity 13.9%	REITs 5.7%	Aus. equity 23.4%	DM equity 6.1%	REITs 18.5%	Aus. equity -1.1%	Aus. equity 12.4%	REITs 10.2%	REITs 10.2%	REITs 7.8%	Aus. equity 13.8%
Port. 12.6%	EM equity 4.6%	Cash 5.0%	EM equity 17.1%	Port. 16.2%	Port. 10.8%	Global Fl 8.9%	Aus. equity 11.8%	Aus. equity 11.8%	Aus. Fl 4.5%	EM equity 19.1%	Aus. Fl 4.5%	Aus. equity 17.2%	Port. -8.0%	Port. 10.2%	EM equity 7.1%	EM equity 7.1%	Aus. equity 7.5%	EM equity 11.5%
Cash 3.5%	Port. 1.7%	Port. -1.8%	DM equity 15.1%	EM equity 13.4%	Global Fl 10.0%	Port. 5.1%	DM equity 8.7%	Port. 9.2%	DM equity 2.0%	REITs 18.9%	Port. 1.5%	Port. 10.4%	Aus. Fl -9.7%	EM equity 9.6%	Port. 5.7%	Port. 5.7%	Port. 6.6%	DM equity 11.2%
REITs 3.3%	Aus. equity 1.6%	REITs -2.0%	Port. 14.7%	Global FI 13.0%	Aus. Fl 9.8%	Aus. Fl 2.6%	Port. 7.9%	REITs 5.1%	Cash 1.9%	Port. 16.5%	Aus. equity 1.4%	EM equity 3.8%	Global Fl -10.2%	REITs 6.5%	Aus. equity 5.3%	Aus. equity 5.3%	EM equity 5.3%	Port. 10.2%
Aus. Fl 1.7%	REITs 0.4%	DM equity -5.0%	Aus. Fl 7.7%	REITs 6.6%	EM equity 7.3%	Aus. equity 2.6%	Aus. Fl 2.9%	Aus. Fl 3.7%	Port. 1.9%	Aus. Fl 7.3%	Cash 0.4%	Global Fl 1.1%	REITs -11.4%	Global Fl 5.1%	Global Fl 2.4%	Global Fl 2.4%	Aus. Fl 3.6%	Global Fl 9.6%
DM equity 1.4%	DM equity -1.4%	Aus. equity -10.5%	Cash 4.0%	Cash 2.9%	Aus. equity 5.6%	Cash 2.3%	Global Fl 2.6%	Cash 1.7%	Aus. equity -2.8%	Global Fl 7.0%	Global Fl -0.5%	Cash 0.0%	DM equity -11.8%	Aus. Fl 5.1%	Cash 1.1%	Cash 1.1%	Global Fl 3.1%	Aus. Fl 4.0%
Global Fl -17.1%	Global Fl -7.4%	EM equity -18.2%	Global Fl 3.0%	Aus. Fl 2.0%	Cash 2.7%	EM equity -3.9%	Cash 2.1%	Global Fl -0.6%	EM equity -4.7%	Cash 1.5%	REITs -17.1%	Aus. Fl -2.9%	EM equity -13.9%	Cash 3.9%	Aus. Fl 1.0%	Aus. Fl 1.0%	Cash 2.3%	Cash 0.4%

Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, FTSE, J.P. Morgan, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Annualised return (Ann.) and volatility (Vol.) covers the period 2009 to 2023. EM equity: MSCI Emerging Markets; Australian FI: Bloomberg AusBond Composite (0+Y); Global FI: Barclays Global Aggregate; DM equity: MSCI World; Aus. equity: ASX 200 Index; REITs: FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Australia; Cash: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index. Portfolio is hypothetical portfolio (for illustration purposes only and should not be taken as a recommendation): 15% DM equities; 10% EM equities; 25% Australian equities; 25% Australian FI; 10% Global FI; 5% Cash and 10% REITs. Returns are unhedged, total return, in Australian dollars. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Annual equity returns and intra-year declines



ASX 200 Index intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.0% (median 11.5%), annual returns are positive in 22 out of 30 years



Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are based on price only and exclude dividends. Intra-year decline refers to the largest market fall from peak to trough in a short period of time during the calendar year. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Portfolio returns and stock-bond contribution



Source: Bloomberg L.P., Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Total returns based on 60% allocation to ASX 200 Index and 40% in the AusBond Composite Index reweighted annually. Guide to the Markets – Australia. Data as of 31 March 2024.

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Stock-bond correlation



Correlations between stocks and sovereign bonds

Weekly rolling correlation of U.S. equities and U.S. Treasuries

Source: Bloomberg L.P., FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Rolling six-month and one-year correlations between weekly returns in the S&P 500 Index and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Government Treasuries Index.

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The power of compounding





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Life expectancy

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Probability of reaching ages 80 and 90

Persons aged 65, by gender, and combined by couple









Source: Barclays, FactSet, Robert Shiller, Strategas/Ibbotson, U.S. Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns shown are based on calendar year returns from 1950 to 2018. Large cap equity represents the S&P 500 Shiller Composite and bonds represents the Strategas/Ibbotson for periods from 1950 to 1980 and the Barclays Aggregate after index inception in 1980. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – Australia*. Data as of 31 March 2024.



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Global commodities and sustainable energy







Commodity input for sustainable energy technologies Relative importance of commodities

	Copper	Cobalt	Nickel	Lithium	Zinc
Solar PV**	•			•	
Wind	•	•	٠	•	•
Hydro 🔔	•				
Nuclear	•				
EVs*** and battery storage <mark>- +</mark> I		•			
Electricity networks	•	•		•	

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) U.S. Geological Survey; (Right) International Energy Agency. Based on the report "The role of critical minerals in clean energy transitions" where they elaborate further how the relative importance of commodities was determined. *U.S. lithium mining production is excluded in this analysis to protect individual company information.**PV = photovoltaic. ***EVs = electric vehicles. *Guide to the Markets – Australia.* Data as of 31 March 2024.

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J.P. Morgan Asset Management – Index Definitions



All indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

The S&P 500 Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. This world-renowned index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the S&P 500 Index focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The S&P 400 Mid Cap Index is representative of 400 stocks in the mid-range sector of the domestic stock market, representing all major industries.

The Russell 3000 Index® measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization.

The Russell 1000 Index ® measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index ® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 1000 Value Index ® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell Midcap Index ® measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.

The Russell Midcap Growth Index ® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-tobook ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The Russell Midcap Value Index ® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-tobook ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The Russell 2000 Index ® measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

The Russell 2000 Growth Index ® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 2000 Value Index ® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell Top 200 Index ® measures the performance of the largest cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes approximately 200 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership and represents approximately 68% of the U.S. market.

The MSCI® EAFE (Europe, Australia, Far East) Net Index is recognized as the pre-eminent benchmark in the United States to measure international equity performance. It comprises 21 MSCI country indexes, representing the developed markets outside of North America.

The MSCI Emerging Markets IndexSM is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. As of June 2007, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consisted of the following 25 emerging market country indices: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. As of June 2009 the MSCI ACWI consisted of 45 country indices comprising 23 developed and 22 emerging market country indices.

The MSCI Small Cap IndicesSM target 40% of the eligible Small Cap universe within each industry group, within each country. MSCI defines the Small Cap universe as all listed securities that have a market capitalization in the range of USD200-1,500 million.

The MSCI Value and Growth IndicesSM cover the full range of developed, emerging and All Country MSCI Equity indexes. As of the close of May 30, 2003, MSCI implemented an enhanced methodology for the MSCI Global Value and Growth Indices, adopting a two dimensional framework for style segmentation in which value and growth securities are categorized using different attributes - three for value and five for growth including forward-looking variables. The objective of the index design is to divide constituents of an underlying MSCI Standard Country Index into a value index and a growth index, each targeting 50% of the free-float adjusted market capitalization of the underlying country index. Country Value/Growth indices are then aggregated into regional Value/Growth indices. Prior to May 30, 2003, the indices used Price/Book Value (P/BV) ratios to divide the standard MSCI country indices into value and growth indices. All securities were classified as either "value" securities (low P/BV securities) or "growth" securities (high P/BV securities), relative to each MSCI country index.

The following MSCI Total Return IndicesSM are calculated with gross dividends: This series approximates the maximum possible dividend reinvestment. The amount reinvested is the dividend distributed to individuals resident in the country of the company, but does not include tax credits.

The MSCI Europe IndexSM is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe. As of June 2007, the MSCI Europe Index consisted of the following 16 developed market country indices: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The MSCI Pacific IndexSM is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region. As of June 2007, the MSCI Pacific Index consisted of the following 5 Developed Market countries: Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, and Singapore.

Credit Suisse/Tremont Hedge Fund Index is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The Index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.

The NFI-ODCE, short for NCREIF Fund Index - Open End Diversified Core Equity, is an index of investment returns reporting on both a historical and current basis the results of 33 open-end commingled funds pursuing a core investment strategy, some of which have performance histories dating back to the 1970s. The NFI-ODCE Index is capitalization-weighted and is reported gross of fees. Measurement is time-weighted.

The NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average measures the stock performance of 30 leading blue-chip U.S. companies.

The Bloomberg Commodity Index is composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc





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The S&P GSCI Index is a composite index of commodity sector returns representing an unleveraged, long-only investment in commodity futures that is broadly diversified across the spectrum of commodities. The returns are calculated on a fully collateralized basis with full reinvestment. Individual components qualify for inclusion in the index on the basis of liquidity and are weighted by their respective world production quantities.

The Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indexes that are calculated and reported on a regular basis.

This U.S. Treasury Index is a component of the U.S. Government index.

West Texas Intermediate (WTI) is the underlying commodity for the New York Mercantile Exchange's oil futures contracts.

The Barclays Capital High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Pay-in-kind (PIK) bonds, Eurobonds, and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, etc.) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, and 144-As are also included.

The Barclays Capital 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index includes all publicly issued zero-coupon U.S. Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non convertible.

The Barclays Capital General Obligation Bond Index is a component of the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index. To be included in the index, bonds must be general obligation bonds rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

The Barclays Capital Revenue Bond Index is a component of the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index. To be included in the index, bonds must be revenue bonds rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

The Barclays High Yield Municipal Index includes bonds rated Ba1 or lower or non-rated bonds using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch.

The Barclays Capital Taxable Municipal Bond Index is a rules-based, market-value weighted index engineered for the long-term taxable bond market. To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies if all three rate the bond: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues (unless converted to fixed rate), bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

Municipal Bond Index: To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives are excluded from the benchmark.

The Barclays Capital Emerging Markets Index includes USD-denominated debt from emerging markets in the following regions: Americas, Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia. As with other fixed income benchmarks provided by Barclays Capital, the index is rules-based, which allows for an unbiased view of the marketplace and easy replicability.

The Barclays Capital MBS Index covers the mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac. Aggregate components must have a weighted average maturity of at least one year, must have \$250 million par amount outstanding, and must be fixed rate mortgages.

The Barclays Capital Corporate Bond Index is the Corporate component of the U.S. Credit index.

The Barclays Capital TIPS Index consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Index includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

The J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.

The CS/Tremont Equity Market Neutral Index takes both long and short positions in stocks with the aim of minimizing exposure to the systematic risk of the market (i.e., a beta of zero).

The CS/Tremont Multi-Strategy Index consists of funds that allocate capital based on perceived opportunities among several hedge fund strategies. Strategies adopted in a multi-strategy fund may include, but are not limited to, convertible bond arbitrage, equity long/short, statistical arbitrage and merger arbitrage.

The Barclays U.S. Dollar Floating Rate Note (FRN) Index provides a measure of the U.S. dollar denominated floating rate note market.

*Market Neutral returns for November 2008 are estimates by J.P. Morgan Funds Market Strategy, and are based on a December 8, 2008 published estimate for November returns by CS/Tremont in which the Market Neutral returns were estimated to be +0.85% (with 69% of all CS/Tremont constituents having reported return data). Presumed to be excluded from the November return are three funds, which were later marked to \$0 by CS/Tremont in connection with the Bernard Madoff scandal. J.P. Morgan Funds believes this distortion is not an accurate representation of returns in the category. CS/Tremont later published a finalized November return of -40.56% for the month, reflecting this mark-down. CS/Tremont assumes no responsibility for these estimates.





J.P. Morgan Asset Management – Definitions, Risks & Disclosures



Bonds are subject to interest rate risks. Bond prices generally fall when interest rates rise.

The price of equity securities may rise, or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries, or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. Equity securities are subject to "stock market risk" meaning that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods of time.

Small-capitalization investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure. Historically, smaller companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

Mid-capitalization investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies. Historically, mid-cap companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

Real estate investments may be subject to a higher degree of market risk because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographical sector. Real estate investments may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, declines in the value of real estate, risks related to general and economic conditions, changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trust and defaults by borrower.

International investing involves a greater degree of risk and increased volatility. Changes in currency exchange rates and differences in accounting and taxation policies outside the U.S. can raise or lower returns. Also, some overseas markets may not be as politically and economically stable as the United States and other nations.

Investments in emerging markets can be more volatile. As mentioned above, the normal risks of investing in foreign countries are heightened when investing in emerging markets. In addition, the small size of securities markets and the low trading volume may lead to a lack of liquidity, which leads to increased volatility. Also, emerging markets may not provide adequate legal protection for private or foreign investment or private property.

Investments in commodities may have greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss.

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Derivatives may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic or market conditions than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. The use of derivatives may not be successful, resulting in investment losses, and the cost of such strategies may reduce investment returns.

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There is no guarantee that the use of long and short positions will succeed in limiting an investor's exposure to domestic stock market movements, capitalization, sector swings or other risk factors. Using long and short selling strategies may have higher portfolio turnover rates. Short selling involves certain risks, including additional costs associated with covering short positions and a possibility of unlimited loss on certain short sale positions.

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