

# WisdomTree ECONOMIC & MARKET OUTLOOK

## Actionable Ideas

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### Macro Insight: What Will 'Higher for Longer' Actually Mean?

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#### + Macro backdrop

- The U.S. economy has remained surprisingly resilient and could be poised to avoid a recession
- Inflation is expected to continue cooling but the 'last mile' could prove to be a bit more challenging
- A solid labor market is underpinning the U.S. consumer; the Fed is watching closely
- Broad stock market earnings growth should provide support for valuations in 2024
- The Q4 rally in Treasuries was not validated and yield levels have retraced more than 50% of the prior decline

#### + Fed policy

- The Fed is still on course for rate cuts this year, but the more important aspect for the markets will be what this easing in policy will ultimately look like
- Powell & Co. appear to be more flexible with policymaking decisions
- Reducing the pace of quantitative tightening (QT) will become part of the monetary policy landscape this year as well
- Equity and bond markets have now gotten in better alignment with the Fed's narrative

### Investment Ideas:

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#### U.S. Equities Exposure:

WisdomTree U.S. Quality Dividend Growth Fund (**DGRW**)

WisdomTree U.S. SmallCap Quality Dividend Growth Fund (**DGRS**)

#### Developed Markets Exposure:

WisdomTree International Hedged Quality Dividend Growth Fund (**IHDG**)

WisdomTree Japan Hedged Equity Fund (**DXJ**)

#### Emerging Markets Exposure:

WisdomTree Emerging Markets High Dividend Fund (**DEM**)

WisdomTree India Earnings Fund (**EPI**)

#### Fixed Income Exposure:

WisdomTree Floating Rate Treasury Fund (**USFR**)

WisdomTree Yield Enhanced U.S. Aggregate Bond Fund (**AGGY**)

WisdomTree U.S. Short-Term Corporate Bond Fund (**SFIG**)

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### Glossary

**Earnings growth:** The annual compound annual growth rate of earnings from investments. **Federal Reserve (Fed):** The Federal Reserve System is the central banking system of the United States. **Inflation:** Characterized by rising price levels. **Monetary policy:** Actions of a central bank or other regulatory committee that determine the size and rate of growth of the money supply, which in turn affects interest rates. **Quantitative Tightening (QT):** The reverse process of quantitative easing whereby securities are either sold or the proceeds of maturing securities are not reinvested with the goal of tightening economic conditions to prevent the economy from overheating. **Recession:** Two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth, characterized generally by a slowing economy and higher unemployment. **Treasury:** Debt obligation issued by the U.S. government with payments of principal and interest backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. **Valuations:** Refers to metrics that relate financial statistics for equities to their price levels to determine if certain attributes, such as earnings or dividends, are cheap or expensive.

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**DGRW, DGRS:** Funds focusing their investments on certain sectors increase their vulnerability to any single economic or regulatory development. This may result in greater share price volatility. Dividends are not guaranteed and a company's future abilities to pay dividends may be limited. A company currently paying dividends may cease paying dividends at any time.

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investment strategy of this Fund it may make higher capital gain distributions than other ETFs.

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**AGGY:** Fixed income investments are subject to interest rate risk; their value will normally decline as interest rates rise. Fixed income investments are also subject to credit risk, the risk that the issuer of a bond will fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. Investing in mortgage- and asset-backed securities involves interest rate, credit, valuation, extension and liquidity risks and the risk that payments on the underlying assets are delayed, prepaid, subordinated or defaulted on. Due to the investment strategy of the Fund, it may make higher capital gain distributions than other ETFs.

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