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**FIXED INCOME**

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 Marie-Belle Mikue, 9 years  
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 Graham Homberg, CFA, 17 years  
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 Steve Rinn, CFA, 8 years  
 John Bria, 10 years  
 Simon Peterson, 2 years  
 Grayson Harris, 1 year  
 Reece Sparling, <1 year  
 Lilly Nikkel, <1 year

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 Connor Fries, < 1 year

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 Nathan Bliss, PhD, CFA, 6 years  
 Jordan Freitag, 3 years  
 Matt Adomshick, 2 years  
 Natan Jara, 2 years  
 Joel Stapleton, PhD, 2 years  
 Matthew Milone, 2 years  
 Johannes Byle, 1 year  
 Josiah Elliott, 1 year  
 Matthew Erickson, 1 year  
 Stephen Lovett, PhD, < 1 year  
 Stephen Kil, < 1 year  
 Jonathan Barrett, < 1 year

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 SVP, Head of Strategy Research  
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 SVP, Portfolio Oversight  
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**Steve Collins**, CFA, MBA  
 SVP, Senior Fixed-Income Analyst  
 18 years

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**Nate Gerze**, 4 years  
**Mary Buchanan**, 20 years

## MARKET ANALYSIS

**Bob Carey**, CFA, 35 years  
**Peter Leonteos**, 16 years

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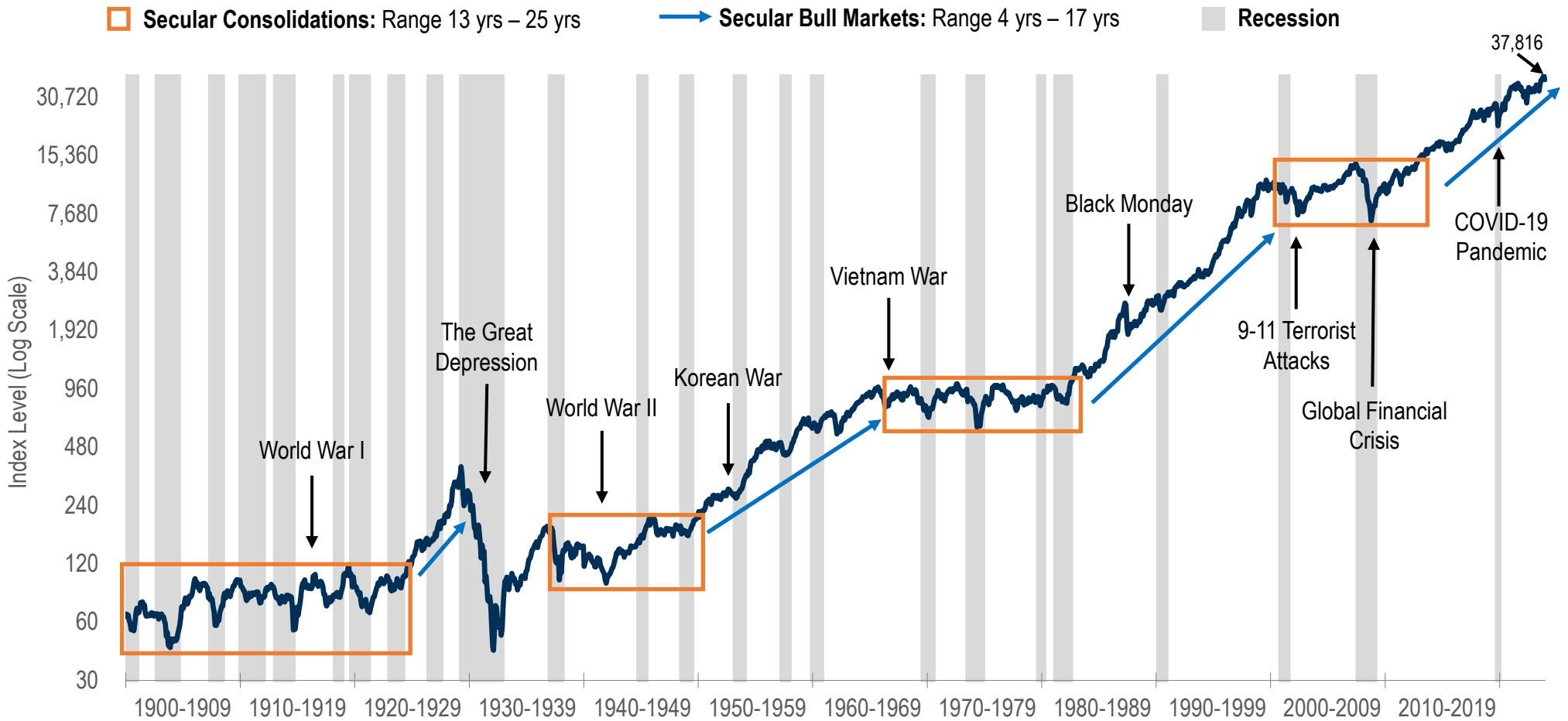
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# SECULAR BULL AND BEAR EQUITY MARKETS

Dow Jones Industrial Average (January 31, 1900 – April 30, 2024)

## MARKET DATA



Source: Bloomberg. See Index Definitions.  
Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

# WEEKLY S&P 500 INDEX

December 31, 1999 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA



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# WEEKLY 2 YEAR AND 5 YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD

December 31, 2005 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA

**2 YEAR U.S. TREASURY 2024 QTD RETURN: -0.39%**

Remains rangebound with resistance of 5.09% and support of 3.78%. A decline below 4.75% will likely retest support levels of 4.13% and 3.78%.



**5 YEAR U.S. TREASURY 2024 QTD RETURN: -1.82%**

Retesting prior target of 4.5% with resistance at 4.9%. Next level of support is 3.98% and then 3.35%.



Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The 2 Year U.S. Treasury return is represented by the ICE BofA Current 2-Year U.S. Treasury Index. The 5 Year U.S. Treasury return is represented by the ICE BofA Current 5-Year U.S. Treasury Index. See Index Definitions.

# WEEKLY 10 YEAR AND 30 YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD

December 31, 1999 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA

**10 YEAR U.S. TREASURY 2024 QTD RETURN: -3.37%**

Retesting 4.70% from 2023 with next resistance at 5.02%. Support levels are 4.34% and 4.02%.



**30 YEAR U.S. TREASURY 2024 QTD RETURN: -6.52%**

Retesting 4.85% from 2023 with next resistance at 5.18%. Support is 4.34% and 4.00%.



Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The 10 Year U.S. Treasury return is represented by the ICE BofA Current 10-Year U.S. Treasury Index. The 30 Year U.S. Treasury return is represented by the ICE BofA Current 30-Year U.S. Treasury Index. See Index Definitions.

# MONTHLY 10 YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD 1980 - PRESENT

January 31, 1980 – April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA



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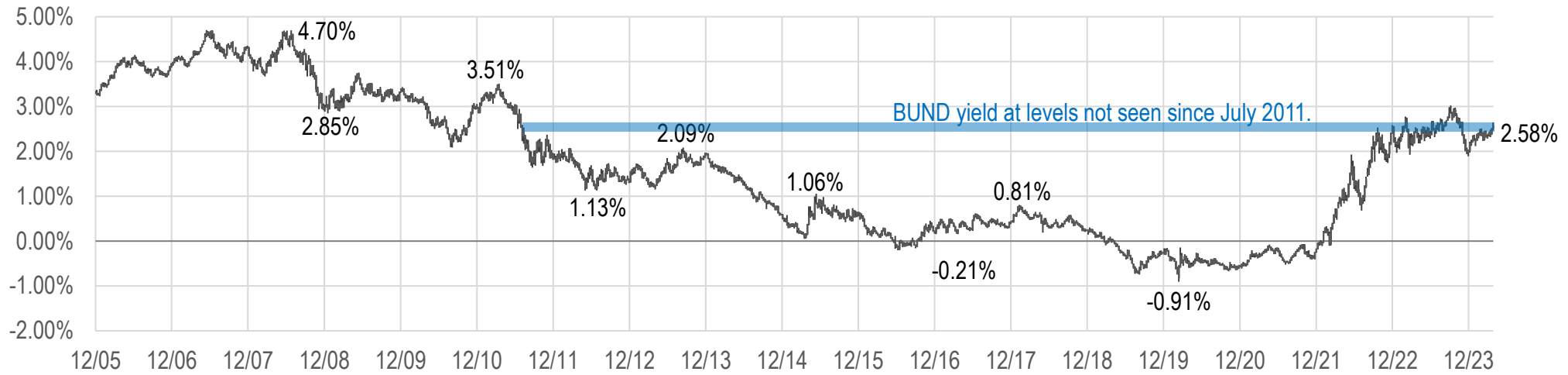


# WEEKLY 10 YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS (GERMANY & JAPAN)

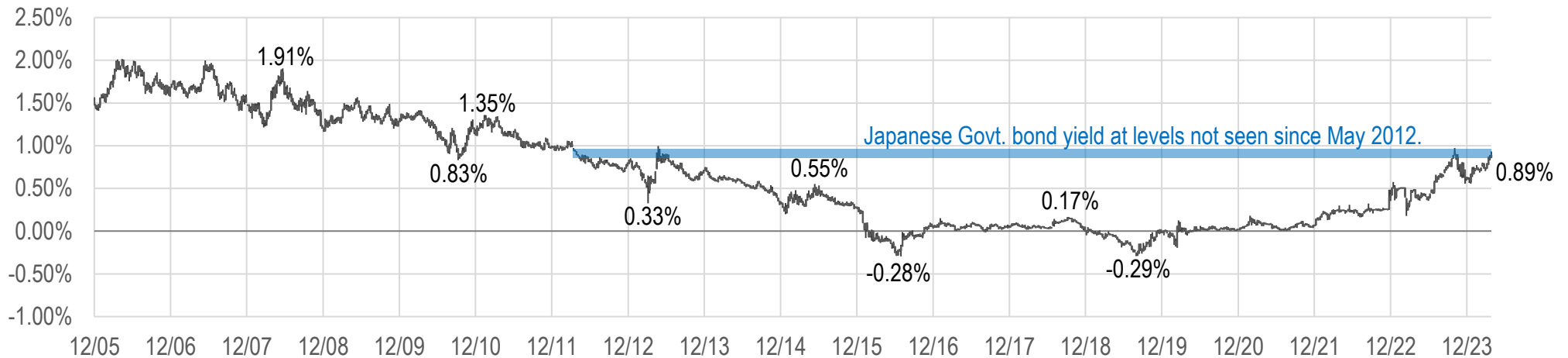
December 31, 2005 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA

### WEEKLY 10 YEAR GERMAN BUND YIELD



### WEEKLY 10 YEAR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BOND YIELD



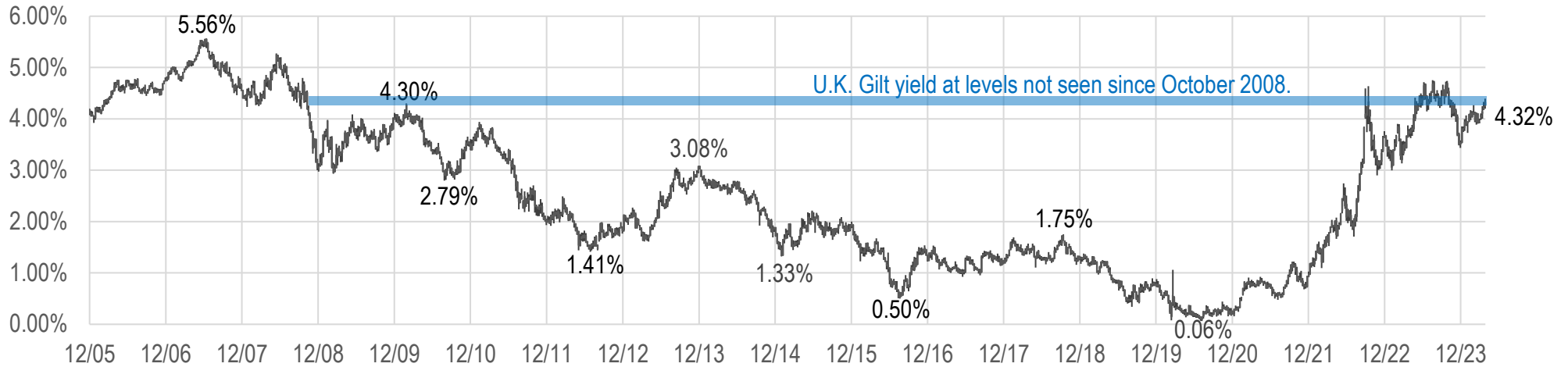
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# WEEKLY 10 YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS (U.K. & ITALY)

December 31, 2005 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA

### WEEKLY 10 YEAR U.K. GOVERNMENT BOND YIELD



### WEEKLY 10 YEAR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BOND YIELD

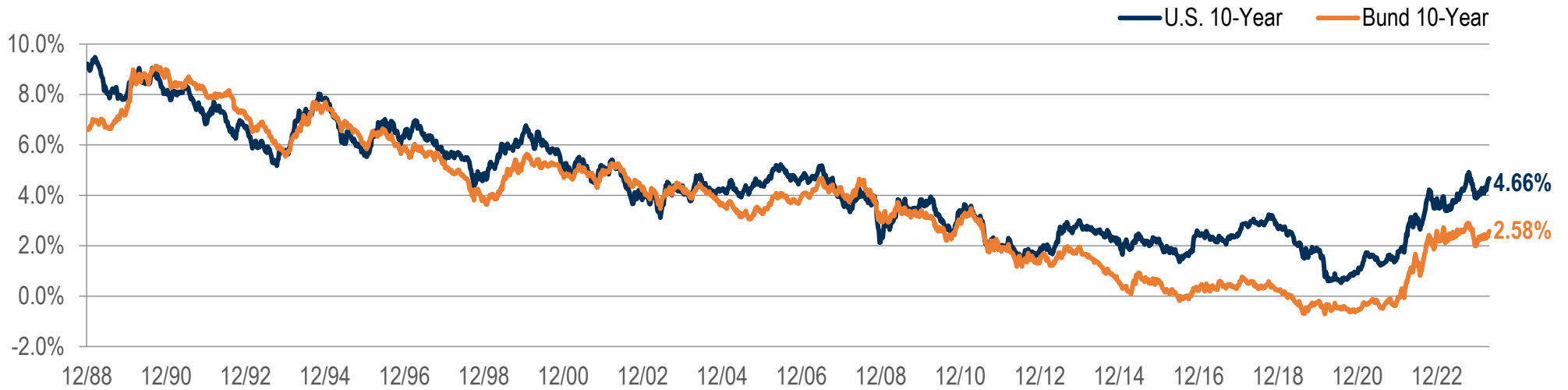


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# 10 YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD AND 10 YEAR GERMAN BUND YIELD

December 31, 1988 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA



## YIELD SPREAD BETWEEN THE 10 YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD AND THE 10 YEAR GERMAN BUND YIELD

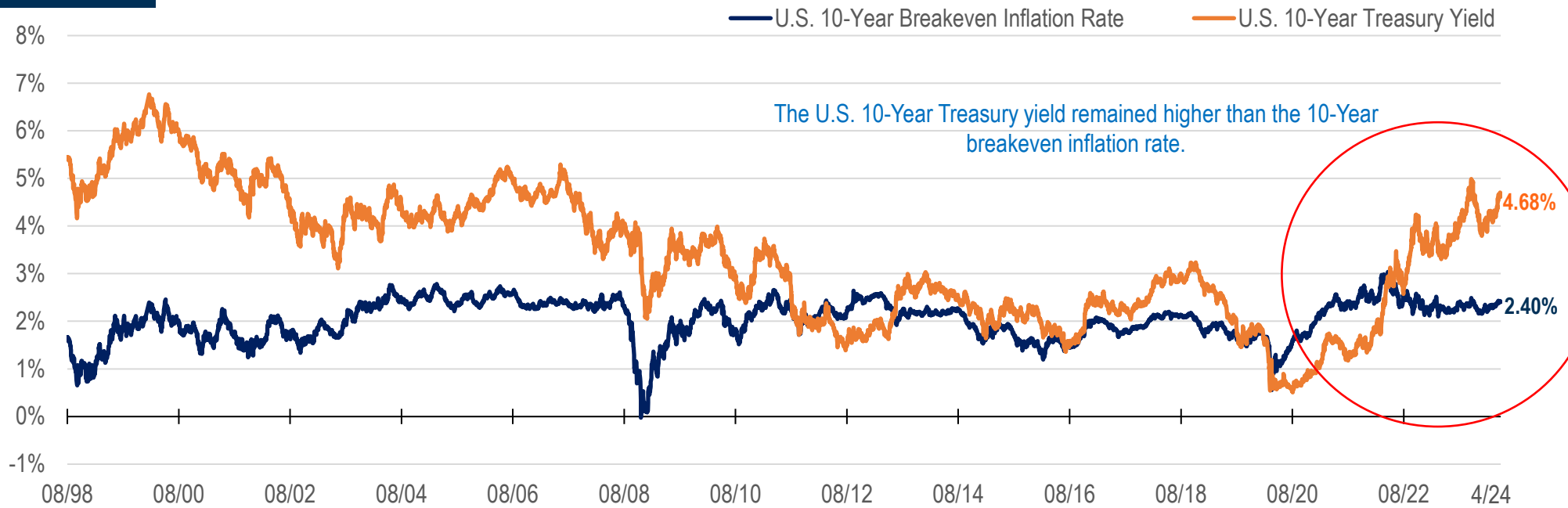


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# 10 YEAR U.S. TREASURY REAL YIELD

August 3, 1998 – April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA



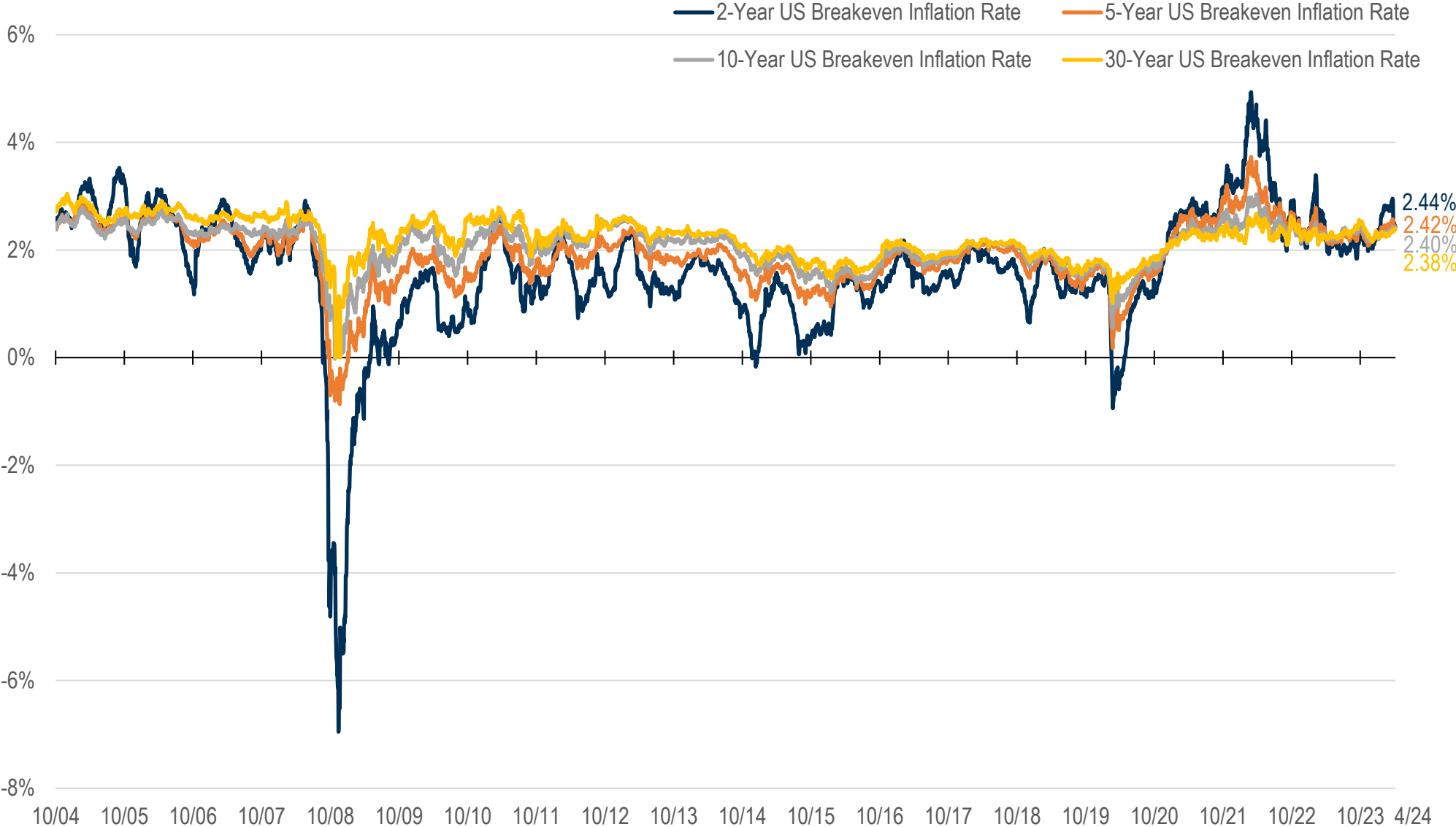
Real Yield is an interest rate that has been adjusted to remove the effects of inflation. Real Yield is calculated as the difference in yields between U.S Treasury bonds and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). The breakeven rate is a market-based gauge for the expected annual inflation. See Index Definitions.

Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

# INFLATION: BREAKEVENS

October 27, 2004 – April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA

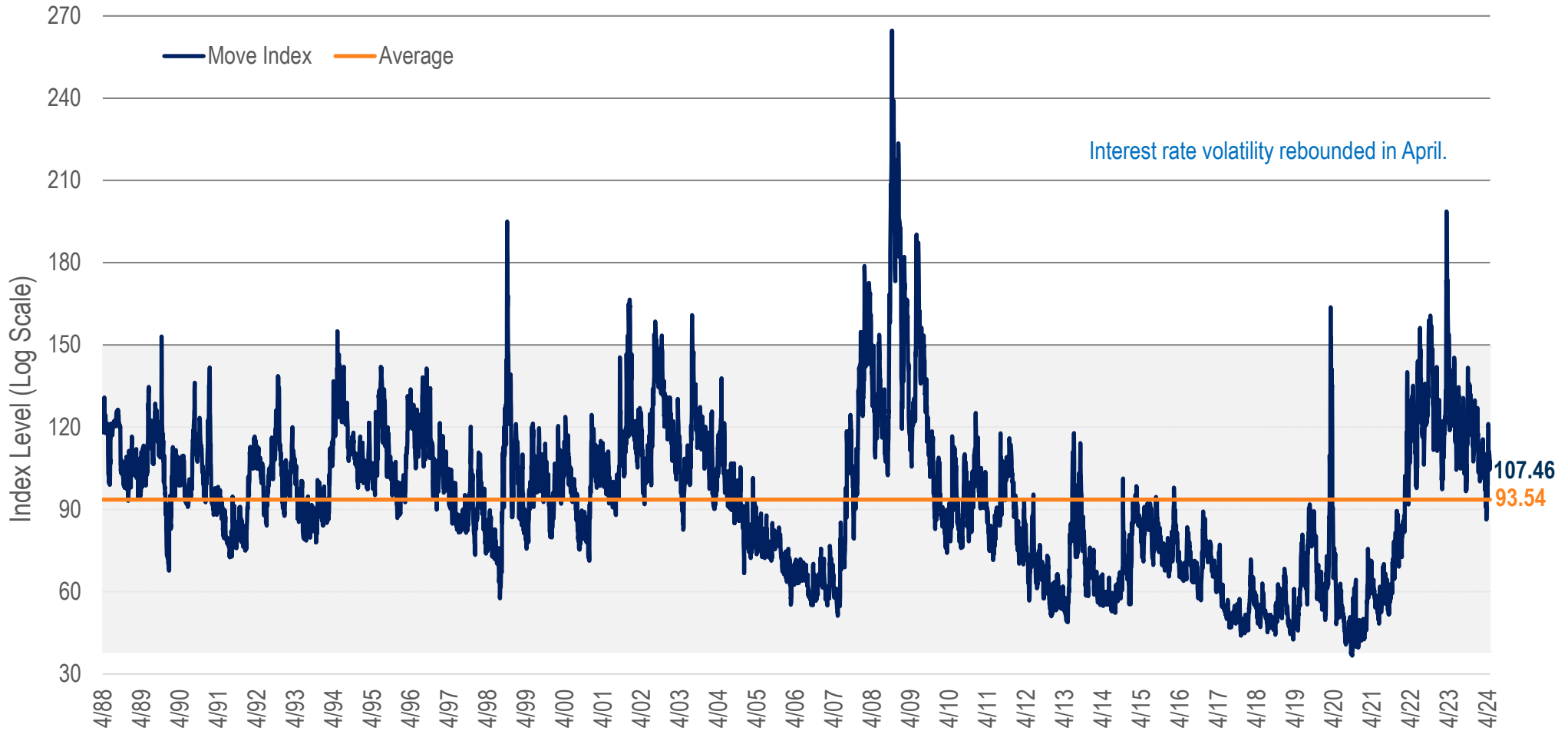


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# MOVE INDEX

As of April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA



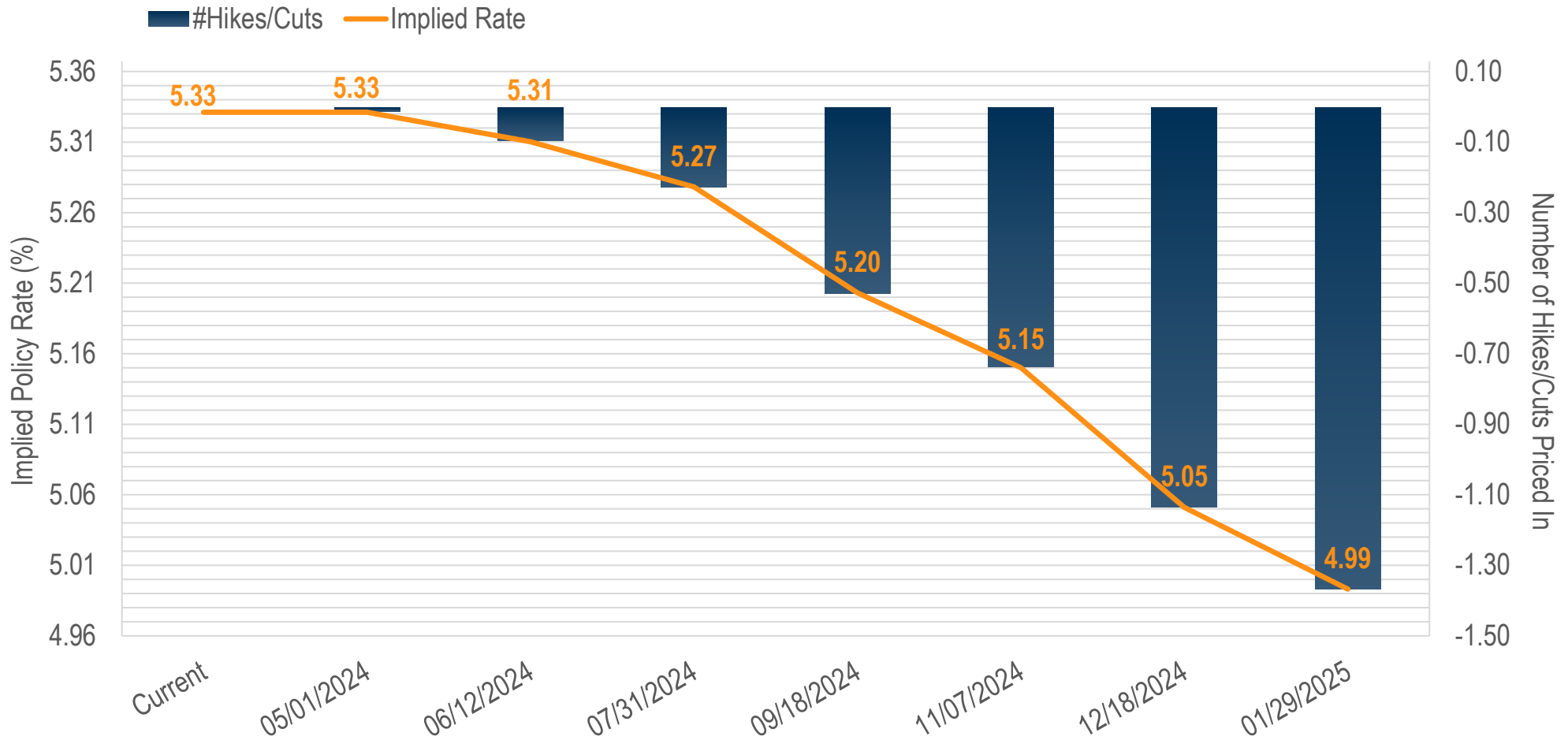
Source: Bloomberg. Data from 4/4/88 – 4/30/24. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The ICE BofA MOVE Index is shown above. See Index Definitions. The area shaded in gray represents 2 standard deviations above and below the mean of the MOVE Index inception to date.

# IMPLIED FEDERAL FUNDS RATE & NUMBER OF HIKES/CUTS

As of April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA

Federal Funds Futures indicate that rates have peaked with the current rate of 5.33% and an approximately 30% chance of a rate cut by September of this year.



Source: Bloomberg.

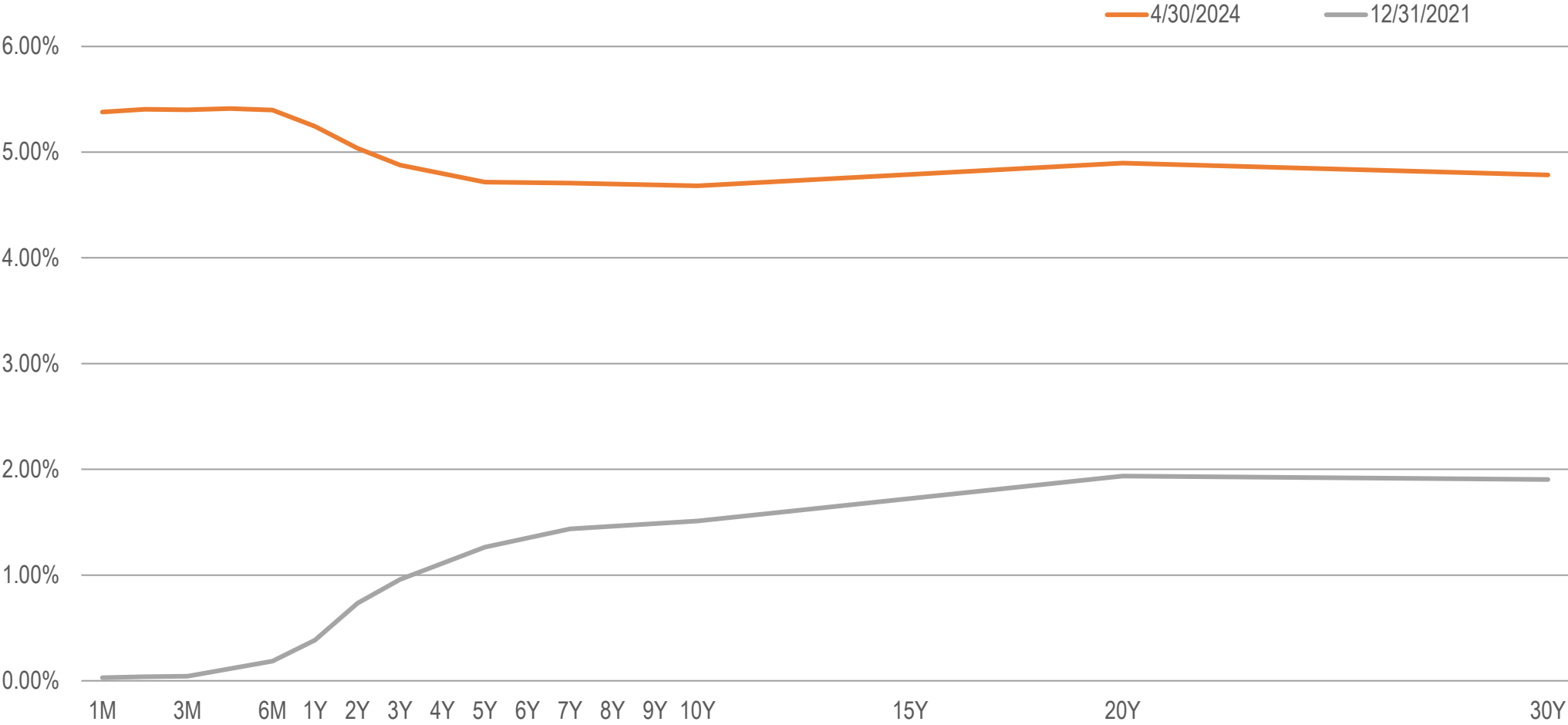
The assumed rate movement for one rate hike or cut is equivalent to +/- 0.25%. There is no assurance forecasts will be achieved.

The Federal Funds Rate is the interbank overnight lending rate for commercial banks' excess reserves. The Implied Federal Funds Rate for the US is the estimated forward rate for the United States and is derived from Federal Funds Futures contracts to determine the probability of the Federal Reserve changing monetary policy at a particular meeting.

# US TREASURY YIELD CURVE

As of April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA

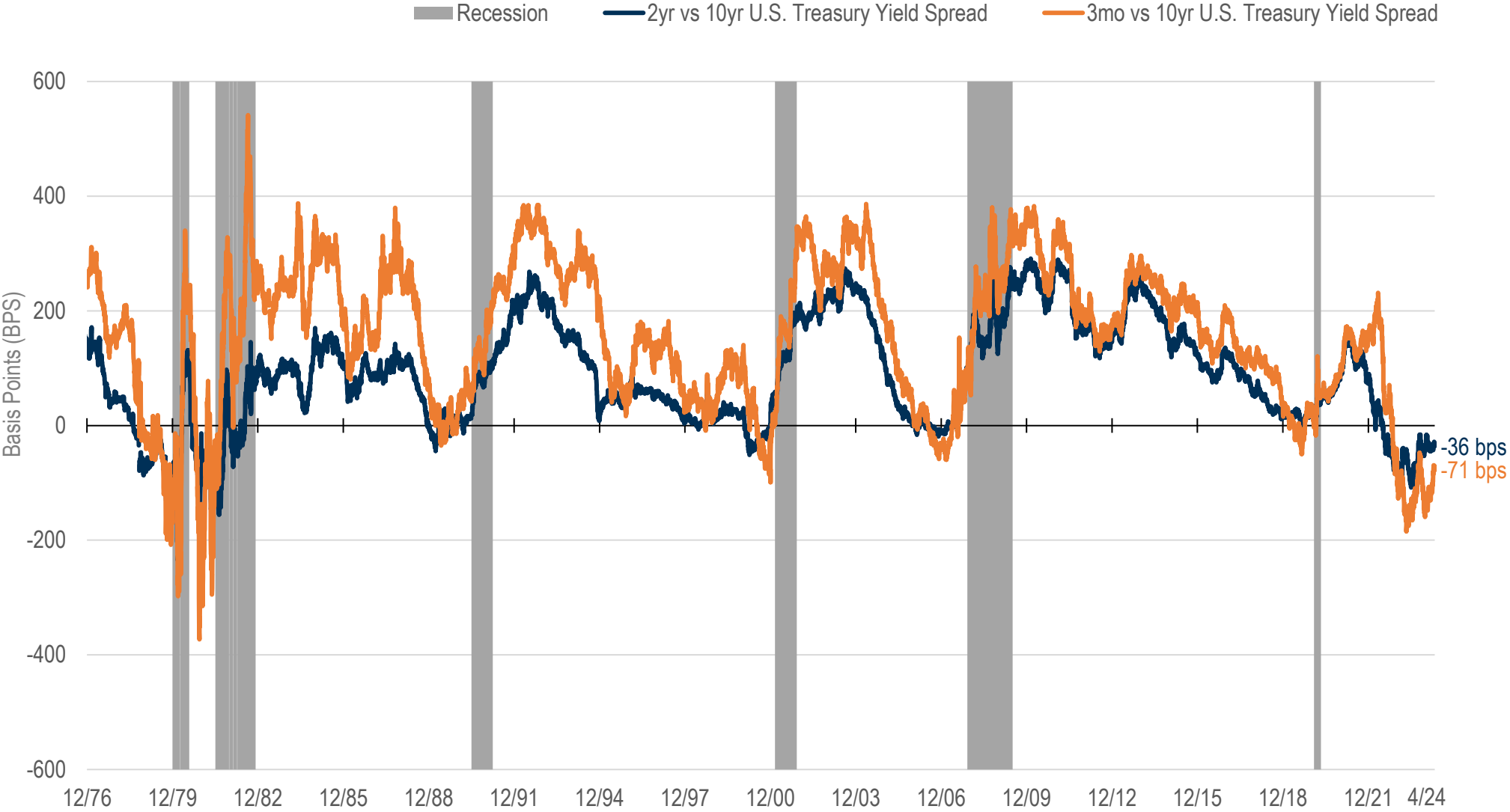


Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



# 2-YR/10-YR U.S YIELD CURVE & 3-MO/10-YR U.S YIELD CURVE

**MARKET DATA**



Source: Bloomberg, as of 4/30/2024. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The yield spread is the difference between yields on the varying Treasury maturities. A basis point is a common unit of measure for interest rates and is equal to 1/100th of 1% or 0.01%. A 1% change is equal to 100 basis points. See Index Definitions.

## MARKET DATA

2-yr/10-yr US Yield Curve Inversion Date	3-mo/10-yr US Yield Curve Inversion Date	Recession following Inversion	Days Since 2-yr/10-yr US Yield Curve Inversion	Days Since 3-mo/10-yr US Yield Curve Inversion	S&P 500 All Time High After Curve Inversion
8/17/1978	12/15/1978	Jan 1980 - Jul 1980	502	382	N/A
9/11/1980	10/27/1980	Jul 1981 - Nov 1982	293	247	11/28/1980
1/5/1989	5/24/1989	Jul 1990 - Mar 1991	542	403	6/4/1990
2/11/2000	7/18/2000	Mar 2001 - Nov 2001	384	226	3/24/2000
1/31/2006	7/19/2006	Dec 2007 - Jun 2009	669	500	10/9/2007
<b>7/5/2022</b>	<b>11/8/2022</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>665*</b>	<b>539*</b>	<b>3/28/2024</b>
		<b>Mean</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>352</b>	
		<b>Median</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>382</b>	

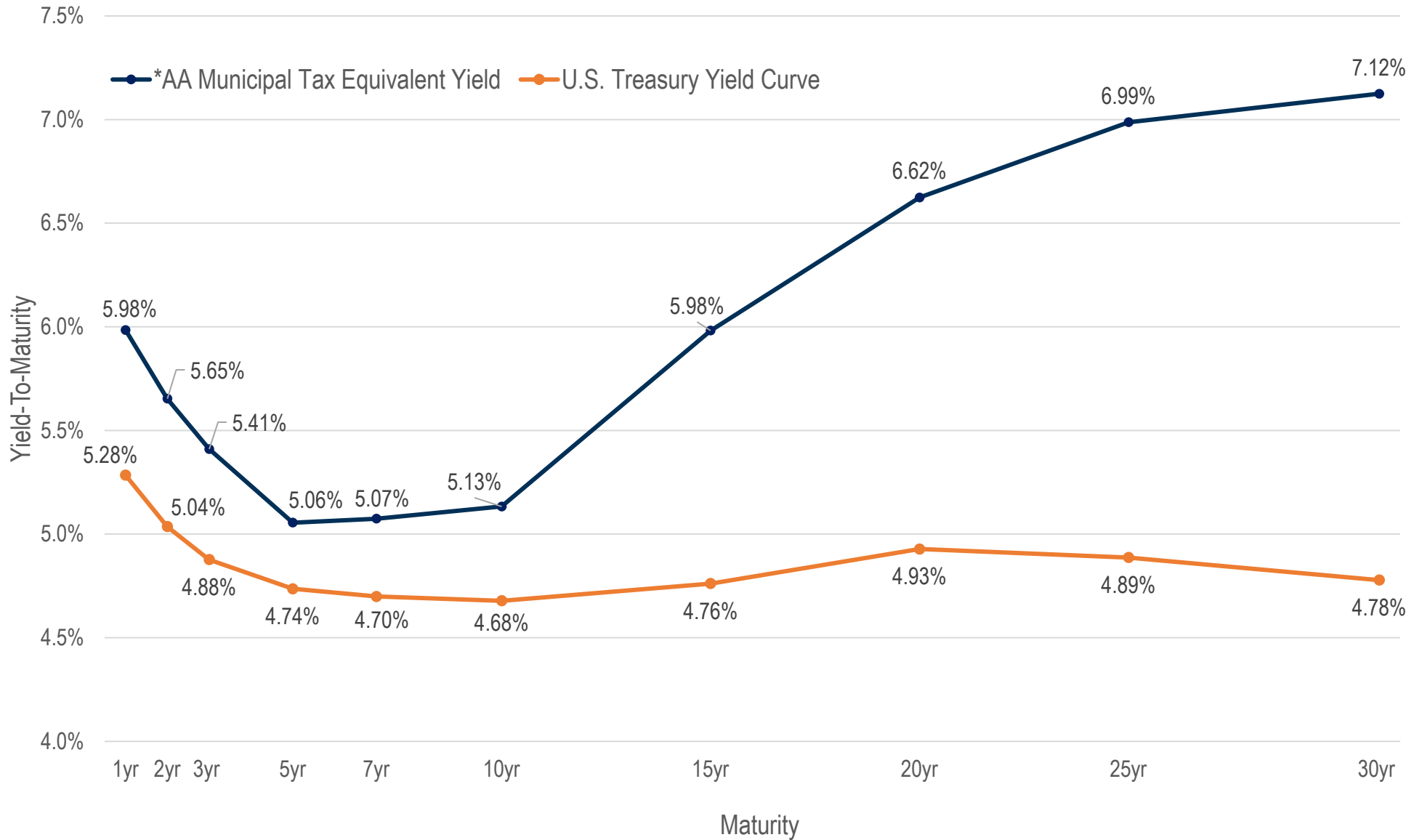
\*Measures the time since inversion.

Source: Bloomberg. Data from 12/1/1976 – 4/30/2024. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The yield curve spread is the difference between yields on the varying Treasury maturities. When longer dated maturities are yielding less than shorter dated maturities the yield curve spread is negative or “inverted”. The inversion dates were determined as the start date of the first period prior to a recession that the 2-Year US Treasury Yield and 3-Month US Treasury Yield were greater than the 10-Year US Treasury Yield for at least 30 consecutive days. Only recession periods that experienced at least one inversion (as defined previously) for both the 2-Year/10-Year yield curve and 3-Month/10-year yield curve since the end of the last recessionary period were considered. The 2-yr/10-yr US yield curve measurement periods are 8/17/1978-1/1/1980, 9/11/1980-7/1/1981, 1/5/1989-7/1/1990, 2/11/2000-3/1/2001, 1/31/2006-12/1/2007, and 7/5/2022-4/30/2024. The 3-mo/10-yr US yield curve measurement periods are 12/15/1978-1/1/1980, 10/27/1980-7/1/1981, 5/24/1989-7/1/1990, 7/18/2000-3/1/2001, 7/19/2006-12/1/2007, and 11/8/2022-4/30/2024. Recessionary periods are determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Measurement will continue for the current inversion periods until the next recessionary period begins.

# MUNICIPAL YIELD CURVE

As of April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA



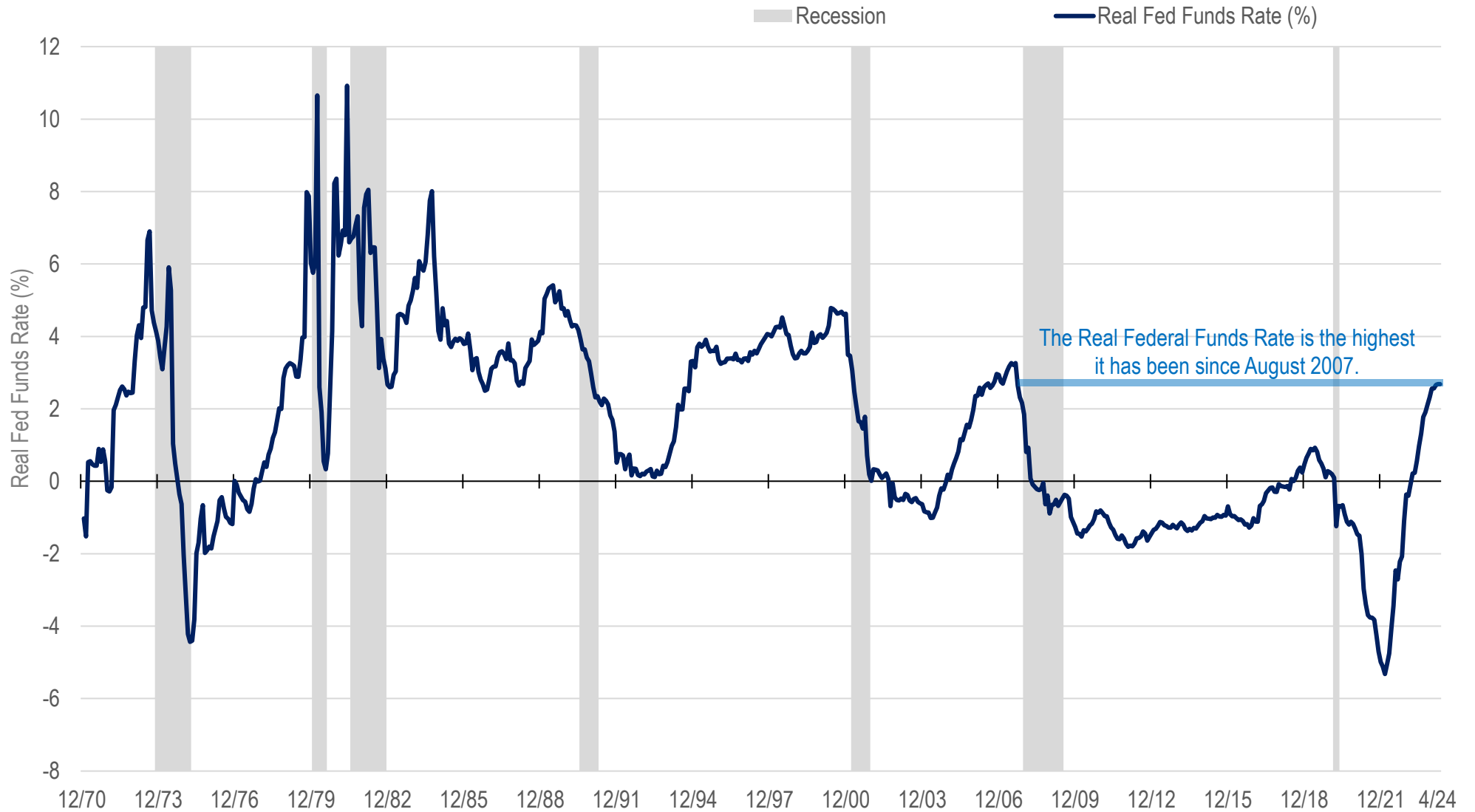
Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

\*YTM represents the Tax-Equivalent Yield (TEY) for the highest tax bracket of 37% plus a Medicare tax rate of 3.8% for a total tax rate of 40.8%.

# REAL FEDERAL FUNDS RATE

December 31, 1970 – April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA

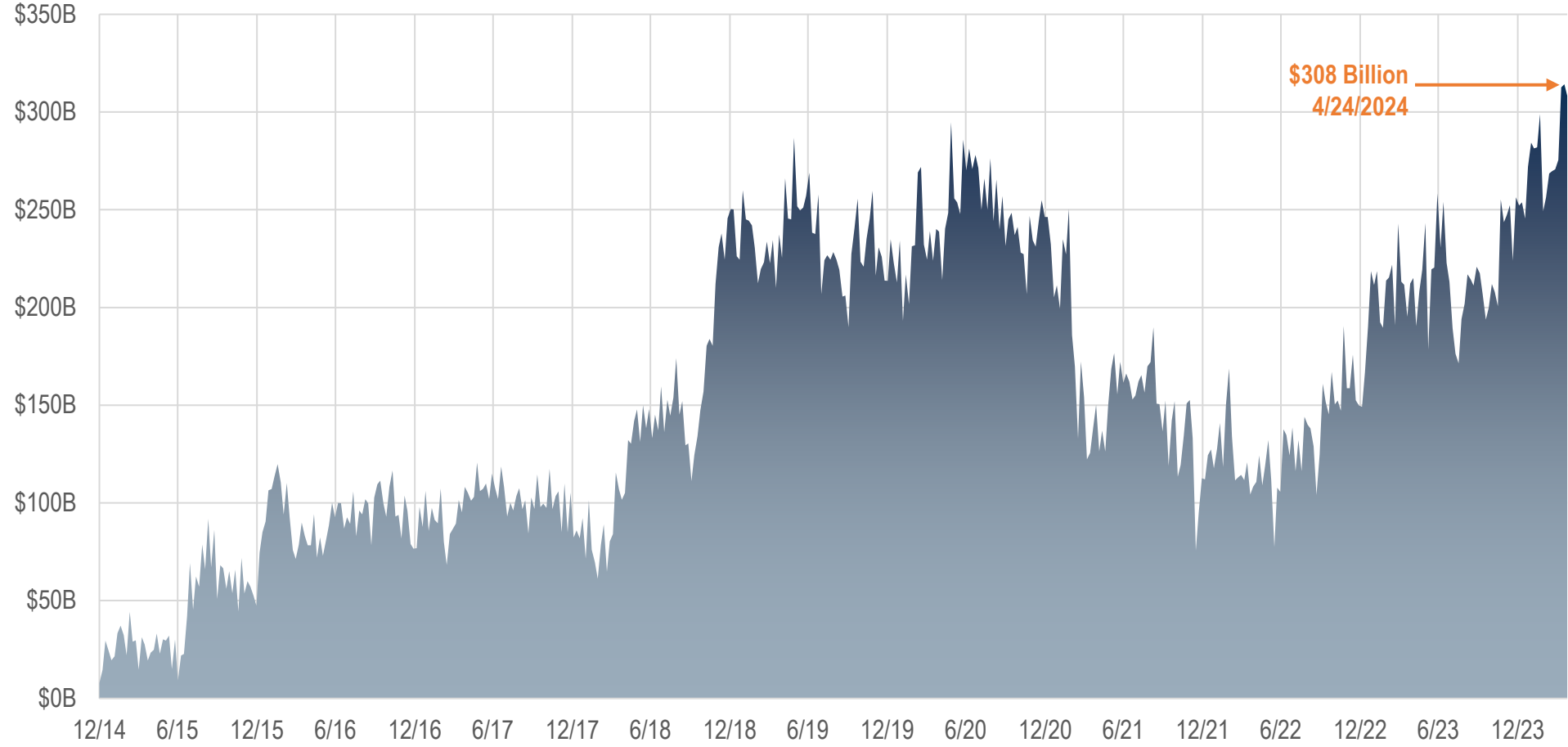


Source: Bloomberg, FRED. The Real Federal Funds Rate is the effective Federal Funds Rate minus 12-month core PCE inflation. The Effective Federal Funds Rate is the interest rate banks charge each other for overnight lending. See Index Definitions.

# NET DEALER TREASURY HOLDINGS

December 31, 2014 – April 24, 2024

## MARKET DATA

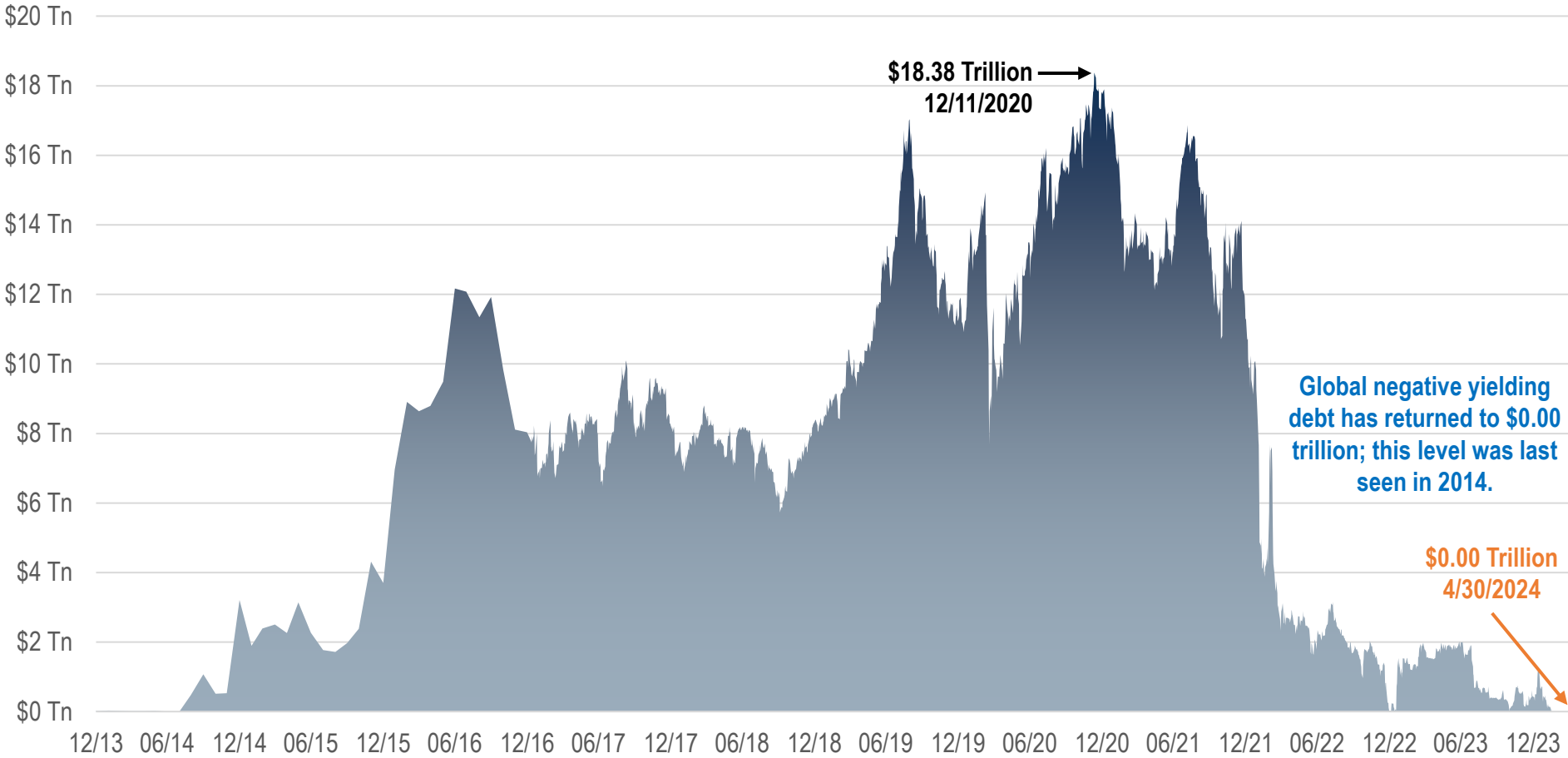


Source: Bloomberg, Federal Reserve. See Index Definitions.

# GLOBAL NEGATIVE YIELDING DEBT

December 31, 2013 – April 30, 2024

## MARKET DATA



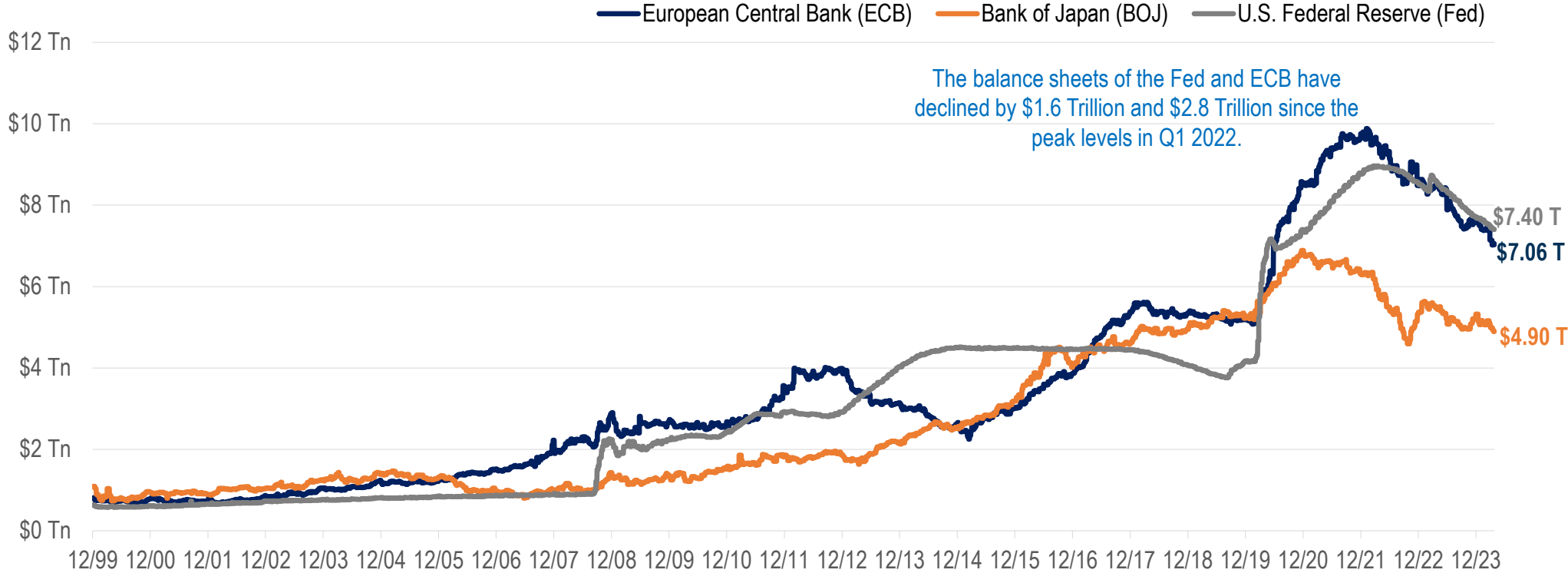
Source: Bloomberg. Global negative yielding debt is comprised by summing the negative yielding debt within the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index. See Index Definitions.

# CENTRAL BANK BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 1999 – April 26, 2024



## MARKET DATA



Source: Bloomberg. See Index Definitions.

# WEEKLY U.S. DOLLAR INDEX (DXY)

December 31, 2010 – April 26, 2024

## MARKET DATA

DXY is a measure of the U.S. dollar's value relative to the following currencies:

- Euro: 57.6%
- Japanese Yen: 13.6%
- British Pound: 11.9%
- Canadian Dollar: 9.1%
- Swedish Krona: 4.2%
- Swiss Franc: 3.6%

Resistance levels are 105 and 107 from the December 2023 uptrend. Below 105, support levels are 100 and then 95 to resume the downtrend.



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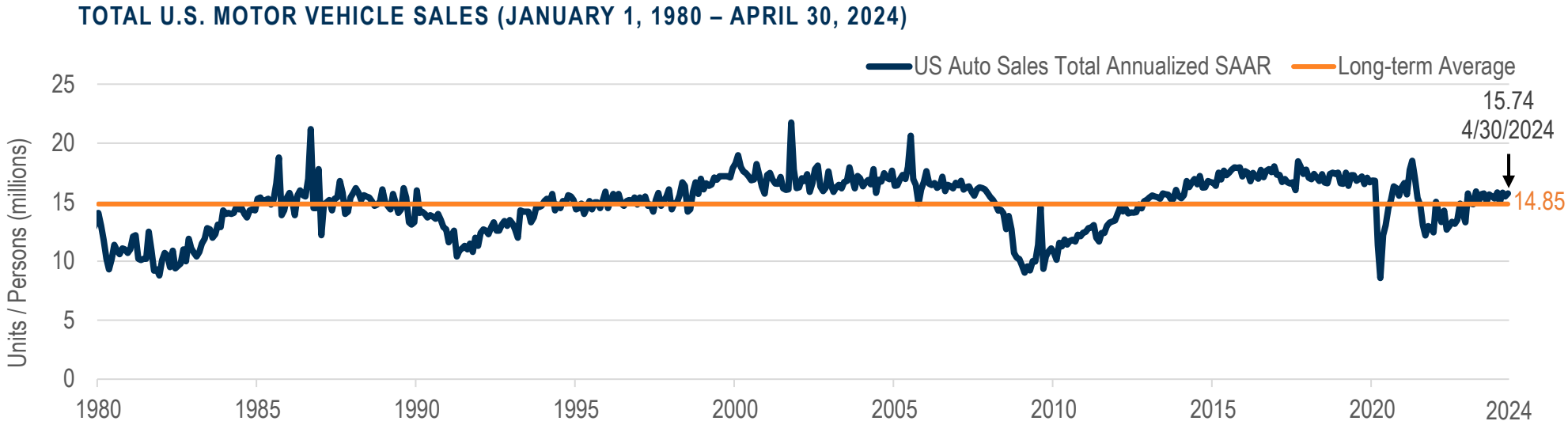
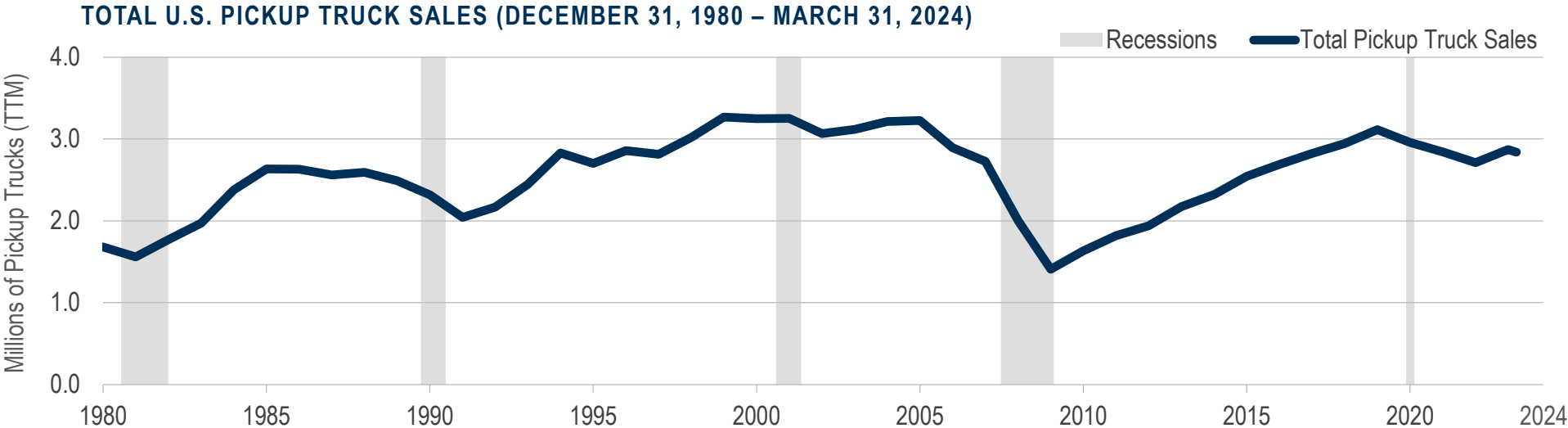


## LEADING INDICATORS



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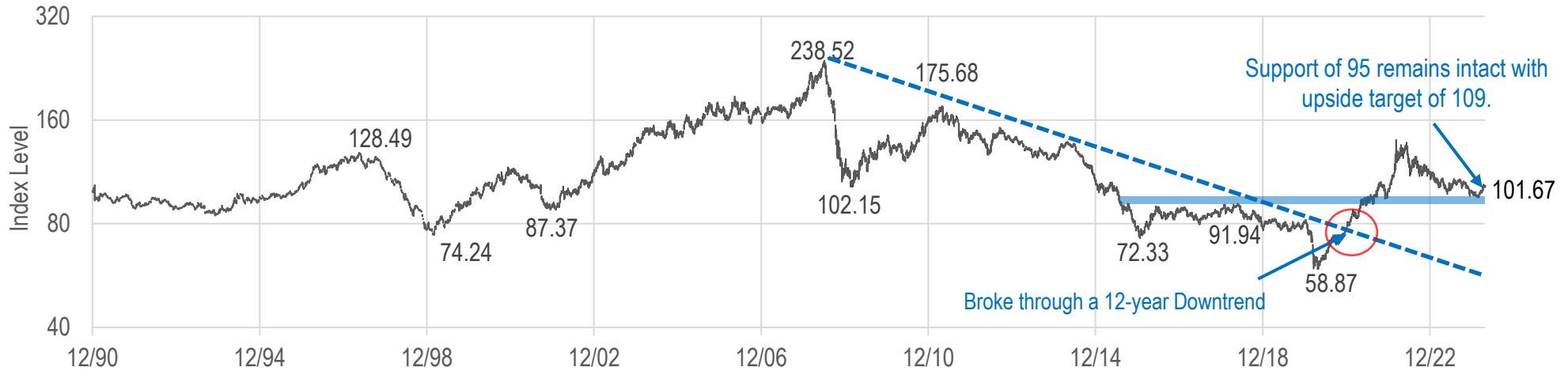
## LEADING INDICATORS



Source: Bloomberg, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Motor Intelligence, GoodCarBadCar. Total U.S. Pickup Truck Sales through 3/31/24 (Most recent data available). U.S. Motor Vehicle Sales reflect the seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) where data has been adjusted for the effects of seasonal patterns.

LEADING INDICATORS

WEEKLY BLOOMBERG COMMODITY (BCOM) INDEX (DECEMBER 31, 1990 – APRIL 26, 2024)



WEEKLY CRUDE OIL PRICE (APRIL 1, 1983 – APRIL 26, 2024)



Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. See Index Definitions.

# FIXED INCOME DASHBOARD

10 Year Minimum and Maximum Option Adjusted Spreads (OAS)

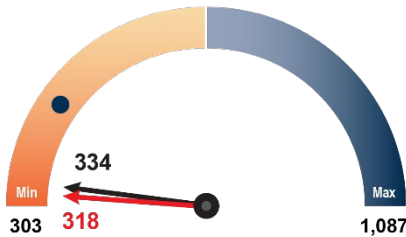
## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

As of 12/29/2023:

As of 4/30/2024:

Mean as of 4/30/2024:

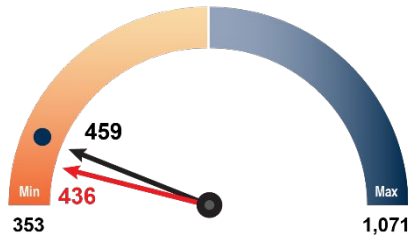
### HIGH-YIELD BONDS



OAS – ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index

Current OAS	318	High OAS	1,087	3/23/2020
Mean OAS	442	Low OAS	303	12/28/2021
Std Dev	114			

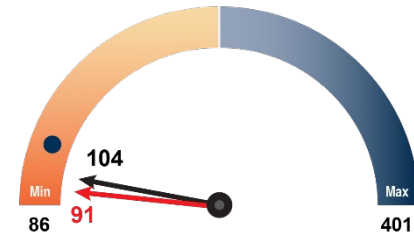
### SENIOR LOANS



STM – Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index

Current STM	436	High STM	1,071	3/23/2020
Mean STM	464	Low STM	353	4/20/2018
Std Dev	79			

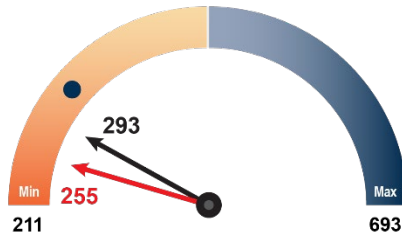
### INVESTMENT-GRADE CORPORATES



OAS – ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index

Current OAS	91	High OAS	401	3/23/2020
Mean OAS	130	Low OAS	86	9/27/2021
Std Dev	31			

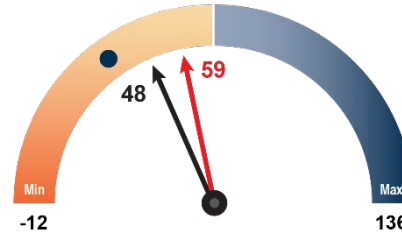
### EMERGING MARKETS



OAS – ICE BofA U.S. Emerging Markets External Sovereign Index

Current OAS	255	High OAS	693	3/23/2020
Mean OAS	324	Low OAS	211	2/2/2018
Std Dev	58			

### MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES



OAS – ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index

Current OAS	59	High OAS	136	3/19/2020
Mean OAS	36	Low OAS	-12	4/30/2021
Std Dev	22			

Source: ICE and Standard & Poor's Leveraged Loan Commentary and Data. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Option Adjusted Spread (OAS) is the current spread over a Treasury security of similar tenor. Senior Loan STM is Spread-To-Maturity. Current yield is equivalent to the Index's annual income (face value multiplied by par weighted coupon) divided by the current price (full market value). See Index Definitions.

# MUNICIPAL BONDS

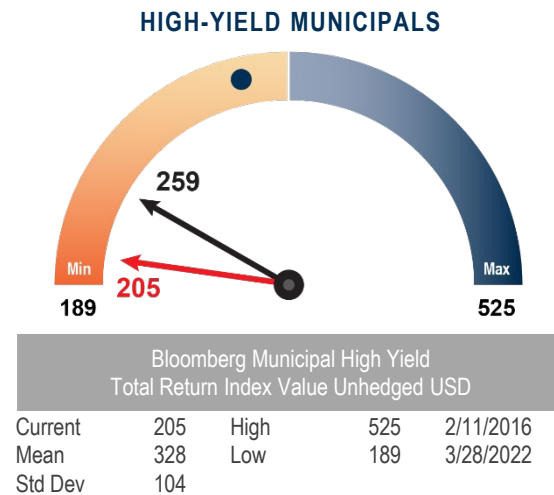
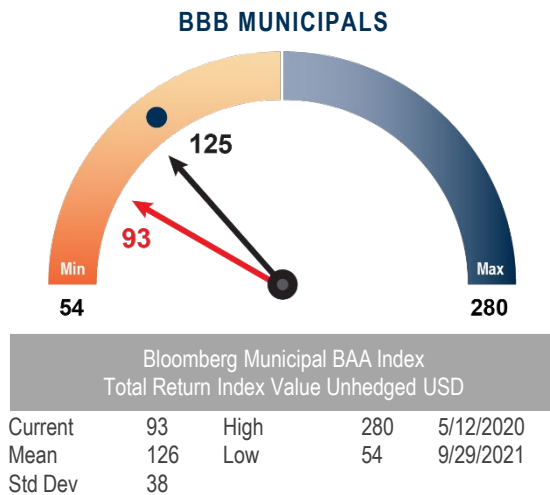
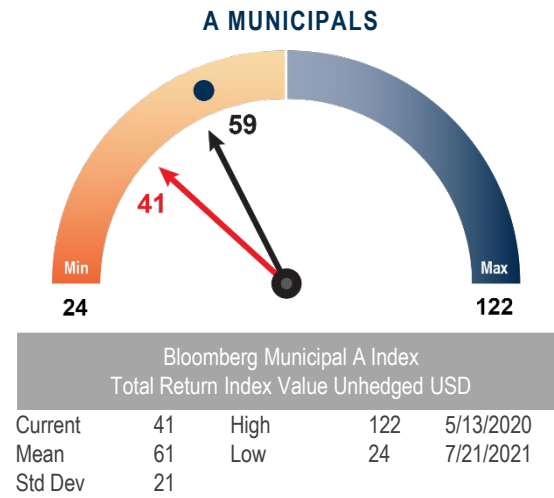
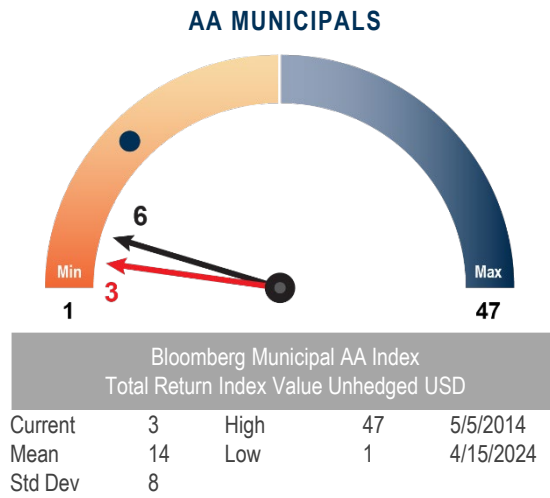
10 Year Spreads to AAA Municipals

**FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET**

As of 12/29/2023:

As of 4/30/2024:

Mean as of 4/30/2024:

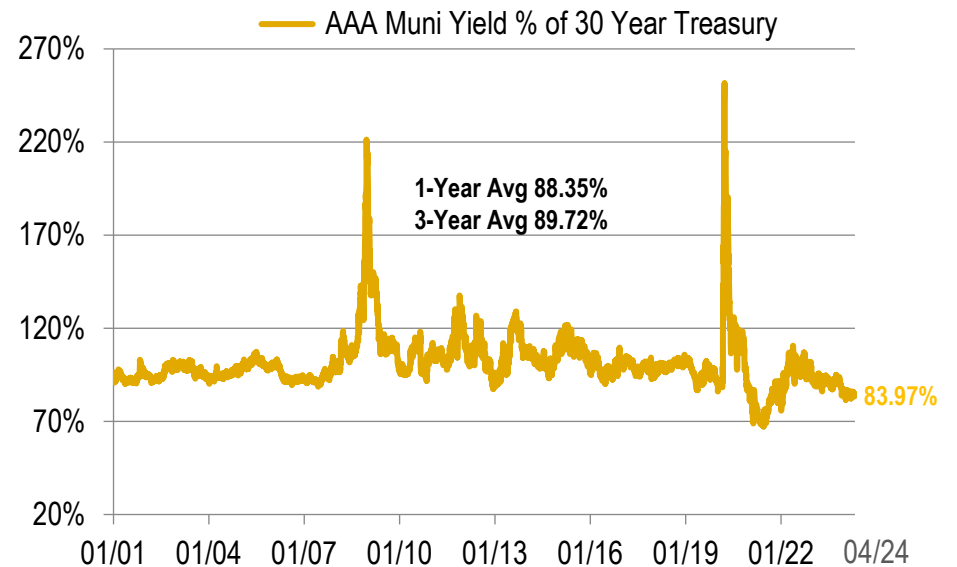
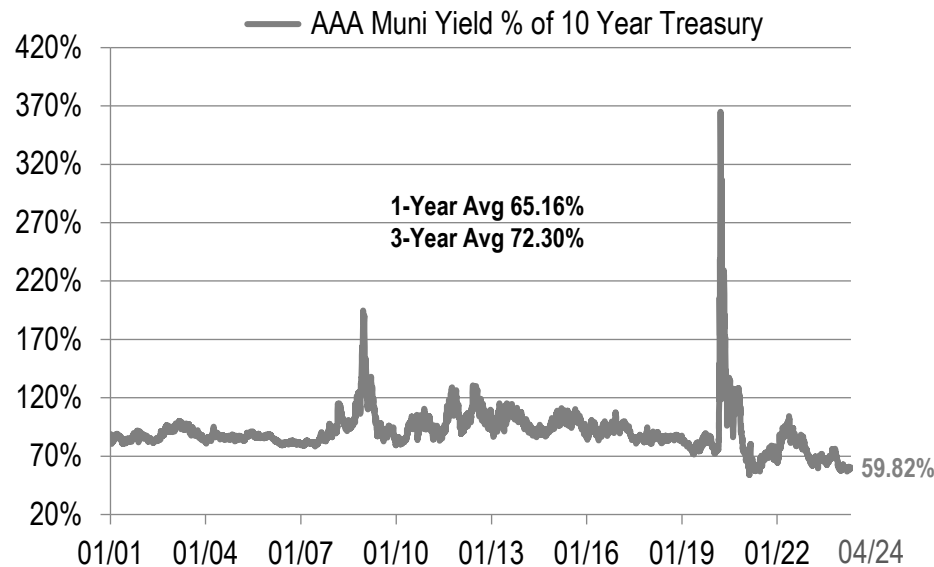
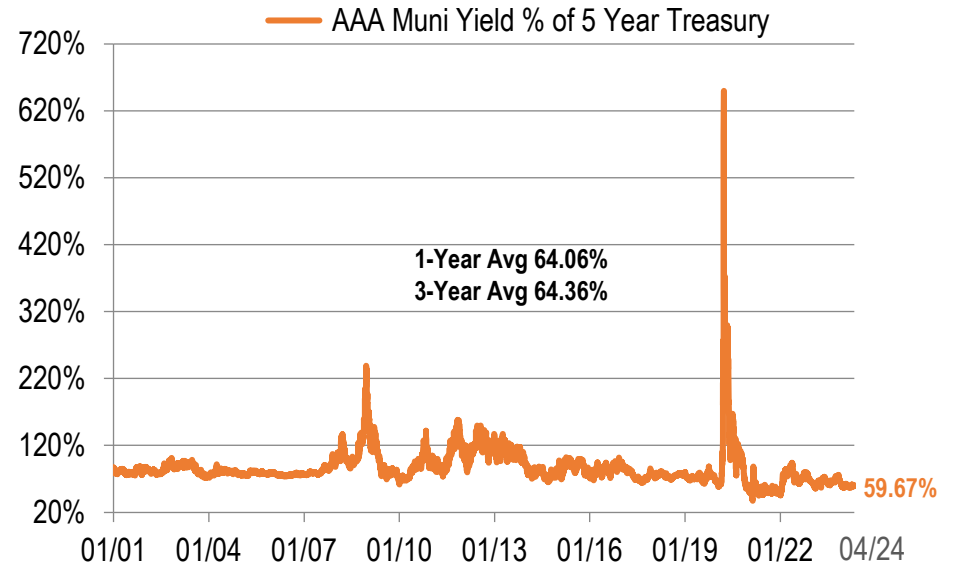
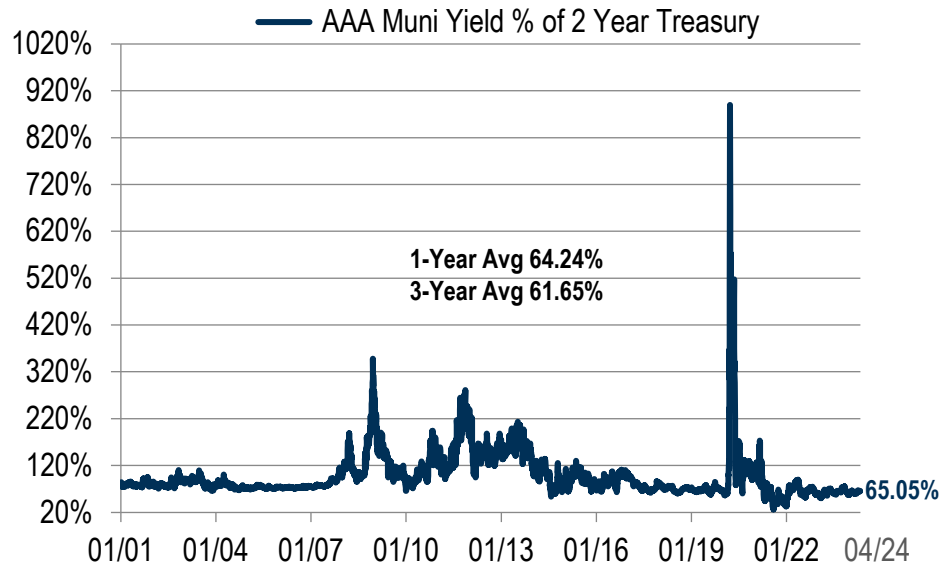


Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The spread is the difference between the benchmark shown and the Bloomberg Municipal AAA Index Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD. See Index Definitions.

# MUNICIPAL / TREASURY YIELD RATIO

January 2, 2001 – April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

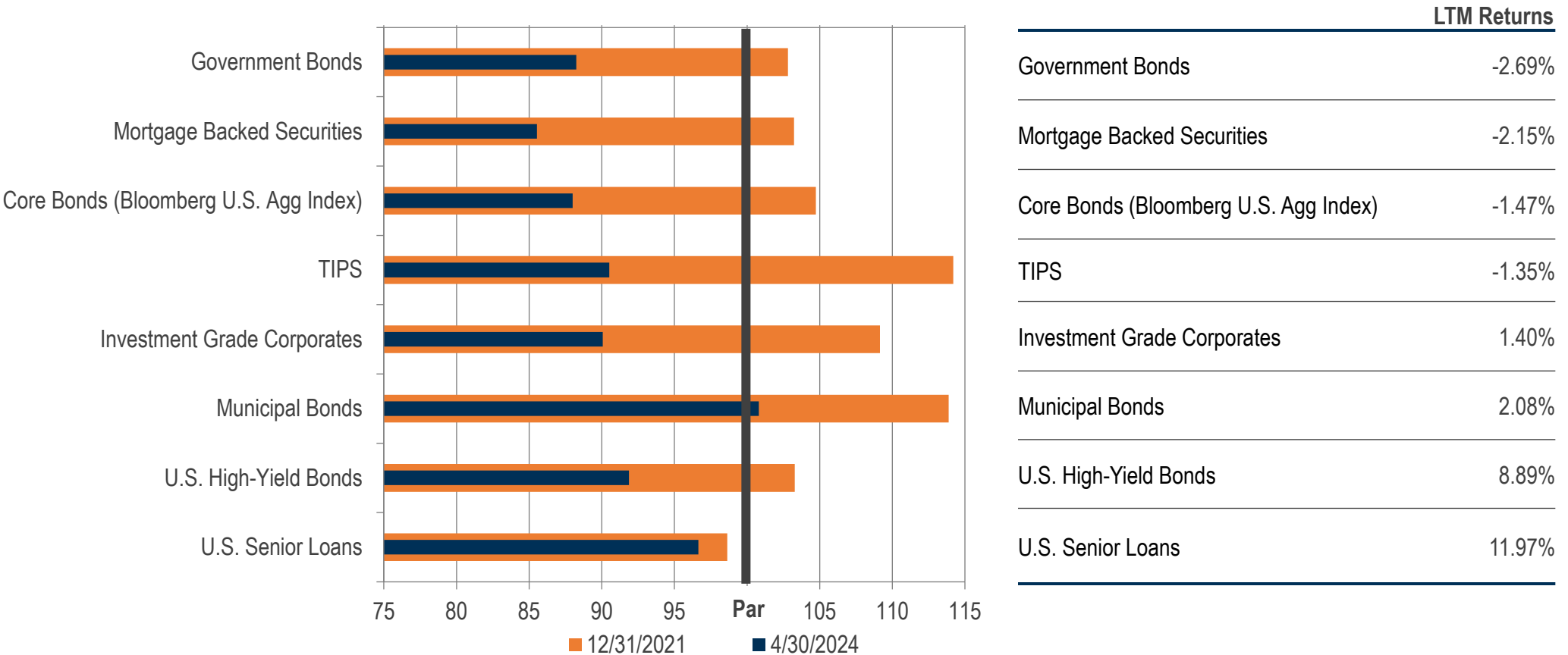


Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Municipal/Treasury ratio is a percentage of municipal yields against equivalent Treasury yields.

# FIXED INCOME ASSET CLASS PRICE ANALYSIS

As of April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET



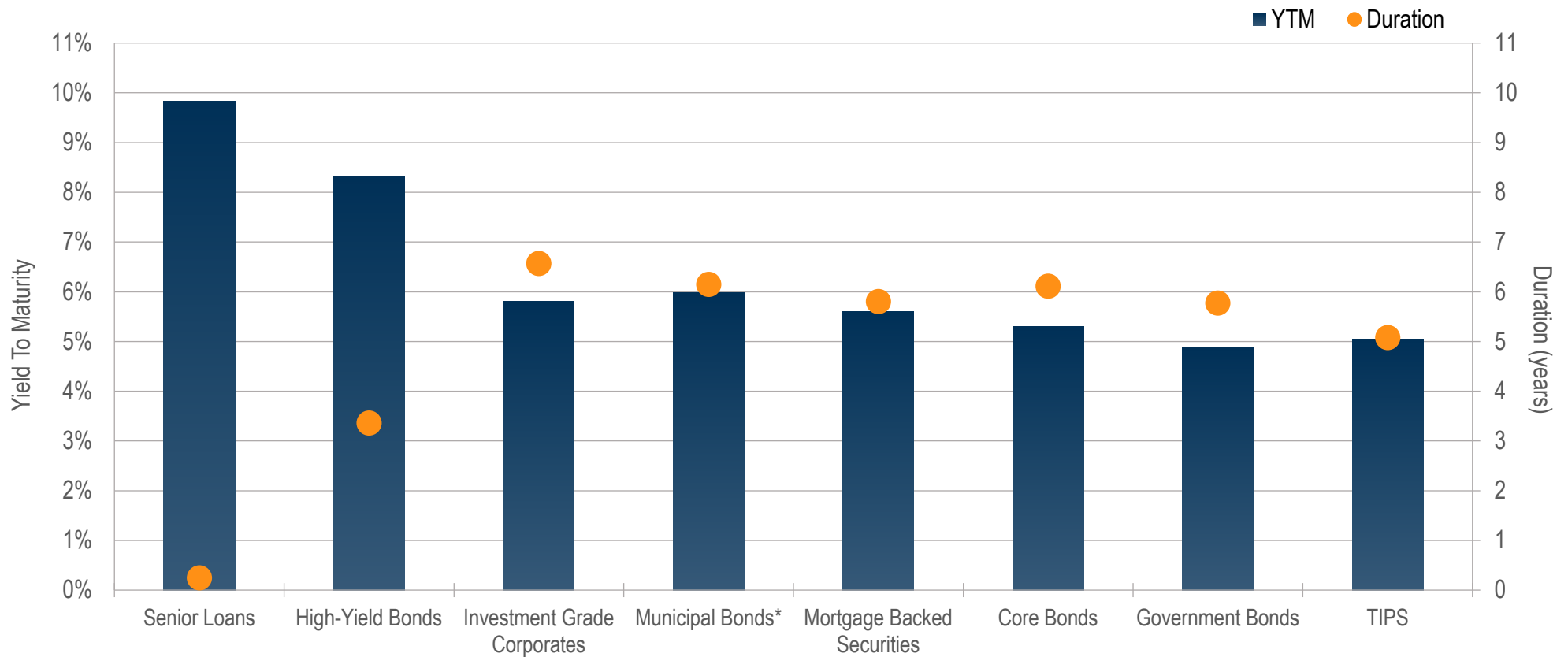
	LTM Returns
Government Bonds	-2.69%
Mortgage Backed Securities	-2.15%
Core Bonds (Bloomberg U.S. Agg Index)	-1.47%
TIPS	-1.35%
Investment Grade Corporates	1.40%
Municipal Bonds	2.08%
U.S. High-Yield Bonds	8.89%
U.S. Senior Loans	11.97%

Source: S&P LCD and Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** U.S. High-Yield Bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index. U.S. Senior Loans are represented by the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index. Investment Grade Corporates are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index. Core Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Government Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Government Index. TIPS are represented by the Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index. Municipal Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index. Mortgage Backed Securities are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index. See Index Definitions.

# FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET – DURATION VS YTM

As of April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET



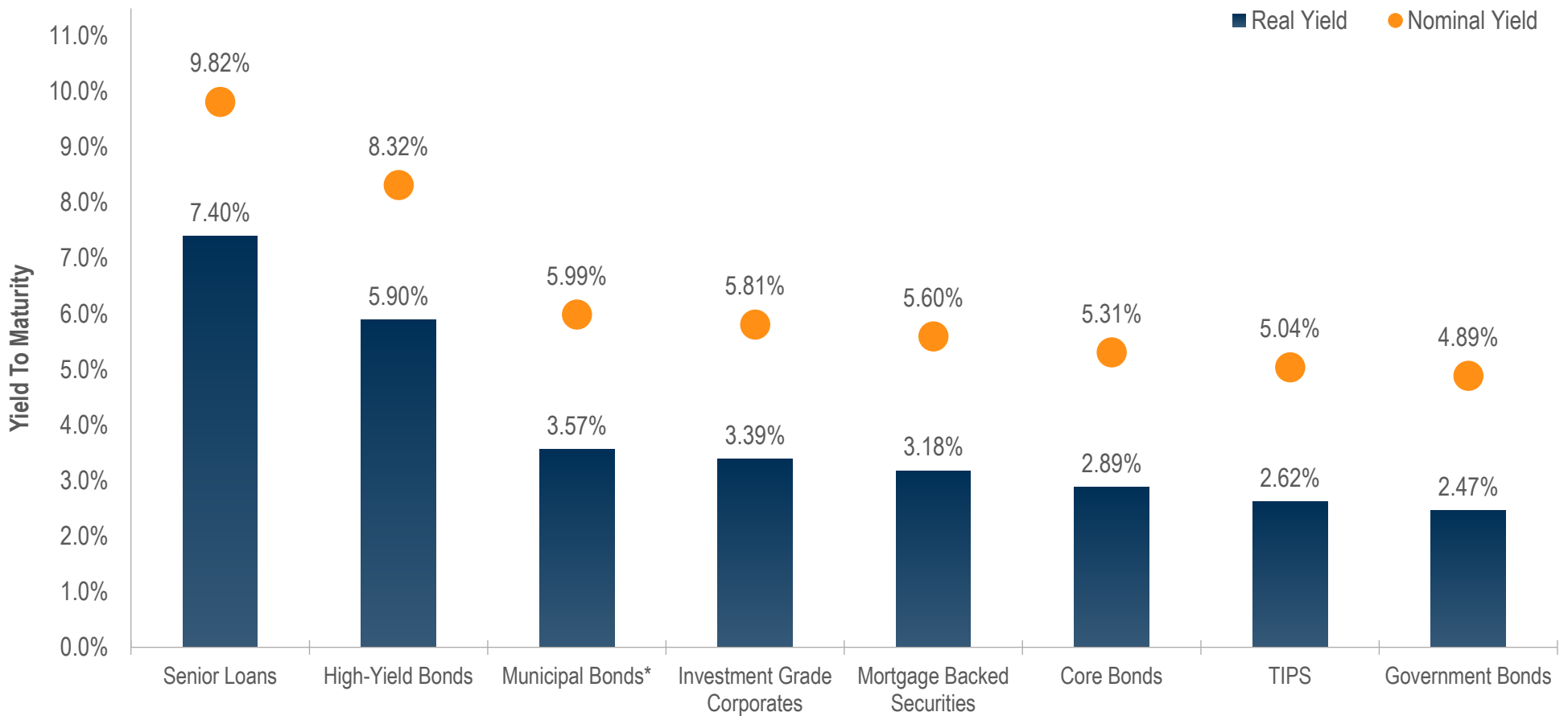
Source: S&P LCD, and Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** \*YTM represents the Tax-Equivalent Yield (TEY) for the highest tax bracket of 37% plus a Medicare tax rate of 3.8% for a total tax rate of 40.8%. U.S. Senior Loans are represented by the Morningstar<sup>®</sup> LSTA<sup>®</sup> US Leveraged Loan Index. High-Yield Bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index. Investment Grade Corporates are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index. Municipal Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index. Mortgage Backed Securities are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index. Core Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Government Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Government Index. TIPS are represented by the Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index. See Index Definitions.



# FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET – NOMINAL & REAL YIELDS

As of April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

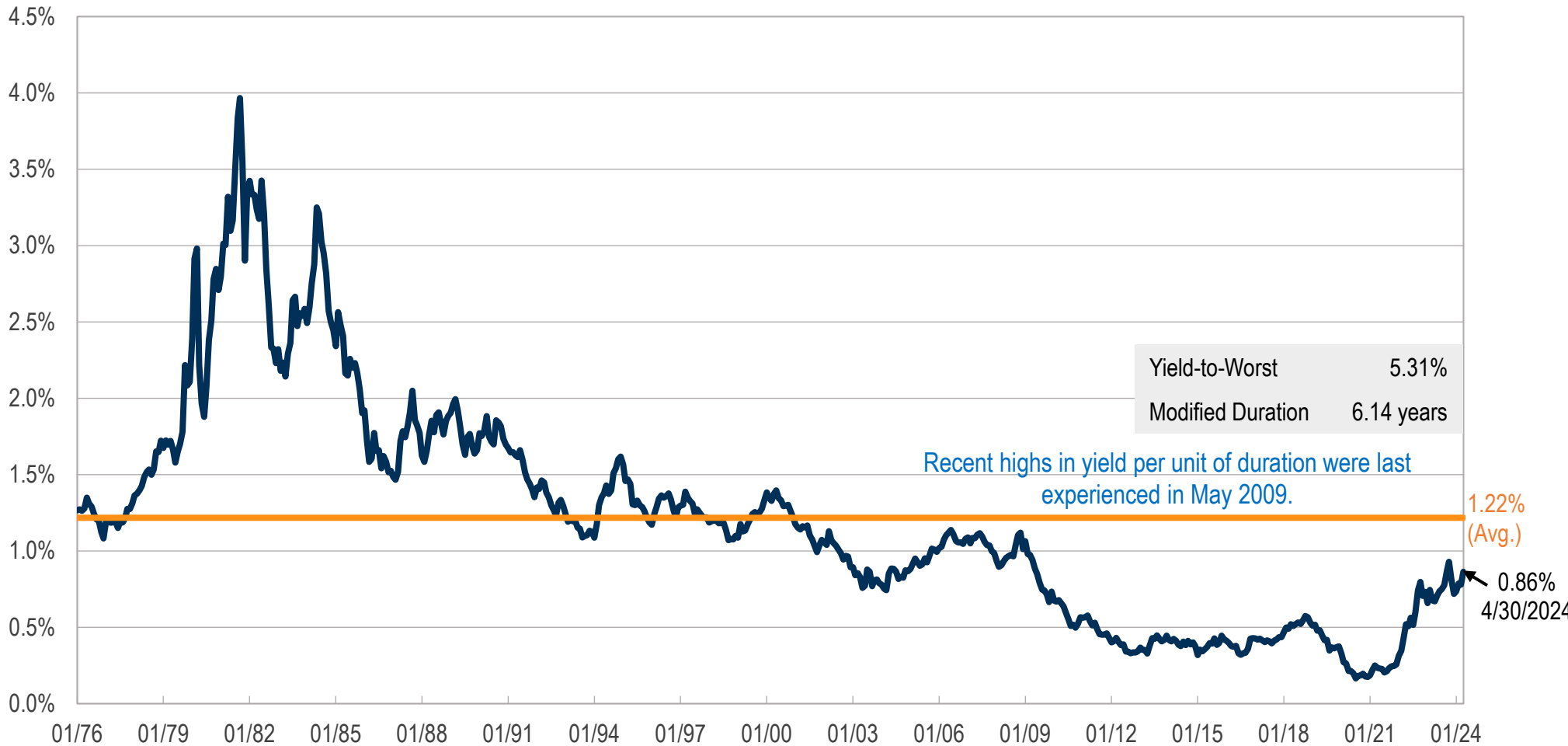


Source: S&P LCD, and Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** \*YTM represents the Tax-Equivalent Yield (TEY) for the highest tax bracket of 37% plus a Medicare tax rate of 3.8% for a total tax rate of 40.8%. Real yield is represented by nominal yield-to-maturity minus the 5-yr inflation breakeven rate of 2.91%, which is calculated as the difference in yields between U.S Treasury bonds and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Senior Loans are represented by the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index. High-Yield Bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index. Investment Grade Corporates are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index. Municipal Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index. Mortgage Backed Securities are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index. Core Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Government Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Government Index. TIPS are represented by the Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index. See Index Definitions.

# YIELD PER UNIT OF DURATION

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (January 30, 1976 – April 30, 2024)

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

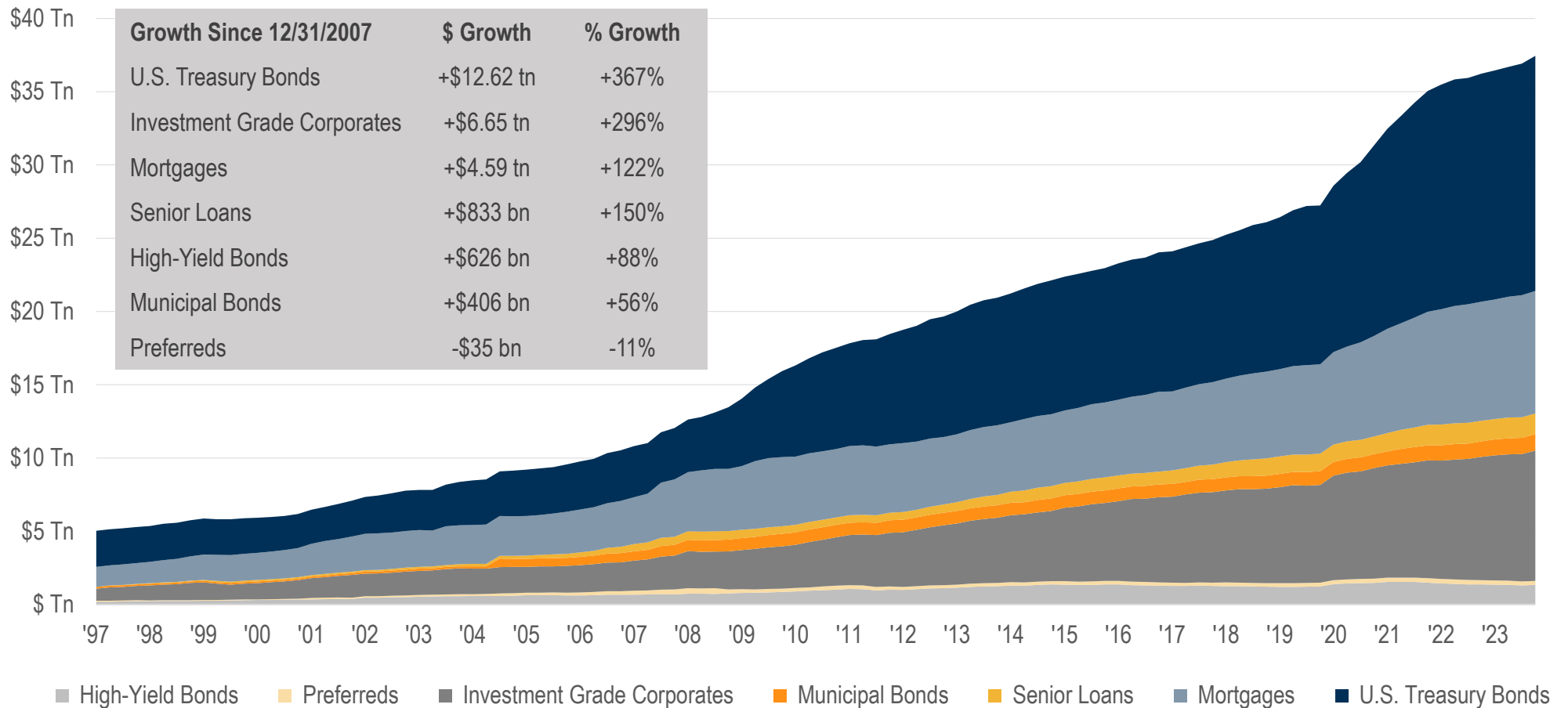


Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Duration is a measure of a bond's sensitivity to interest rate changes that reflects the change in a bond's price given a change in yield. See Index Definitions.

# SIZE AND GROWTH OF THE U.S. DEBT MARKET

March 31, 1997 – March 31, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

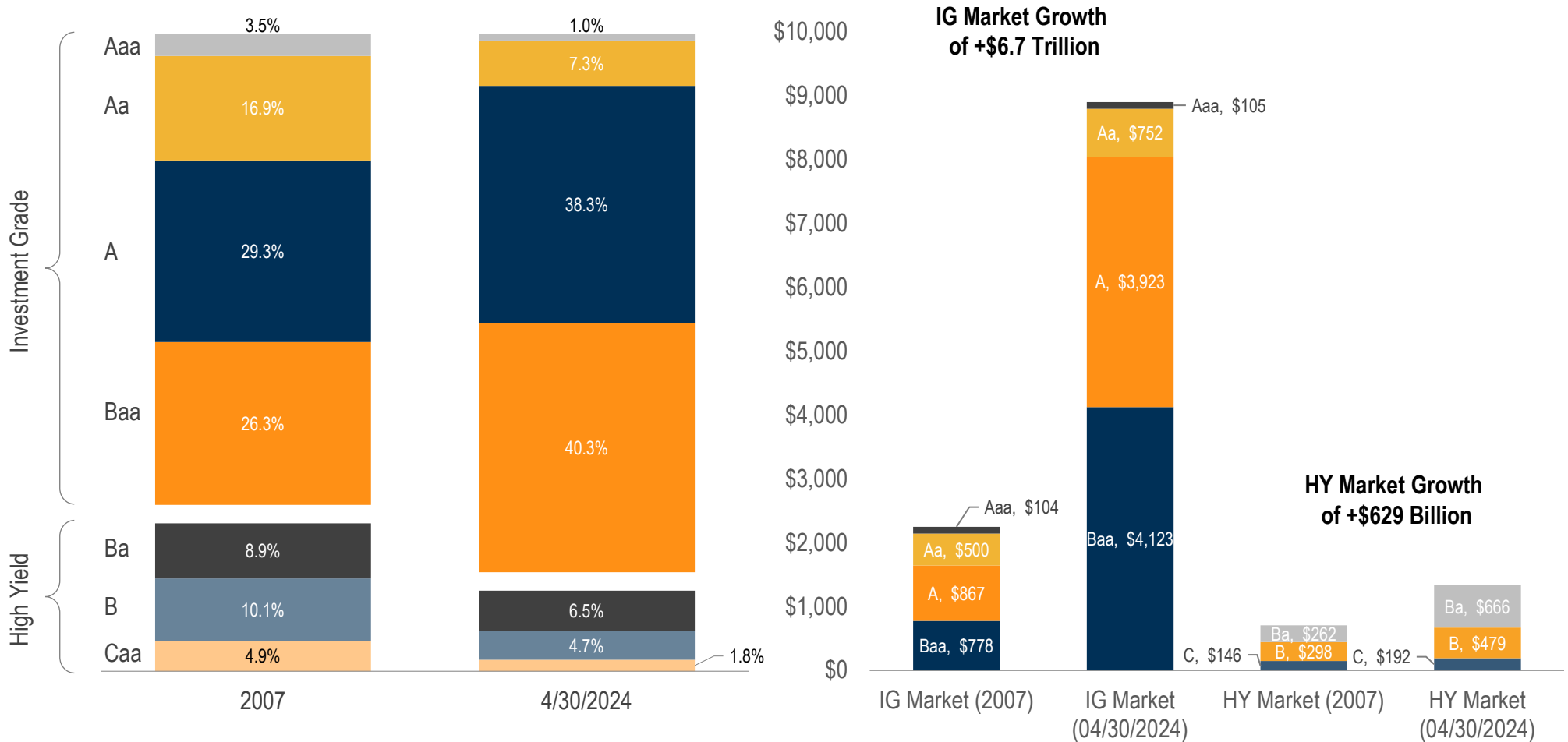


Source: ICE and Standard & Poor's Leveraged Loan Commentary and Data. Data as of 3/31/24 (Most recent available data). U.S. High-Yield Bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index. Preferreds are represented by the sum of ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index and the ICE BofA Investment Grade Institutional Capital Securities Index. Investment Grade Corporates are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index. Municipal Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index. Senior Loans are represented by the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index. Mortgages are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index. U.S. Treasury Bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Treasury & Agency Index. See Index Definitions.

# SIZE AND CREDIT QUALITY OF THE U.S. CORPORATE DEBT MARKET

December 31, 2007 vs. April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET



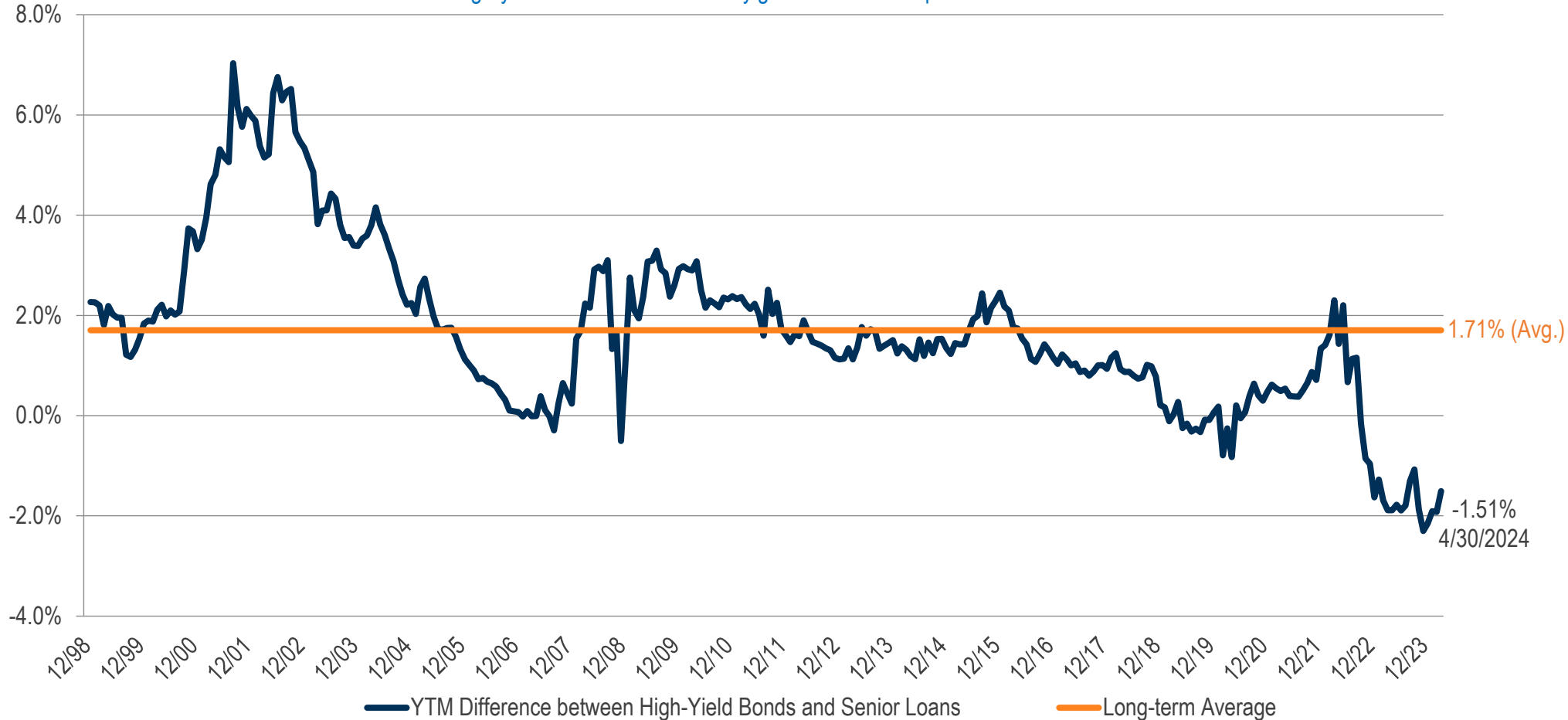
Source: Bloomberg. Investment Grade represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index. High Yield represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index. The Index composite rating is a derived value that is used to classify bonds by credit quality in Bloomberg Indices. It is set as the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; if only one agency rates a bond, that rating is taken. Investment grade bonds have a rating of at least Baa3 from Moody's or BBB- from S&P and Fitch. High-yield bonds have a rating below Baa3 from Moody's or BBB- from S&P and Fitch. Credit ratings are subject to change. See Index Definitions.

# YTM DIFFERENCE OF HIGH-YIELD BONDS VS LOANS

December 31, 1998 – April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

High-yield bonds are yielding 1.51% less than senior loans, which represents an inversion of the long-term average relationship where high-yield bonds have historically garnered a 1.71% premium to own.

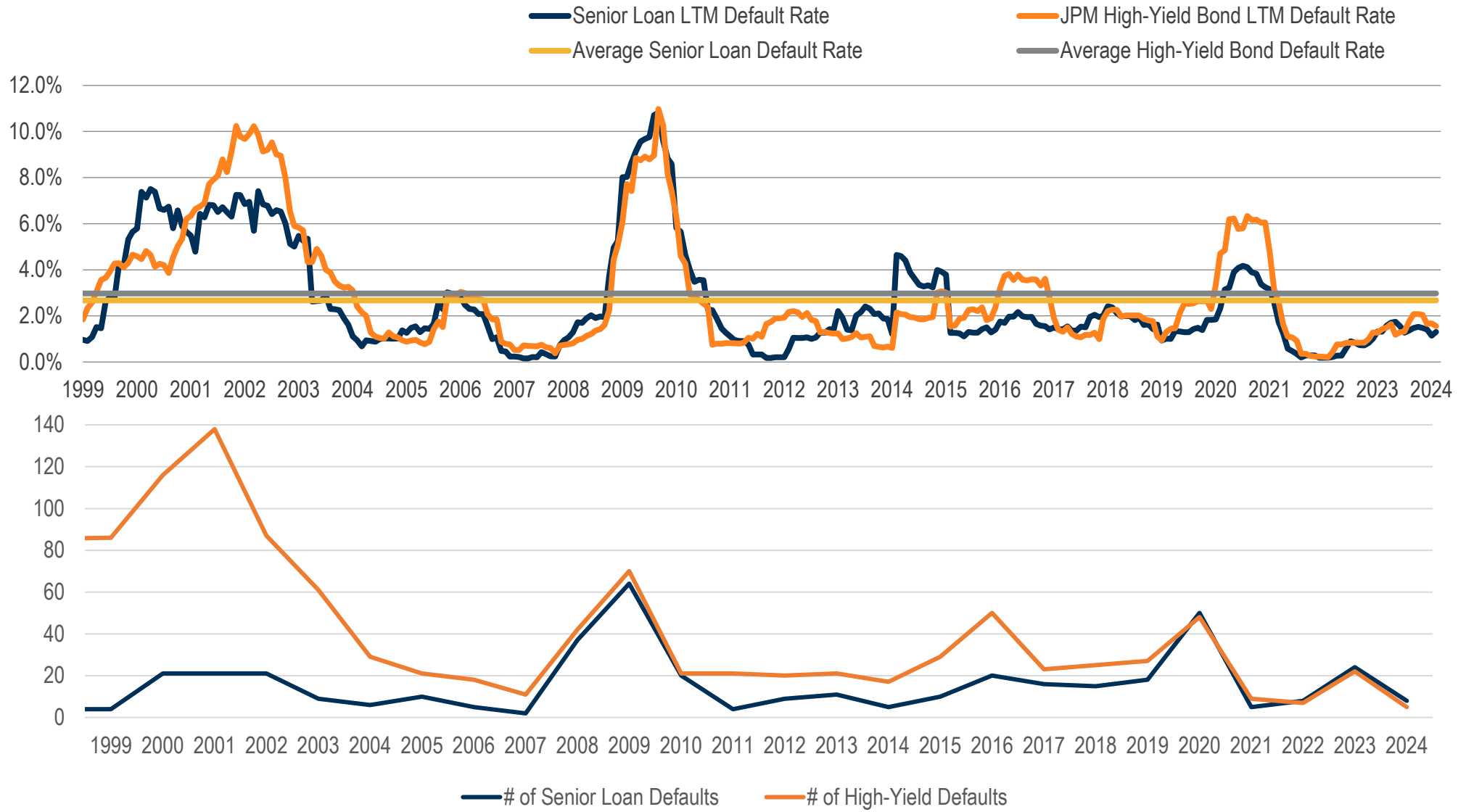


Source: Bloomberg, Standard & Poor's Leveraged Loan Commentary and Data. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** High-yield bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High-Yield Constrained Index (HUC0). Senior loans are represented by the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index (LLI). See Index Definitions.

# SENIOR LOAN AND HIGH-YIELD BOND DEFAULT RATE

March 31, 1999 – April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

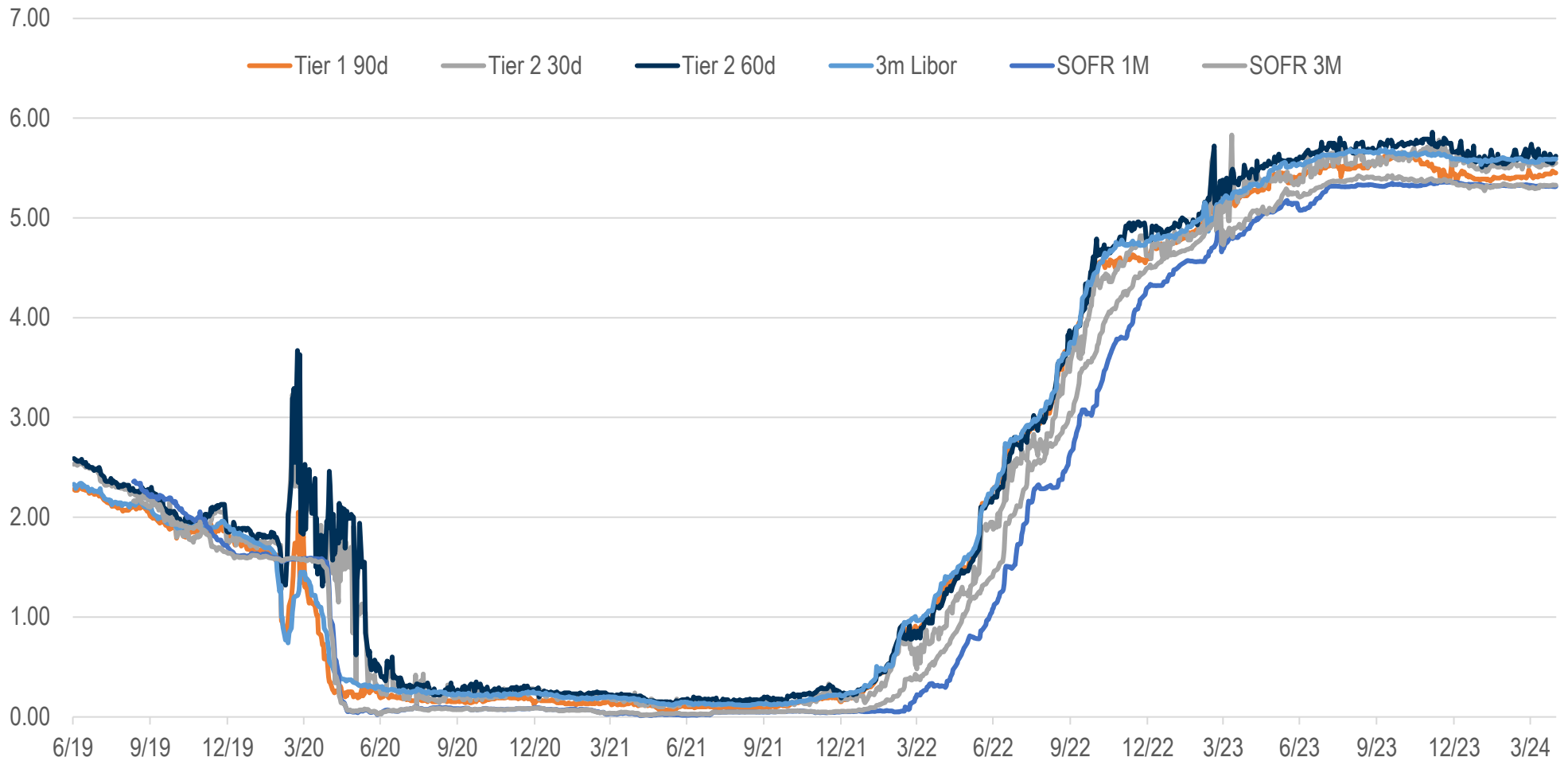


Source: Standard & Poor's LCD and JP Morgan high-yield research. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** High-yield bonds are represented by J.P. Morgan's high-yield bond universe based on the last twelve months (LTM). Senior loans are represented by the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index (LLI) and based on the LTM. See Index Definitions.

# MONEY MARKET RATES

June 30, 2019 – April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET



Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Tier 1 90d - U.S. Commercial Paper Placed Top 90 Day Yield (DCPB090Y Index), Tier 2 30d - U.S. Commercial Paper Dealer Placed Second 30 Day Yield (DCPD030Y Index), Tier 2 60d - U.S. Commercial Paper Dealer Placed Second 60 Day Yield (DCPD060Y Index), 3m Libor- ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month (US0003M Index), 1m SOFR- CME Term SOFR 1 Month (TSFR1M Index), 3m SOFR- CME Term SOFR 3 Month (TSFR3M Index). For illustrative purposes only.

# FIXED INCOME ASSET CLASS RETURNS (%)

2001 – April 30, 2024

FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET																							
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Apr. '24
12.16	19.59	28.97	11.13	6.50	11.85	10.57	24.03	58.21	15.12	29.93	15.81	7.44	25.07	7.58	17.13	12.21	1.41	23.26	18.10	5.40	-1.06	13.44	3.22
9.84	16.79	14.78	10.33	5.69	8.10	9.81	11.35	44.87	13.66	17.13	13.59	6.15	16.39	3.30	10.22	10.58	1.40	17.71	13.32	5.28	-4.11	13.04	1.76
9.77	11.92	11.01	9.38	3.76	7.33	8.83	10.23	20.07	10.69	10.70	12.73	0.30	15.44	1.39	9.88	8.53	1.28	15.11	9.50	2.24	-7.77	10.73	0.52
8.22	10.14	10.43	7.70	3.51	6.44	7.41	7.87	16.80	9.97	7.90	9.43	-0.17	9.05	1.18	3.68	7.50	1.14	14.32	7.47	1.52	-8.53	10.21	-0.18
8.16	9.60	9.43	5.60	3.20	4.84	6.98	7.62	15.93	9.38	6.57	8.10	-1.34	5.97	0.90	2.32	7.29	1.02	10.14	7.11	-0.57	-9.40	7.29	-1.09
8.15	9.28	6.91	5.11	2.74	4.61	5.60	-2.47	12.91	7.76	6.33	6.78	-2.12	4.16	0.41	1.65	5.45	0.01	8.17	6.95	-1.00	-10.77	6.40	-1.62
5.28	8.69	5.31	4.48	1.56	4.49	3.60	-2.76	5.37	6.67	5.37	3.56	-2.55	2.57	-0.38	1.56	4.25	-0.38	7.54	5.77	-1.18	-11.19	5.40	-1.73
5.13	7.66	2.85	4.35	1.42	3.71	3.36	-3.92	2.63	5.90	4.98	2.42	-3.65	2.45	-1.21	1.33	3.67	-1.84	5.86	5.21	-1.46	-14.60	4.28	-3.72
4.21	6.46	2.48	4.08	1.36	3.51	1.88	-25.24	1.29	5.29	4.11	1.83	-4.30	2.06	-3.29	1.06	1.86	-2.08	5.59	3.68	-1.72	-17.47	4.18	-5.60
2.65	1.12	2.20	2.02	0.96	3.47	1.87	-26.16	-1.41	2.38	1.82	1.71	-6.62	0.66	-4.47	0.64	1.14	-4.34	5.22	3.07	-4.37	-25.29	3.65	-6.46
-1.37	-1.41	2.11	0.89	-6.66	1.85	-11.31	-28.75	-12.92	2.35	1.53	0.31	-12.66	-0.79	-4.56	0.25	0.25	-6.76	3.31	2.78	-6.60	-31.09	2.66	-10.18

■ Floating Rate 
 ■ Global Treasury 
 ■ GNMA 
 ■ High Yield 
 ■ Intermediate Corporate 
 ■ Intermediate Treasury 
 ■ Long Corporate 
 ■ Long Treasury 
 ■ Municipal 
 ■ Preferred 
 ■ Short Treasury

Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** An index does not charge management fees or brokerage expenses, and no such fees or expenses were deducted from the performance shown. The asset classes shown here offer different characteristics in terms of income, tax treatment, capital appreciation and risk. High-yield securities, or "junk" bonds, are subject to greater market fluctuations and risk of loss than securities with higher ratings, and therefore, may be highly speculative. Fixed rate investment grade (IG) bonds are subject to fluctuations due to higher interest rates, economic recession, deterioration of the bond market or investors' perception thereof, possible downgrades and defaults of interest and/or principal. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss. Asset classes are represented by the following indices: **High Yield** - Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High-Yield Bond Index. **Intermediate Corporate** - Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit Index. **Municipal** - Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index. **Long Corporate** - Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Index. **Intermediate Treasury** - Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Treasury Index. **Long Treasury** - Bloomberg U.S. Long Treasury Index. **Global Treasury** - Bloomberg Global Treasury Index. **Floating Rate** - Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index. **GNMA** - Bloomberg GNMA Index. **Short Treasury** - Bloomberg 2-Yr U.S. Treasury Bellwethers Index. **Preferred** - ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index. See Index Definitions.



# ASSET CLASS CORRELATION

April 30, 2014 – April 30, 2024

## FIXED INCOME OPPORTUNITY SET

	Equities	Core Bonds	Senior Loans	High-Yield Bonds	Preferreds	EM	U.S. Convertibles	U.S. MBS	Municipals	IG Corporates	Government Bonds	MLPs	Commodities	Ann. Volatility
Equities	1.00													15.18
Core Bonds	0.37	1.00												4.83
Senior Loans	0.60	0.15	1.00											5.44
High-Yield Bonds	0.80	0.48	0.80	1.00										7.67
Preferreds	0.67	0.66	0.54	0.75	1.00									7.82
EM	0.66	0.69	0.63	0.82	0.74	1.00								8.71
U.S. Convertibles	0.86	0.37	0.71	0.82	0.65	0.67	1.00							12.74
U.S. MBS	0.36	0.94	0.06	0.42	0.63	0.61	0.31	1.00						4.70
Municipals	0.39	0.86	0.28	0.55	0.66	0.76	0.38	0.83	1.00					5.12
IG Corporates	0.57	0.90	0.51	0.73	0.78	0.86	0.60	0.78	0.83	1.00				6.62
Government Bonds	0.11	0.94	-0.14	0.19	0.43	0.45	0.11	0.87	0.74	0.71	1.00			4.66
MLPs	0.65	0.08	0.72	0.68	0.48	0.45	0.63	0.03	0.12	0.39	-0.17	1.00		30.75
Commodities	0.40	-0.07	0.50	0.51	0.19	0.32	0.42	-0.06	0.03	0.11	-0.25	0.53	1.00	14.15

Source: Morningstar. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Annual (Ann) Volatility is based on standard deviation which is a measure of price variability (risk). Equities are represented by the S&P 500 Index. Core Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Senior Loans are represented by the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index. High-Yield Bonds are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index. Preferreds are represented by the ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index. EM is represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Emerging Markets External Sovereign Index. U.S. Convertibles are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Convertible Index. U.S. MBS is represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index. Municipals are represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index. IG Corporates are represented by the ICE BofA U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Index. Government Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg US Government Index. MLPs are represented by the Alerian MLP Index. Commodities are represented by the Bloomberg Commodity Index. See Index Definitions.

**Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM)** - A highly liquid and diversified benchmark for commodity investments including but not limited to energy, grains, industrial metals, precious metals, softs and livestock.

**Bloomberg GNMA Index** - Consists of 30-yr and 15-yr pass-through GNMA and GNMA Graduated Payment Mortgages.

**Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index** - Measures the global investment grade debt from 24 local currency markets which includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging market issuers.

**Bloomberg Global Treasury Index** - Tracks fixed-rate, local currency government debt of IG countries, including both developed and emerging markets.

**Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index** - Measures the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated high-yield municipal bonds.

**Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index** - Tracks the performance of the tax-exempt bond market.

**Bloomberg Muni High Yield Index** – A flagship measure of the non-investment grade and non-rated USD-denominated tax exempt bond market.

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** - Measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS, ABS and CMBS.

**Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Bond Index** - Measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility and financial issuers.

**Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index** - Measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market.

**Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index** - Tracks publicly issued, SEC-registered, U.S. corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that have a maturity greater than one year, at least \$250 M outstanding par balance, and rated Baa3/BBB- or higher.

**Bloomberg U.S. Government Index** - Consists of securities issued by the U.S. Government.

**Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit Index** - Measures the Investment Grade (IG), U.S. dollar (USD)-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and gov't-related bond markets with a maturity greater than 1 yr. and less than 10 yrs.

**Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Treasury Index** - Consists of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with maturities from 1 and up to 10 yrs.

**Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Index** - Measures the IG, USD-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and gov't-related bond markets with 10 or more years to maturity.

**Bloomberg U.S. Long Treasury Index** - Consists of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with 10 or more years to maturity.

**Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index** - Tracks agency mortgage backed pass-through securities (both fixed-rate and hybrid ARM) guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac.

**Bloomberg U.S. Municipal Index** - Covers the USD-denominated long-term tax exempt bond market.

**Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index** - Measures U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the U.S. Treasury.

**Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index** - Measures the performance of the US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market.

**Bloomberg 2-Yr U.S. Treasury Bellwethers Index** - Consists of U.S. Treasury bonds with an average maturity of 2 years.

**Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index** - Tracks the investable market of the USD-denominated leveraged loan market. All loans are funded term loans with a maturity of at least 1 year and are made by issuers domiciled in developed.

**Dow Jones Industrial Average® (The Dow®)** - A price-weighted measure of 30 U.S. blue-chip companies. The index covers all industries except transportation and utilities.

**Economic Surprise Index** - Measures data surprises relative to market expectations and has historically exhibited a positive correlation with 10-Year U.S. Treasury Yields.

# DEFINITIONS

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**ICE BofA Current 2-Year U.S. Treasury Index** - A one-security index comprised of the most recently issued 2-year U.S. Treasury note.

**ICE BofA Current 5-Year U.S. Treasury Index** - A one-security index comprised of the most recently issued 5-year U.S. Treasury note.

**ICE BofA Current 10-Year U.S. Treasury Index** - A one-security index comprised of the most recently issued 10-year U.S. Treasury note.

**ICE BofA Current 30-Year U.S. Treasury Index** - A one-security index comprised of the most recently issued 30-year U.S. Treasury note.

**ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index (POP1)** - Tracks the performance of fixed rate USD-denominated preferred securities issued in the domestic market.

**ICE BofA MOVE Index** - A yield curve weighted index of the normalized implied volatility on 1-month Treasury options. It is the weighted average of volatilities on the CT2, CT5, CT10, and CT30 (weighted average of 1m2y, 1m5y, 1m10y, 1m30y Treasury implied vols with weights 0.2/0.2/0.4/0.2, respectively).

**ICE BofA U.S. Convertible Index** - Tracks the performance of publicly issued U.S. dollar denominated convertible securities of U.S. companies.

**ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade (BBB/Baa-rated or better) corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

**ICE BofA U.S. Emerging Markets External Sovereign Index** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar emerging markets sovereign debt publicly issued in the U.S. and Eurobond markets.

**ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market but caps issuer exposure at 2%.

**ICE BofA U.S. Investment Grade Institutional Capital Securities Index (CIPS)** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade hybrid capital corporate and preferred securities publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

**ICE BofA U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated fixed rate and hybrid residential mortgage pass-through securities publicly issued by U.S. agencies in the U.S. domestic market.

**ICE BofA U.S. Municipal Securities Index** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated investment grade tax-exempt debt publicly issued by U.S. states and territories, and their political subdivisions, in the U.S. domestic market.

**ICE BofA U.S. Treasury & Agency Index** - Tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated U.S. Treasury and non-subordinated U.S. agency debt issued in the U.S. domestic market.

**ICE LIBOR** - A benchmark designed to produce an average rate that is representative of the rates at which large, leading, internationally active banks with access to the wholesale, unsecured funding market could fund themselves in the market in particular currencies for certain tenors.

**J.P. Morgan's High-yield Bond Universe** - Consists of fixed income securities of domestic and foreign issuers with a maximum credit rating of BB+ or Ba1.

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