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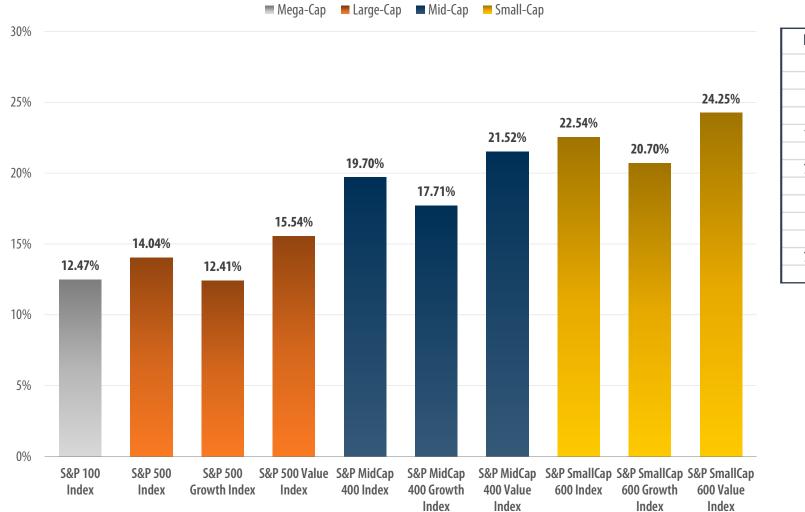


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Rising Rates and Stock Returns

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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN DURING RISING RATE PERIODS



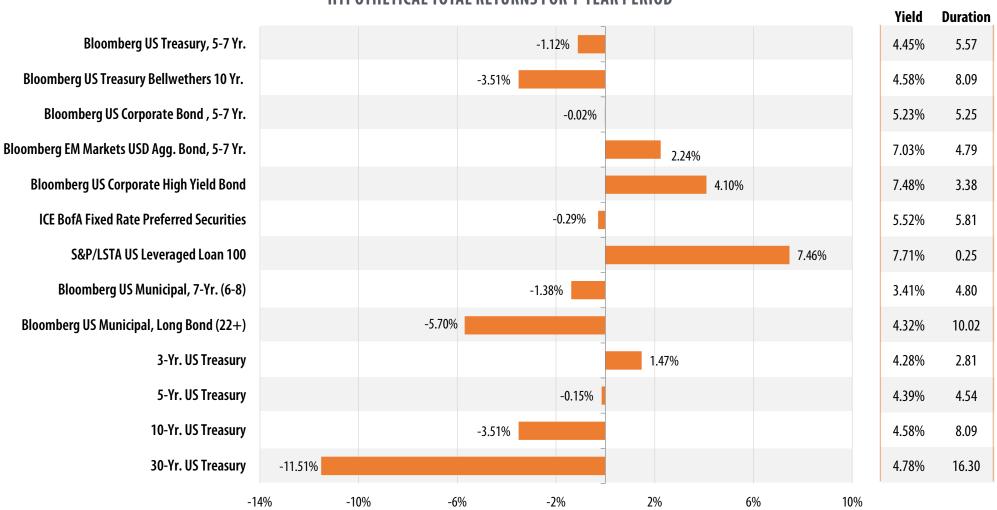
Rising Rate Period	Change In Rates
11/7/01-4/1/02	1.25%
6/10/03-9/2/03	1.41%
3/8/04-6/14/04	1.10%
6/1/05-6/28/06	1.36%
12/18/08-6/10/09	1.87%
8/31/10-2/8/11	1.27%
7/24/12-12/31/13	1.64%
7/5/16-3/13/17	1.25%
9/5/17-11/8/18	1.18%
8/4/20-3/31/21	1.23%
8/2/21-6/14/22	2.30%
7/28/22-10/24/22	1.57%
4/5/23-10/19/23	1.68%

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The Effect of a 1% Rise in Interest Rates

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HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR 1-YEAR PERIOD

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HISTORICAL IMPACT OF RISING RATES ON U.S. EQUITY SECTORS

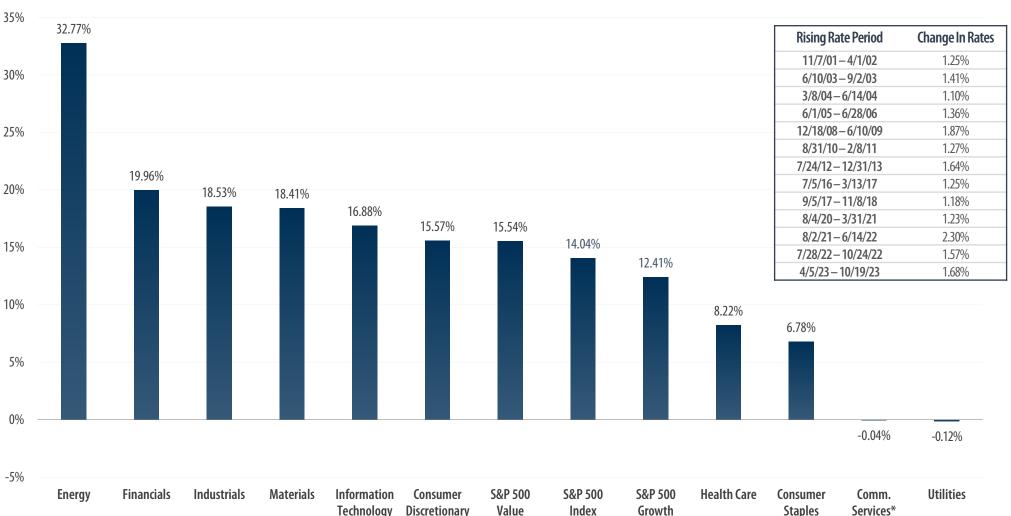
Rising Rate Period	Change In Rates	Consumer Staples	Utilities	Comm. Services*	Health Care	Information Technology	Financials	Industrials	Energy	Materials	Consumer Discretionary	S&P 500 Growth	S&P 500 Value	S&P 500 Index
11/7/01-4/1/02	1.25%	8.78%	0.90%	-14.47%	0.25%	-3.42%	5.58%	5.17%	11.78%	14.12%	9.99%	2.31%	4.15%	3.32%
6/10/03-9/2/03	1.41%	1.73%	-2.32%	-3.04%	-2.51%	11.91%	3.00%	7.00%	1.05%	11.19%	7.81%	4.34%	4.02%	4.18%
3/8/04-6/14/04	1.10%	0.50%	-4.19%	-5.44%	-1.74%	-0.10%	-5.45%	3.73%	0.94%	-4.45%	-1.08%	-0.24%	-2.65%	-1.47%
6/1/05-6/28/06	1.36%	4.26%	9.15%	11.54%	-4.00%	-3.64%	10.99%	9.06%	26.36%	12.12%	-0.20%	0.73%	10.97%	5.72%
12/18/08-6/10/09	1.87%	0.46%	-2.76%	-3.64%	-1.80%	26.95%	1.23%	4.54%	10.33%	21.62%	12.96%	12.49%	2.38%	7.56%
8/31/10-2/8/11	1.27%	12.70%	6.34%	14.94%	16.15%	33.91%	26.02%	34.22%	44.92%	33.09%	30.07%	27.86%	26.76%	27.28%
7/24/12-12/31/13	1.64%	29.03%	9.08%	14.08%	52.77%	32.90%	58.26%	55.70%	33.12%	39.37%	60.20%	39.76%	46.13%	42.60%
7/5/16-3/13/17	1.25%	1.54%	-1.55%	-4.08%	6.25%	28.15%	37.84%	18.03%	3.12%	16.38%	12.52%	13.97%	16.56%	15.36%
9/5/17-11/8/18	1.18%	6.48%	4.17%	3.58%	17.81%	25.99%	15.53%	8.95%	11.85%	4.20%	25.96%	21.15%	12.17%	16.78%
8/4/20-3/31/21	1.23%	9.79%	7.95%	25.10%	11.32%	17.66%	44.05%	37.98%	37.62%	31.24%	17.28%	16.56%	27.19%	21.46%
8/2/21-6/14/22	2.30%	-0.16%	2.05%	-32.44%	-7.91%	-17.43%	-13.25%	-13.40%	78.69%	-4.94%	-25.16%	-21.15%	-5.94%	-13.73%
7/28/22 - 10/24/22	1.57%	-5.55%	-12.37%	-10.47%	-2.55%	-10.88%	-1.34%	-3.67%	18.35%	-6.24%	-7.87%	-8.94%	-3.87%	-6.37%
4/5/23 - 10/19/23	1.68%	-7.98%	-14.00%	20.00%	-2.65%	14.44%	3.66%	2.83%	7.79%	-3.45%	8.23%	8.37%	2.14%	5.47%

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Positioning for Rising Rates





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HISTORICAL IMPACT OF RISING RATES ON VARIOUS ASSET CLASSES																
Rising Rate Period	Change In Rates	U.S. Equities	Utilities	Commodities	Global Real Estate	MLPs	Convertible Bonds	Preferreds	IG Bonds	HY Bonds	Senior Loans	Core Bonds	Muni Bonds	Short Term U.S. Treas.	10-Yr. U.S. Treas.	TIPS
11/7/01-4/1/02	1.25%	3.32%	0.90%	14.75%	6.63%	N/A	2.00%	0.61%	-2.65%	N/A	N/A	-2.44%	-1.55%	0.63%	-7.48%	-2.68%
6/10/03-9/2/03	1.41%	4.18%	-2.32%	-1.24%	9.07%	N/A	1.75%	-1.44%	-5.34%	1.60%	N/A	-4.20%	-4.09%	0.15%	-9.53%	-5.97%
3/8/04-6/14/04	1.10%	-1.47%	-4.19%	0.91%	-5.48%	N/A	-3.19%	-4.95%	-4.96%	-2.06%	N/A	-4.03%	-4.49%	0.03%	-7.14%	-4.56%
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8/2/21-6/14/22	2.30%	-13.73%	2.05%	35.19%	-17.72%	21.74%	-20.28%	-14.71%	-16.97%	-11.87%	-1.08%	-13.77%	-10.41%	-0.51%	-16.99%	-8.01%
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4/5/23 - 10/19/23	1.68%	5.47%	-14.00%	2.38%	-9.04%	16.72%	0.43%	-4.16%	-6.24%	0.47%	6.52%	-7.29%	-5.53%	2.45%	-11.06%	-5.58%

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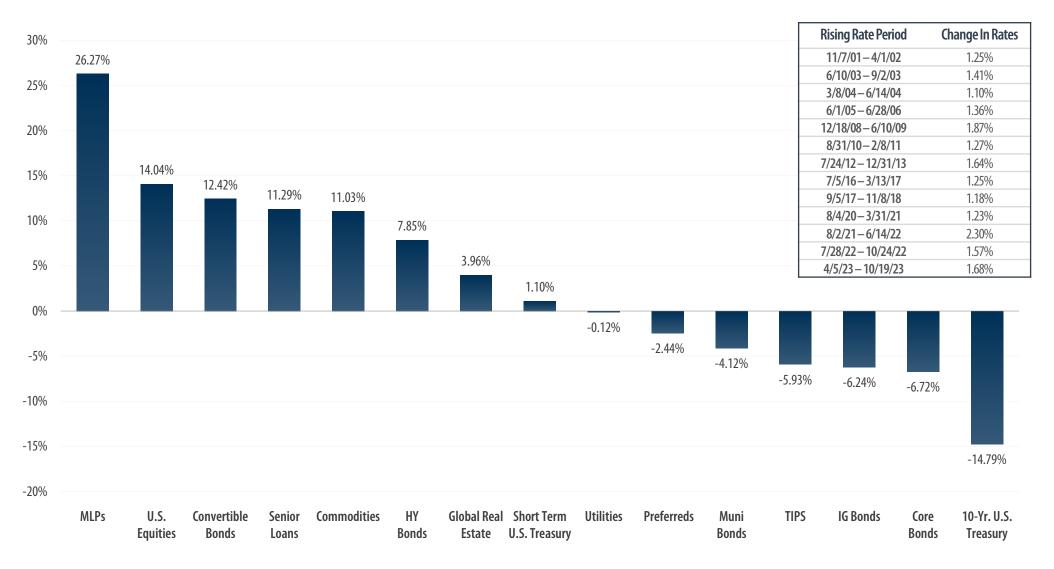
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