

Weekly Update – December 18, 2023

Market Returns Ending 12/15/2023			
Category	1 Week	4Q	YTD
US			
Large Cap	2.5%	10.4%	24.9%
Mid Cap Growth	4.4%	12.9%	24.0%
Mid Cap Value	4.2%	10.6%	11.1%
Small Cap	5.6%	11.6%	14.4%
International			
Developed	2.8%	8.5%	16.8%
Emerging	1.8%	4.5%	6.7%
Bonds			
Aggregate	2.3%	6.3%	5.0%
High Yield	1.9%	6.1%	12.3%

US Equity Style Returns			
	Weekly		
	Value	Core	Growth
Large	3.3	2.7	2.2
Mid	4.2	4.2	4.4
Small	5.5	5.6	5.7
	YTD		
	Value	Core	Growth
Large	10.0	25.1	41.2
Mid	11.1	15.6	24.0
Small	12.3	14.4	15.9

Source: Bloomberg

Key Events: A Merry Christmas...

The Federal Reserve delivered Christmas cheer:

- In his post-meeting press conference, Governor Powell said rate hikes “are not the base case anymore as it was 60, 90 days ago.”
- On Friday, however, the New York Fed President said it would be “premature” to cut rates in March.

Market review: Full speed ahead

The Market priced in a March rate cut, even though this view was tempered on Friday.

Bonds roared ahead, with the ten-year treasury yield dropping from 4.2% to 3.9% during the week, a move that caused the bond market to gain 2.3%.

Stocks rose across the board, with the biggest gains occurring in small caps as recessionary fears faded. International stocks gained modestly as well.

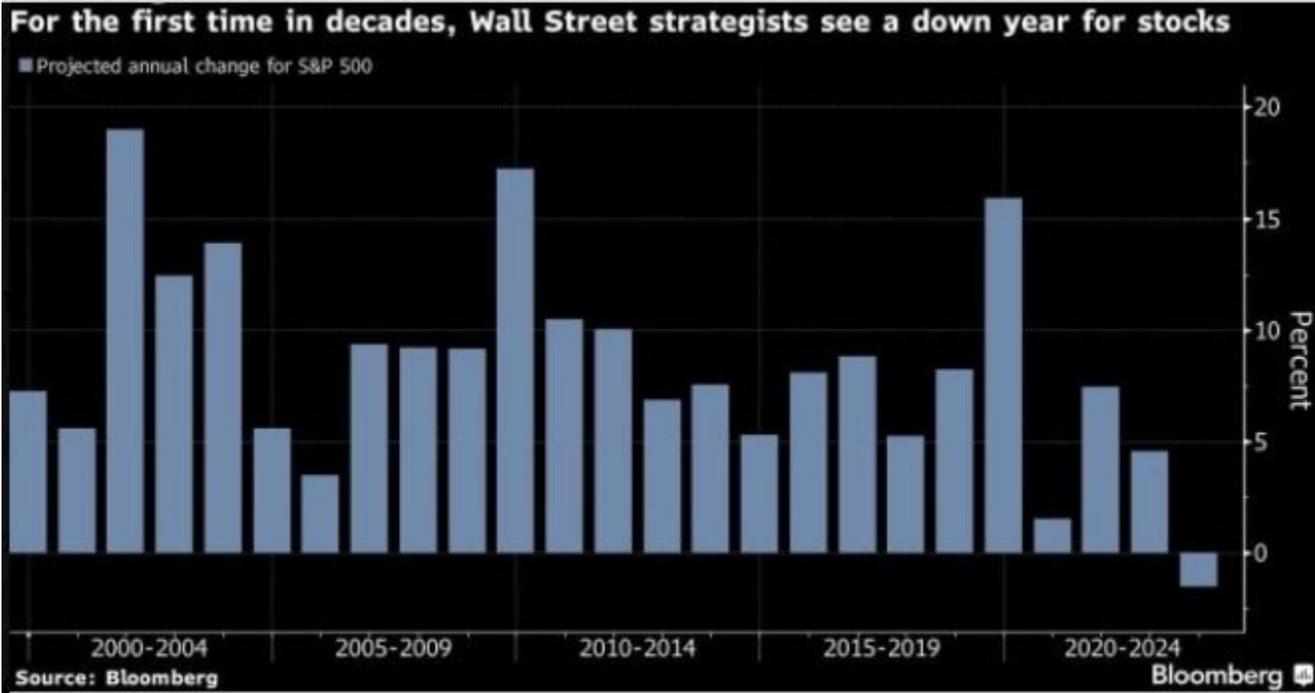
Outlook: ...And a happy New Year!

Calming inflation data along with the Fed’s guidance affirmed Wall street’s soft landing viewpoint and, more importantly, expectations for gains in 2024.

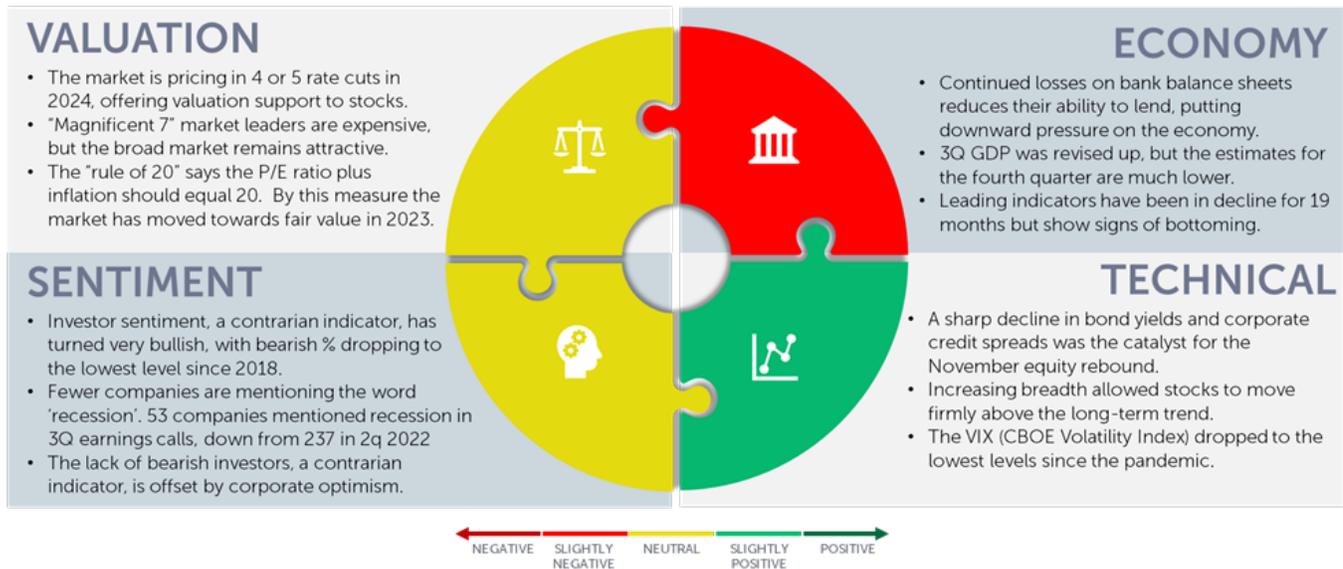
Ironically, 2023 was the first year in two decades that Wall Street actually predicted a down market. The S&P is up over 25% so far, but we don’t expect a repeat performance next year. We do expect that our diversified portfolio has a good chance of helping you move towards your goals. We will not publish next week, but we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Wall Street Expectations were negative for 2023ⁱ





OneAscent Navigator Outlook: December 2023



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ⁱ Source : Bloomberg

ⁱⁱ Market Returns reference the following indices: Large Cap – S&P 500, Mid Cap Growth – Russell Midcap growth, Mid Cap Value – Russell Midcap Value, Small Cap – Russell 2000, Developed – MSCI EAFE, Emerging – MSCI Emerging Markets, Aggregate – Bloomberg US Aggregate, High Yield – Bloomberg High Yield