

Weekly Update – July 8, 2024

| Market Returns Ending 7/5/2024 | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Category | 1 Week | MTD | YTD |
| US | | | |
| Large Cap | 2.0% | 2.0% | 17.6% |
| Mid Cap | -0.6% | -0.6% | 4.4% |
| Small Cap | -1.0% | -1.0% | 0.7% |
| International | | | |
| Developed | 2.3% | 2.3% | 8.2% |
| Emerging | 1.9% | 1.9% | 9.6% |
| Bonds | | | |
| Aggregate | 0.3% | 0.3% | -0.5% |
| High Yield | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.6% |

| US Equity Style Returns | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|------|--------|
| | Weekly | | |
| | Value | Core | Growth |
| Large | -0.4 | 1.8 | 3.7 |
| Mid | -1.0 | -0.6 | 0.6 |
| Small | -1.6 | -1.0 | -0.5 |
| | YTD | | |
| | Value | Core | Growth |
| Large | 6.2 | 16.3 | 25.2 |
| Mid | 3.5 | 4.4 | 6.6 |
| Small | -2.4 | 0.7 | 3.9 |

Source: Bloomberg

Key Events: Political fireworks and shifting winds

Elections dominated the news cycle:

- Democrats wrestled over Biden’s candidacy amid daily calls for him to withdrawal.
- The left scored big gains in Britain whereas the right struggled to maintain initial gains in France.

Economic data in the US showed signs of softening.

Market review: Thinking about a US slowdown

This week’s data showed economic softening which hurt small cap stocks. Large caps gained as the data supported the soft landing narrative.

International stocks continued their momentum from the second quarter, gaining as the dollar weakened.

Outlook: Shifting narratives

The current political landscape provides ample discussion points, from seismic changes in Europe to the turmoil in the US presidential election. The most critical development lies in the US; a change in the Democratic candidate could reshape the election, injecting uncertainty to the investment markets.

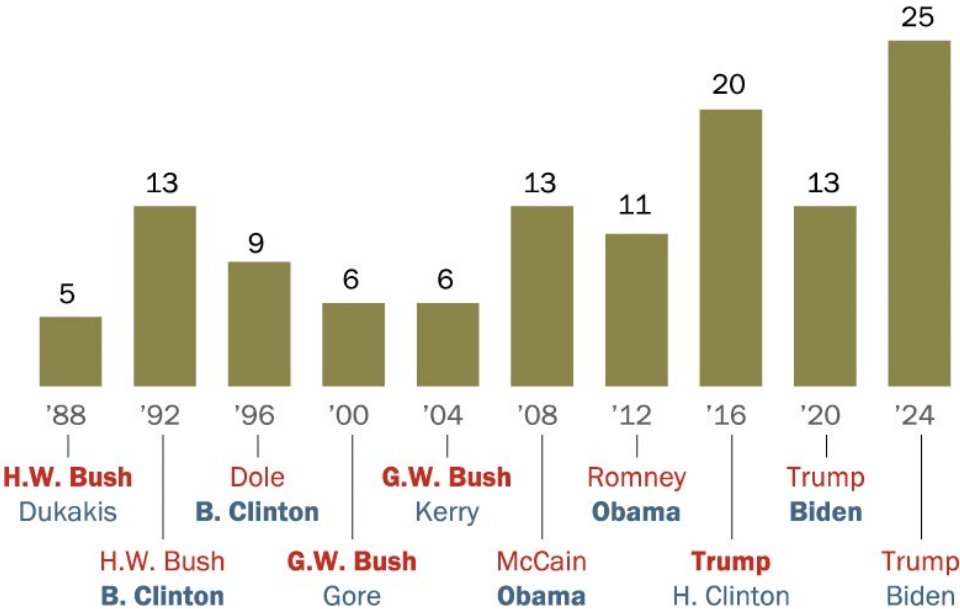
The economic narrative is also evolving. Recent data releases suggest a slowing economy in the coming months, raising the probability that the soft landing becomes a hard landing – that’s what usually happens, after all.

We remain cautious rather than reactionary. We have made prudent adjustments to the portfolios and are closely monitoring the upcoming earnings season. A broader base of earnings, beyond the technology sector, would be healthy, likely leading to a broadening of stock market returns.



More Americans view *both* major-party candidates unfavorably now than in any of the last 10 elections

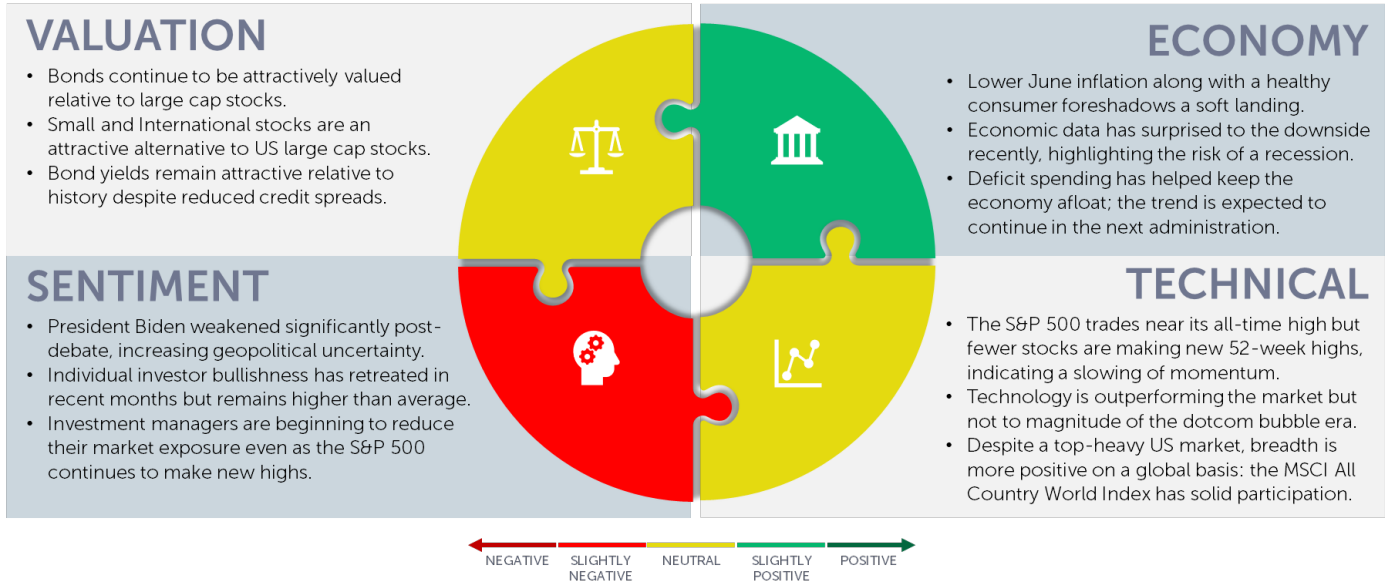
In May/June of election year, % with unfavorable views of both candidates



Note: 1988-1996, 2004-2012 and 2024 data is from Pew Research Center. For 2000, data is from Gallup/CNN; 2016-2020 data from ABC/Washington Post. Gallup/CNN and ABC/Washington Post data is provided by the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted May 13-19, 2024.

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ⁱ 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