

Weekly Update – August 28, 2023

Market Returns Ending 8/25/2023			
Category	1 Week	YTD	1 Year
US			
Large Cap	0.8%	16.0%	6.7%
Mid Cap Growth	0.8%	12.3%	3.2%
Mid Cap Value	-0.2%	3.6%	-2.2%
Small Cap	-0.3%	6.2%	-4.2%
International			
Developed	0.8%	9.5%	13.1%
Emerging	1.9%	5.0%	0.9%
Bonds			
Aggregate	0.3%	0.40%	-3.0%
High Yield	0.3%	6.0%	4.1%

US Equity Style Returns			
	Weekly		
	Value	Core	Growth
Large	-0.2	0.8	1.7
Mid	-0.2	0.1	0.8
Small	-0.9	-0.3	0.4
	YTD		
	Value	Core	Growth
Large	4.4	15.7	27.8
Mid	3.6	6.8	12.3
Small	2.5	6.2	9.6

Source: Bloomberg

Key Events: How close is “close”?

The Federal Reserve is “close” to being done with rate hikes. In a highly anticipated speech, Chair Powell re-iterated progress on the three components of inflation:

1. Goods prices have come down quickly.
2. Housing costs have fallen, but slowly.
3. Non-housing services such as healthcare, food and transportation are not declining quickly enough.

He reiterated that non-housing services are more connected to labor costs than other areas of inflation.

Market review:

US Stocks ended the week with modest gains after see-sawing through the week. In the end, most stock and bond markets finished the week on a positive note.

Larger, more growth-oriented stocks performed best for the week, returning to the trend that has defined the year.

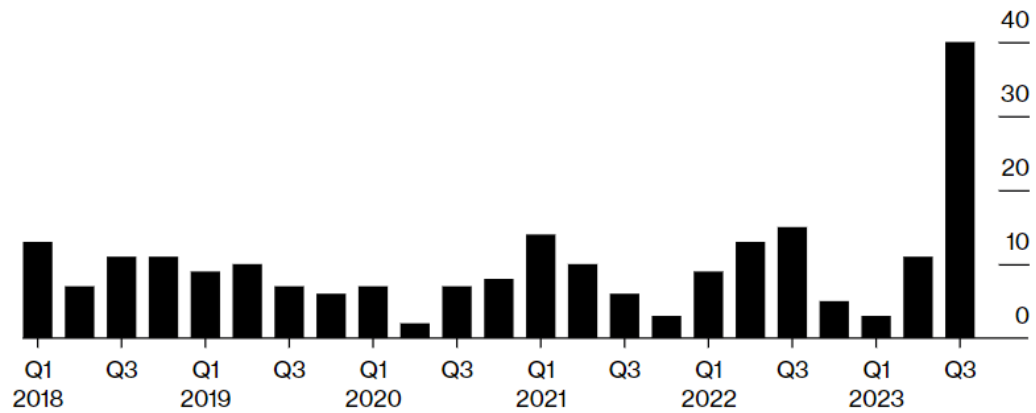
Outlook: Evaluating clouds on the horizon

Chair Powell’s comments highlight that the labor market – the consumer - will likely suffer while the Fed brings inflation down to target. This is a large cloud on the horizon. Another, highlighted below, is the resumption of student loan payments, which has companies worriedⁱ.

Chair Powell finished by saying “we are navigating by the stars under a cloudy sky”. OneAscent’s “stars” are values-alignment, long-term focus and diversification. These will serve us well during these cloudy times.

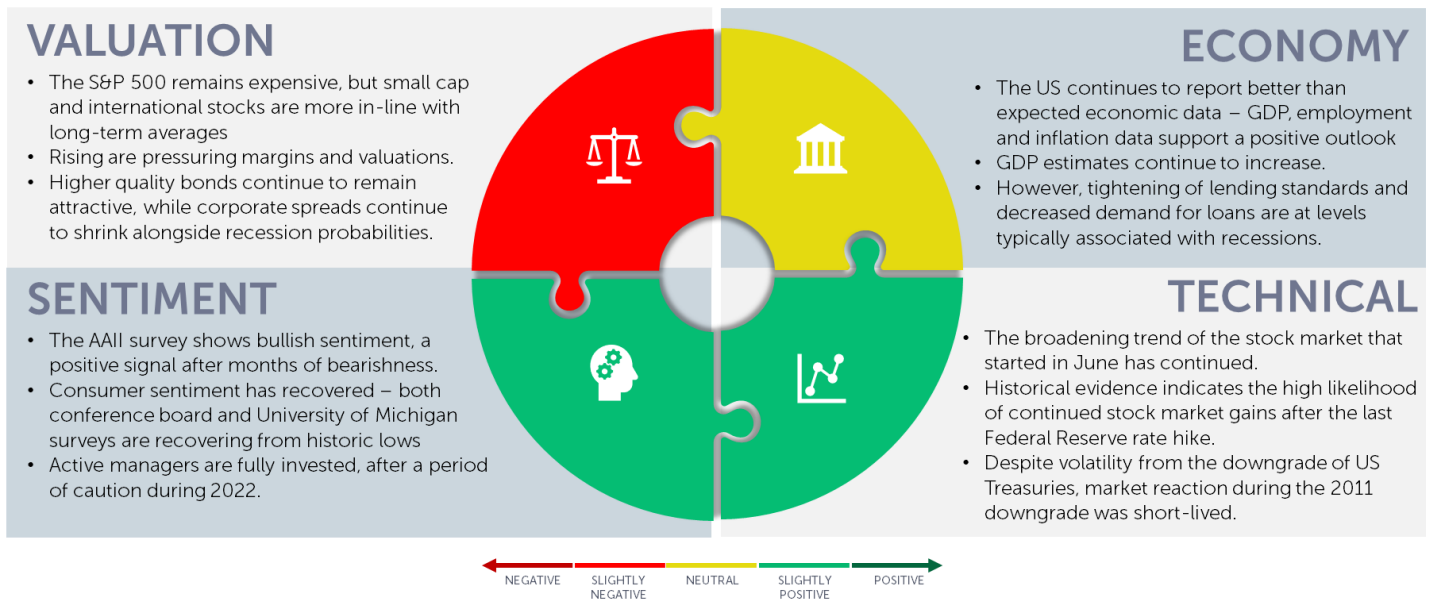


Mentions of 'Student Loan' in US Earnings Calls Jumped



Source: Bloomberg

OneAscent Navigator Outlook: August 2023



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ⁱ Source: Bloomberg [When Are Student Loan Repayments Due? Consumer Companies Warn on Hit - 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