Country Indices Flash Report

April 2023

Commentary*

- Developed markets continued their strong run relative to domestic, with most major regions' performance ahead of the U.S. market in April. European markets, in particular, built on momentum since late last year.
- Global investors appear more focused on geopolitical concerns than China's economic surge since its post-COVID reopening. The country's -5.2% return was the worst among ACWI markets in April.
- French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to China highlighted the importance of China to Europe broadly. His comments that Europe shouldn't become a "vassal" to the U.S. and that the region should reduce its dependence on the "extraterritoriality of the U.S. dollar" played well with Chinese President Xi Jinping but mean little for near-term policy.
- Headline inflation around much of the world is subsiding quickly. Unfortunately core inflation, driven mostly by wages, is stubbornly high—presenting central bankers with an ongoing battle.

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COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

April 2023 total return (MSCI indices)* US\$ terms with net dividends



TOTAL RETURN FOR SELECTED MSCI INDICES, US\$ TERMS WITH NET DIVIDENDS* (for periods ended 04/28/23)

| OUNTRY/REGION | 1 MO. | 3 MOS. | 2023 YTD | 12 MOS. | CAL 202 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| SA | 1.2% | 2.2% | 8.9% | 1.4% | -19.89 |
| LL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US) | 1.7% | 0.6% | 8.7% | 3.0% | -16.09 |
| Canada | 3.0% | -1.5% | 7.4% | -3.5% | -12.99 |
| EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East) | 2.8% | 3.2% | 11.5% | 8.4% | -14.5 |
| Japan | 0.4% | 0.3% | 6.6% | 4.3% | -16.6 |
| UK | 5.3% | 4.9% | 11.7% | 8.4% | -4.8 |
| PACIFIC EX-JAPAN | 0.2% | -5.8% | 2.3% | -1.4% | -5.9 |
| Australia | 0.2% | -7.0% | 3.0% | -3.3% | -5.3 |
| Hong Kong | 0.6% | -5.4% | -1.8% | 0.3% | -4.7 |
| Singapore | -0.7% | -1.1% | 6.3% | 4.0% | -11.0 |
| EUROPE EX-UK | 3.8% | 6.3% | 16.2% | 13.1% | -18.0 |
| France | 4.7% | 7.8% | 20.0% | 21.6% | -13.3 |
| Germany | 3.4% | 5.5% | 18.6% | 15.2% | -22.3 |
| Netherlands | -1.3% | 0.4% | 15.1% | 12.0% | -27.7 |
| Spain | 2.8% | 6.9% | 18.9% | 18.1% | -7.3 |
| Italy | 4.5% | 5.9% | 19.8% | 22.5% | -14.4 |
| Finland | 0.2% | -1.8% | -0.1% | 0.3% | -15.3 |
| Belgium | 1.3% | 3.2% | 7.6% | 4.8% | -12.5 |
| Ireland | 2.9% | 10.4% | 24.9% | 20.3% | -26.2 |
| Austria | 5.5% | -1.2% | 8.2% | 6.4% | -26.4 |
| Denmark | 4.1% | 15.0% | 16.9% | 22.8% | -4.8 |
| Norway | 1.3% | -3.6% | -6.0% | -14.7% | -7.0 |
| Sweden | 4.1% | 6.2% | 14.0% | 4.5% | -28.4 |
| Switzerland | 6.2% | 6.8% | 13.4% | 4.0% | -18.3 |
| Israel | -1.9% | -5.2% | -1.1% | -15.3% | -26.7 |
| EMERGING MARKETS | -1.1% | -4.7% | 2.8% | -6.5% | -20.1 |
| South Africa | 0.9% | -4.2% | 0.3% | -8.1% | -3.9 |
| Saudi Arabia | 6.0% | 3.8% | 6.1% | -18.9% | -5.1 |
| EMERGING EUROPE | 5.3% | 3.3% | 6.9% | 17.7% | -71.2 |
| Greece | 3.6% | 6.8% | 20.0% | 20.2% | 0.3 |
| Poland | 13.5% | 5.5% | 12.4% | 12.0% | -27.2 |
| Turkey | -5.1% | -6.4% | -14.1% | 36.5% | 90.4 |
| LATIN AMERICA | 2.7% | -2.9% | 6.7% | 5.0% | 8.9 |
| Brazil | 3.4% | -6.4% | 0.1% | -2.6% | 14.2 |
| Chile | -2.1% | -6.7% | 3.0% | 8.2% | 19.4 |
| Colombia | 5.4% | -12.4% | -8.8% | -28.3% | -6.0 |
| Mexico | 2.6% | 5.5% | 23.4% | 25.1% | -2.0 |
| EMERGING ASIA | -2.4% | -5.8% | 2.3% | -6.8% | -21.1 |
| China | -5.2% | -11.2% | -0.7% | -5.8% | -21.9 |
| India | 4.2% | 0.6% | -2.4% | -7.0% | -8.0 |
| Indonesia | 6.6% | 9.4% | 12.9% | 2.9% | 3.6 |
| Korea | -0.9% | -3.4% | 8.6% | -9.5% | -29.4 |
| Malaysia | -1.3% | -7.5% | -4.8% | -9.6% | -5.8 |
| Taiwan | -4.2% | -2.5% | 9.9% | -8.4% | -29.8 |
| Thailand | -3.4% | -8.5% | -5.0% | 0.4% | 5.0 |

CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD* (for periods ended 04/28/23)

| | 1 MO. | 3 MOS. | 2023 YTD | 12 MOS. | CAL 2022 | | |
|-------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------|----------|--|--|
| Australian Dollar | -1.3% | -6.2% | -2.6% | -7.0% | -6.7% | | |
| Canadian Dollar | -0.2% | -1.6% | -0.1% | -5.8% | -6.8% | | |
| Euro | 1.6% | 1.7% | 3.4% | 4.6% | -6.2% | | |
| Yen | -2.3% | -4.5% | -3.1% | -4.9% | -12.7% | | |
| Swiss Franc | 2.6% | 3.2% | 3.9% | 9.1% | -1.5% | | |
| British Pound | 1.7% | 2.1% | 4.5% | 0.1% | -11.2% | | |
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