

Country Indices Flash Report

May 2023

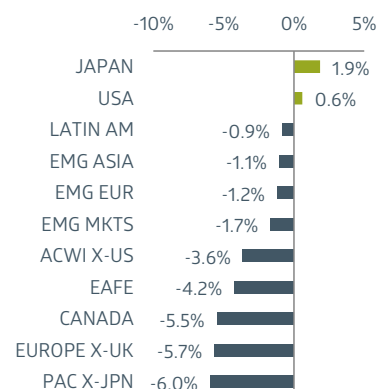
Commentary*

- The debt ceiling crisis weighed on equities and currencies globally. All but two EAFE markets declined on a local basis and all currencies (except the pegged Hong Kong dollar) fell versus the dollar in May. The crisis briefly pushed near-term U.S. Treasury Bill yields above 7% for the first time in more than 30 years.
- The exception among equities were tech stocks, and most critically, those related to generative AI. Japan and the Netherlands were the top performing developed markets due to higher exposure in the semiconductor space. Among emerging markets, Taiwan and S. Korea were strong.
- China's equities were notable laggards, as the post-COVID economic reopening has been much less robust than expected. China isn't alone in facing weaker-than-expected growth: Germany marked a 2nd consecutive quarter of negative real GDP growth and slowing inflation, leading to speculation that the Continent's rate hike cycle could end sooner than expected.

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COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

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



TOTAL RETURN FOR SELECTED MSCI INDICES, US\$ TERMS WITH NET DIVIDENDS* (for periods ended 05/31/23)

COUNTRY/REGION	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2023 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2022
USA	0.6%	5.4%	9.6%	2.3%	-19.8%
ALL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US)	-3.6%	0.4%	4.8%	-1.4%	-16.0%
Canada	-5.5%	-2.6%	1.5%	-10.0%	-12.9%
EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East)	-4.2%	0.9%	6.8%	3.1%	-14.5%
Japan	1.9%	6.3%	8.6%	4.5%	-16.6%
UK	-6.6%	-2.2%	4.4%	-0.4%	-4.8%
PACIFIC EX-JAPAN	-6.0%	-5.3%	-3.8%	-6.9%	-5.9%
Australia	-4.8%	-5.2%	-1.9%	-6.9%	-5.3%
Hong Kong	-8.7%	-7.1%	-10.4%	-10.9%	-4.7%
Singapore	-6.5%	-2.5%	-0.6%	0.1%	-11.0%
EUROPE EX-UK	-5.7%	1.1%	9.6%	6.3%	-18.0%
France	-7.5%	-0.1%	11.0%	10.7%	-13.3%
Germany	-5.6%	1.5%	12.0%	5.5%	-22.3%
Netherlands	0.8%	4.5%	16.1%	12.2%	-27.7%
Spain	-5.7%	-1.7%	12.2%	6.3%	-7.3%
Italy	-6.7%	-1.8%	11.7%	10.5%	-14.4%
Finland	-8.9%	-8.6%	-9.0%	-9.3%	-15.3%
Belgium	-10.8%	-7.4%	-4.0%	-3.8%	-12.5%
Ireland	-4.2%	3.8%	19.7%	14.5%	-26.2%
Austria	-8.6%	-12.8%	-1.1%	-6.9%	-26.4%
Denmark	-4.1%	7.4%	12.1%	22.5%	-4.8%
Norway	-8.0%	-11.1%	-13.5%	-24.4%	-7.0%
Sweden	-8.5%	-4.9%	4.4%	-3.7%	-28.4%
Switzerland	-4.6%	5.5%	8.2%	2.7%	-18.3%
Israel	-4.0%	-4.7%	-5.0%	-14.1%	-26.7%
EMERGING MARKETS	-1.7%	0.2%	1.1%	-8.5%	-20.1%
South Africa	-14.0%	-10.3%	-13.7%	-21.9%	-3.9%
Saudi Arabia	-3.0%	8.7%	2.9%	-15.3%	-5.1%
EMERGING EUROPE	-1.2%	-0.3%	5.6%	18.2%	-71.2%
Greece	8.7%	6.5%	30.4%	34.3%	0.3%
Poland	-4.0%	6.0%	7.9%	4.2%	-27.2%
Turkey	-1.6%	-12.9%	-15.4%	43.9%	90.4%
LATIN AMERICA	-0.9%	2.7%	5.8%	-3.8%	8.9%
Brazil	0.6%	3.8%	0.8%	-9.5%	14.2%
Chile	-3.3%	-6.0%	-0.4%	-11.6%	19.4%
Colombia	-6.7%	-2.3%	-14.9%	-41.0%	-6.0%
Mexico	-2.6%	3.0%	20.2%	15.4%	-2.0%
EMERGING ASIA	-1.1%	0.1%	1.3%	-8.2%	-21.1%
China	-8.4%	-9.2%	-9.1%	-14.7%	-21.9%
India	2.9%	8.4%	0.4%	1.7%	-8.0%
Indonesia	-3.3%	6.8%	9.2%	3.0%	3.6%
Korea	4.8%	8.9%	13.8%	-6.8%	-29.4%
Malaysia	-5.4%	-5.6%	-9.9%	-12.4%	-5.8%
Taiwan	7.3%	5.9%	17.9%	-5.1%	-29.8%
Thailand	-3.0%	-2.2%	-7.9%	-4.9%	5.0%

CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD* (for periods ended 05/31/23)

	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2023 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2022
Australian Dollar	-2.1%	-4.0%	-4.6%	-9.8%	-6.7%
Canadian Dollar	-0.2%	0.2%	-0.3%	-6.9%	-6.8%
Euro	-3.4%	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-6.2%
Yen	-2.5%	-2.5%	-5.6%	-7.9%	-12.7%
Swiss Franc	-2.6%	2.5%	1.2%	4.9%	-1.5%
British Pound	-1.4%	2.4%	3.0%	-1.7%	-11.2%

Sources: Bailard, MSCI/Bloomberg.

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