

# Country Indices Flash Report

June 2023

## Commentary\*

- Global central bank policies diverged during the month. The U.S. paused rate increases, while Australia, Canada, the European Union and the UK continued to raise rates. Notably, the UK surprised markets by increasing rates another 50 basis points in response to headline inflation at a stubbornly high 8.7%. U.S. year-over-year inflation fell to 4%, its lowest level since March 2021.
- With Japanese inflation at 3.2%—generationally high for the country but envied by the rest of the world—the Bank of Japan has forged its own path, sticking to an ultra-loose policy. Despite monetary policy weighing on the yen, the Nikkei 225 Index hit its highest level since 1990.
- Geopolitical risks are rising. Russia's paramilitary Wagner Group turned on leadership and then relented, the U.S. sent its Secretary of State to China for the first time in five years, Indian PM Narendra Modi was feted on a visit to the U.S., Saudi Arabia and Iran restored diplomatic ties after seven years and OPEC+ curtailed oil production.

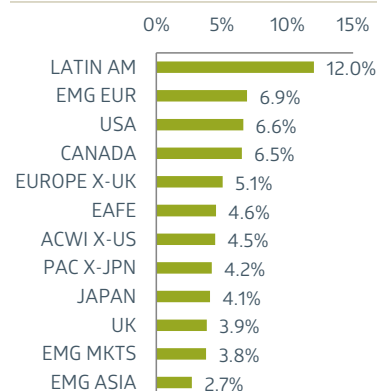
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## TOTAL RETURN FOR SELECTED MSCI INDICES, US\$ TERMS WITH NET DIVIDENDS\* (for periods ended 6/30/2023)

COUNTRY/REGION	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2023 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2022
USA	6.6%	8.6%	16.8%	19.0%	-19.8%
<b>ALL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US)</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>-16.0%</b>
Canada	6.5%	3.7%	8.2%	7.0%	-12.9%
<b>EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East)</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>-14.5%</b>
Japan	4.1%	6.4%	13.0%	18.1%	-16.6%
UK	3.9%	2.2%	8.4%	13.2%	-4.8%
<b>PACIFIC EX-JAPAN</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>
Australia	5.1%	0.3%	3.1%	11.2%	-5.3%
Hong Kong	3.4%	-5.0%	-7.3%	-9.0%	-4.7%
Singapore	1.7%	-5.6%	1.1%	10.0%	-11.0%
<b>EUROPE EX-UK</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>-18.0%</b>
France	6.6%	3.2%	18.3%	31.7%	-13.3%
Germany	5.3%	2.8%	17.9%	28.4%	-22.3%
Netherlands	4.7%	4.1%	21.5%	31.2%	-27.7%
Spain	8.8%	5.6%	22.1%	29.0%	-7.3%
Italy	11.1%	8.2%	24.1%	43.4%	-14.4%
Finland	0.6%	-8.1%	-8.4%	-1.1%	-15.3%
Belgium	3.9%	-6.1%	-0.2%	6.1%	-12.5%
Ireland	5.8%	4.3%	26.6%	45.3%	-26.2%
Austria	8.2%	4.4%	7.0%	18.9%	-26.4%
Denmark	1.9%	1.7%	14.2%	31.9%	-4.8%
Norway	6.2%	-1.0%	-8.1%	-9.0%	-7.0%
Sweden	3.7%	-1.2%	8.2%	16.6%	-28.4%
Switzerland	2.6%	4.0%	11.0%	13.3%	-18.3%
Israel	1.9%	-4.0%	-3.2%	-4.7%	-26.7%
<b>EMERGING MARKETS</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>-20.1%</b>
South Africa	9.5%	-4.9%	-5.5%	-1.9%	-3.9%
Saudi Arabia	3.4%	6.3%	6.4%	-1.6%	-5.1%
<b>EMERGING EUROPE</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	<b>-71.2%</b>
Greece	9.9%	23.8%	43.3%	71.3%	0.3%
Poland	14.2%	24.5%	23.3%	36.4%	-27.2%
Turkey	-4.3%	-10.7%	-19.1%	53.3%	90.4%
<b>LATIN AMERICA</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
Brazil	16.0%	20.7%	16.8%	29.8%	14.2%
Chile	8.2%	2.4%	7.8%	18.1%	19.4%
Colombia	13.5%	11.7%	-3.3%	-5.6%	-6.0%
Mexico	5.7%	5.6%	27.1%	35.1%	-2.0%
<b>EMERGING ASIA</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-21.1%</b>
China	4.0%	-9.7%	-5.5%	-16.8%	-21.9%
India	4.7%	12.2%	5.1%	14.2%	-8.0%
Indonesia	-0.3%	2.8%	8.9%	13.2%	3.6%
Korea	0.6%	4.4%	14.4%	13.0%	-29.4%
Malaysia	-1.9%	-8.4%	-11.7%	-6.4%	-5.8%
Taiwan	1.7%	4.5%	19.9%	12.5%	-29.8%
Thailand	-2.0%	-8.2%	-9.8%	1.7%	5.0%

## COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

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



## CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD\* (for periods ended 6/30/2023)

	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2023 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2022
Australian Dollar	2.9%	-0.6%	-1.8%	-3.2%	-6.7%
Canadian Dollar	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	-2.5%	-6.8%
Euro	2.3%	0.4%	2.2%	4.4%	-6.2%
Yen	-3.3%	-7.9%	-8.7%	-6.0%	-12.7%
Swiss Franc	2.2%	2.1%	3.4%	7.0%	-1.5%
British Pound	2.6%	2.8%	5.7%	4.7%	-11.2%

Sources: Bailard, MSCI/Bloomberg.

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