Country Indices Flash Report

October 2023

Commentary*

- The Israel-Hamas war has contributed to dollar strength during the month and reminded the world of the fragile geopolitics of the region. Middle Eastern markets felt the most pressure. Oil prices, while volatile, haven't risen substantially since October 7th. Alternatively, safe-haven gold has risen almost 9%, approaching \$2,000 / ounce.
- The higher-for-longer chorus in the U.S. led to higher yields across the curve, exerting further pressure on equities around the world.
- Inflation in the Eurozone fell in October to its lowest year-overyear level (2.9%) in more than two years, bolstering the case that the ECB's actions are getting ahead of inflation.
- At month's end, the Bank of Japan loosened its language around a 1% cap for 10-yegar bond yields; Governor Ueda continues to take an extremely incremental approach, despite calls for more significant responses to elevated inflation.

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COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

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



TOTAL RETURN FOR SELECTED MSCI INDICES, US\$ TERMS WITH NET DIVIDENDS* (for periods ended 10/31/2023)

| COUNTRY/REGION | 1 MO. | 3 MOS. | 2023 YTD | 12 MOS. | CAL 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
| USA | -2.3% | -8.6% | 10.5% | 9.5% | -19.8% |
| ALL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US) | -4.1% | -11.3% | 1.0% | 12.1% | -16.0% |
| Canada | -5.6% | -12.3% | -2.1% | -1.2% | -12.9% |
| EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East) | -4.1% | -10.9% | 2.7% | 14.4% | -14.5% |
| Japan | -4.5% | -8.8% | 6.2% | 16.8% | -16.6% |
| UK | -4.2% | -8.8% | 2.3% | 12.9% | -4.8% |
| PACIFIC EX-JAPAN | -4.5% | -12.8% | -8.7% | 5.1% | -5.9% |
| Australia | -5.1% | -11.8% | -5.5% | 3.9% | -5.3% |
| Hong Kong | -2.1% | -15.3% | -19.3% | 8.7% | -4.7% |
| Singapore | -4.6% | -13.0% | -3.9% | 6.2% | -11.0% |
| EUROPE EX-UK | -3.6% | -11.9% | 4.4% | 16.6% | -18.0% |
| France | -3.8% | -12.4% | 5.9% | 18.2% | -13.3% |
| Germany | -4.4% | -14.4% | 4.0% | 18.4% | -22.3% |
| Netherlands | -1.2% | -16.9% | 3.7% | 18.6% | -27.7% |
| Spain | -4.1% | -9.7% | 12.6% | 26.3% | -7.3% |
| Italy | -1.2% | -8.9% | 20.1% | 36.3% | -14.4% |
| Finland | -3.5% | -9.0% | -16.6% | -6.9% | -15.3% |
| Belgium | -3.5% | -10.5% | -3.9% | 8.9% | -12.5% |
| Ireland | -6.4% | -19.3% | 9.6% | 19.8% | -26.2% |
| Austria | -0.9% | -5.8% | 6.0% | 25.2% | -26.4% |
| Denmark | 0.3% | 1.9% | 17.3% | 40.7% | -4.8% |
| Norway | -5.1% | -2.6% | -2.7% | 2.1% | -7.0% |
| Sweden | -6.0% | -12.6% | -4.0% | 6.1% | -28.4% |
| Switzerland | -4.6% | -12.8% | 0.2% | 7.4% | -18.3% |
| Israel | -12.6% | -15.1% | -11.2% | -18.0% | -26.7% |
| EMERGING MARKETS | -3.9% | -12.2% | -2.1% | 10.8% | -20.1% |
| South Africa | -1.8% | -16.9% | -11.5% | 1.7% | -3.9% |
| Saudi Arabia | -2.9% | -9.1% | -1.2% | -11.4% | -5.1% |
| EMERGING EUROPE | 1.5% | -6.0% | 16.7% | 44.3% | -71.2% |
| Greece | 0.9% | -11.9% | 33.3% | 51.2% | 0.3% |
| Poland | 16.3% | -6.4% | 25.3% | 59.5% | -27.2% |
| Turkey | -13.0% | -3.2% | -6.6% | 23.7% | 90.4% |
| LATIN AMERICA | -4.8% | -13.7% | 7.5% | 3.7% | 8.9% |
| Brazil | -3.7% | -11.6% | 8.4% | 2.1% | 14.2% |
| Chile | -9.1% | -22.4% | -11.6% | -8.5% | 19.4% |
| Colombia | -5.4% | -16.7% | -8.4% | 1.5% | -6.0% |
| Mexico | -6.2% | -16.2% | 11.4% | 10.1% | -2.0% |
| EMERGING ASIA | -4.0% | -12.2% | -3.0% | 14.2% | -21.1% |
| China | -4.3% | -15.2% | -11.2% | 21.1% | -21.9% |
| India | -3.0% | -3.2% | 4.8% | 4.2% | -8.0% |
| Indonesia | -8.3% | -12.6% | -3.5% | -7.2% | 3.6% |
| Korea | -7.0% | -18.5% | -0.6% | 8.3% | -29.4% |
| Malaysia | -0.1% | -4.9% | -7.8% | 2.1% | -5.8% |
| Taiwan | -1.7% | -9.6% | 9.2% | 26.2% | -29.8% |
| Thailand | -3.2% | -14.4% | -16.6% | -4.3% | 5.0% |

CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD* (for periods ended 10/31/2023)

| | 1 MO. | 3 MOS. | 2023 YTD | 12 MOS. | CAL 2022 |
|-------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
| Australian Dollar | -1.9% | -6.0% | -6.6% | -1.0% | -6.7% |
| Canadian Dollar | -2.6% | -5.2% | -2.4% | -1.7% | -6.8% |
| Euro | -0.2% | -4.1% | -1.0% | 6.9% | -6.2% |
| Yen | -1.5% | -6.2% | -12.9% | -1.9% | -12.7% |
| Swiss Franc | 0.5% | -4.7% | 1.7% | 10.0% | -1.5% |
| British Pound | -0.6% | -5.7% | 0.9% | 5.4% | -11.2% |

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