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Resurgent Risk-on Sentiment Drove Equities in Q1

Annual and Q1 relative total returns, USD markets

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Q1 2024
S&P 500	Munis	High Yield	S&P 500	Munis	S&P 500	S&P 500	S&P 500	Loans	S&P 500	S&P 500
13.7%	3.6%	17.5%	22.3%	1.0%	31.5%	18.4%	28.7%	(-0.6%)	26.3%	10.6%
Munis	Mortgages	S&P 500	EM Sov	Mortgages	High Yield	High Grade	Loans	Munis	Loans	EM Sov
9.8%	1.5%	12.0%	10.0%	1.0%	14.4%	9.8%	5.4%	(-9.0%)	13.7%	2.8%
High Grade	S&P 500	Loans	High Yield	US Gov't	EM Sov	US Gov't	High Yield	High Yield	High Yield	Loans
7.5%	1.4%	10.4%	7.5%	0.8%	14.3%	8.2%	5.4%	(-11.2%)	13.4%	2.5%
EM Sov	US Gov't	EM Sov	High Grade	Loans	High Grade	High Yield	Munis	Mortgages	EM Sov	High Yield
7.3%	0.8%	9.5%	6.5%	0.6%	14.2%	6.2%	1.8%	(-11.9%)	13.2%	1.5%
Mortgages 6.1%	EM Sov 0.6%	High Grade 6.0%	Munis 5.4%	High Grade (-2.2%)	Loans 8.7%	Munis 5.3%	High Grade (-1.0%)	US Gov't (-12.9%)	High Grade 8.4%	High Grade (-0.1%)
US Gov't	Loans	Mortgages	Loans	High Yield	Munis	EM Sov	Mortgages	High Grade	Munis	Munis
6.0%	0.1%	1.7%	4.6%	(-2.3%)	7.7%	4.8%	(-1.2%)	(-15.4%)	6.5%	(-0.3%)
High Yield	High Grade	US Gov't	Mortgages	S&P 500	US Gov't	Mortgages	US Gov't	S&P 500	Mortgages	US Gov't
2.5%	(-0.6%)	1.1%	2.4%	(4.4%)	7.0%	4.1%	(-2.4%)	(-18.1%)	5.0%	(-0.9%)
Loans	High Yield	Munis	US Gov't	EM Sov	Mortgages	Loans	EM Sov	EM Sov	US Gov't	Mortgages
1.8%	(-4.6%)	0.4%	2.4%	(-4.6%)	6.5%	3.5%	(-2.6%)	(-18.3%)	3.9%	(-1.1%)

Global Equities Test Record Highs in Q1

Resilient economic data, a strengthening of the "soft landing" narrative, and dovish global central bank signals re-energized risk-on sentiment in Q1, propelling global equity markets to new record highs.

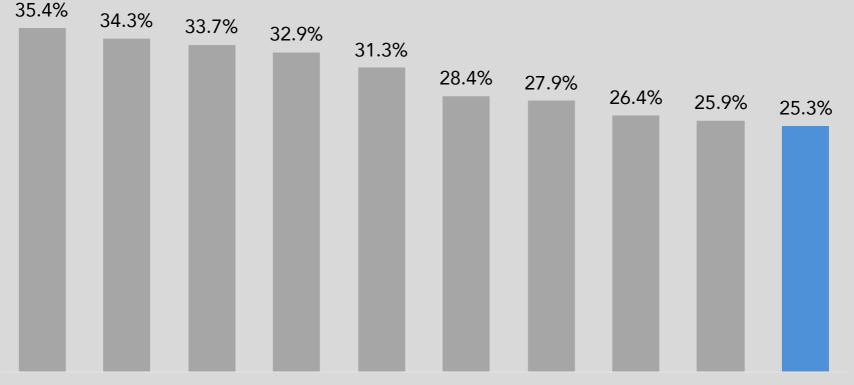




Historic 5-Month Run for S&P 500

The S&P 500 was up over 10% in the first quarter of 2024, recording its 10th best 5-month performance since 1940, up over 25%.

S&P 500 top ten 5-month returns

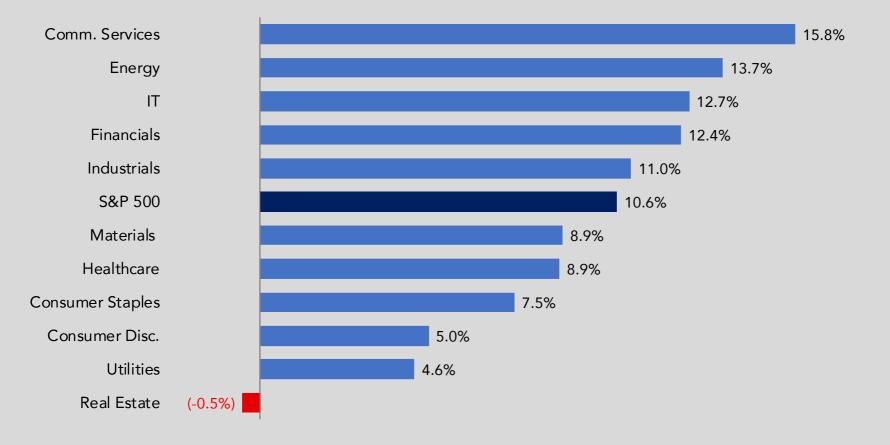


Aug 2020 Jul 2009 Jan 1999 May 1975 Dec 1982 Feb 1975 Aug 2009 Nov 1982 Mar 1986 Mar 2024

Broad-Based S&P 500 Gains in Q1

S&P 500 gains have been broad-based, with nearly 85% of S&P 500 stocks currently trading above their 50 day moving average. Every subsector, except real estate, posted positive returns in Q1 with communications, energy and IT leading the way.

S&P 500 industry sector performance (Q1 2024)



Source: (1-4) Bloomberg. Data as of April 2, 2024. CreditSights. BAML, S&P LSTA. Bloomberg EM Sov is USD EM Sovereign BBB & lower index. NASDAQ Market Intelligence.

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