

# Spectrum Advisors

2Q 2024 Market in Review



## Q2 2024 Executive Summary

Greetings,

After a strong start to 2024 in the first quarter, markets showed a bit of volatility in April before rebounding and hitting new record highs in the second quarter. The S&P 500 Index returned 3.9% in the second quarter with overall performance of 14.5% so far in 2024. We continue to attribute volatility to ongoing inflation and the Federal Reserve holding interest rates steady at their elevated levels due to an economy that is showing little signs of slowing down. While inflation and rate cuts continue to be a significant focus for markets, stocks have not been fazed as they reached new highs to end the first half of the year. Fueled by the market's continued focus on AI, technology stocks led the stock market gains, as NVIDIA, Apple, and Microsoft were the top contributors to global market returns. Interest rates generally increased in the US Treasury market for the quarter.

The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady but revised its outlook for rate cuts amid inflation concerns. They now plan for one rate cut this year in either November or December. We have a positive view of the second half of the year despite likely volatility around the Federal Reserve's interest rate decisions, the upcoming election, and signs that the economy will continue to cool. Our focus for the remainder of the year is to enhance our portfolio holdings to deliver your remarkable retirement. We aim to avoid unnecessary risk and we continue to monitor a declining rate environment.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brad Mickelson'.

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# Quarterly Market Summary

Index returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q2 2024	STOCKS				BONDS	
	3.22%	-0.60%	5.00%	-1.48%	0.07%	0.11%
Since Jan. 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.6%	2.5%	2.2%	0.9%	0.9%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%
	<b>2020 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q3</b>	<b>2023 Q4</b>	<b>2023 Q4</b>
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2020 Q1</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2022 Q1</b>	<b>2022 Q1</b>

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# Long-Term Market Summary

Index returns as of June 30, 2024

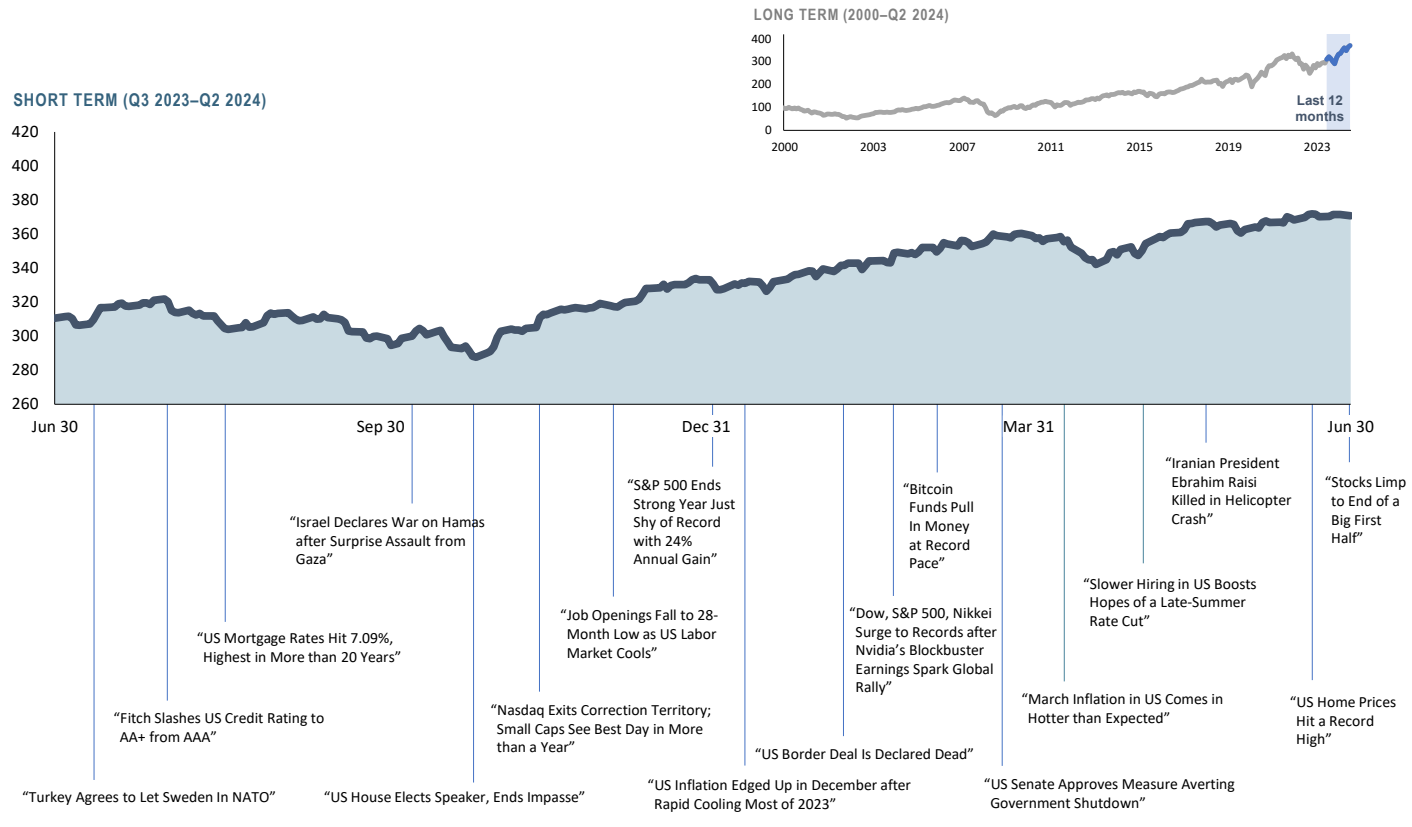


	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	23.13%	11.22%	12.55%	5.10%	2.63%	5.26%
5 Years						
	14.14%	6.55%	3.10%	0.65%	-0.23%	0.51%
10 Years						
	12.15%	4.27%	2.79%	2.94%	1.35%	2.45%

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# World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months



*These headlines are not offered to explain market returns. Instead, they serve as a reminder that investors should view daily events from a long-term perspective and avoid making investment decisions based solely on the news.*

Graph Source: MSCI ACWI Index (net dividends). MSCI data © MSCI 2024, all rights reserved. Index level based at 100 starting January 2000. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Performance does not reflect the expenses associated with management of an actual portfolio. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**



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In USD. Source: Dimensional Fund Advisors, AE Wealth Management.

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