



Monthly Investment Commentary

June 2023

THE MONTH IN SUMMARY

Global shares fell in May, in US dollar terms. However, there was a marked difference between sectors, as enthusiasm over AI (Artificial Intelligence) boosted technology stocks. In economic news, survey data indicated further weakness in manufacturing sectors, with services still proving robust. Worries over the US debt ceiling made headlines although a deal was reached shortly after month-end. Government bond yields climbed (meaning prices fell).

MRM NET COMPOSITE PORTFOLIO RESULTS (As of 5/31/2023)

MRM PLATFORMS VS. BENCHMARK	YTD	1-YEAR	3 Years Annualized	5 Years Annualized
Dynamic Overlay	+6.29%	+0.24%	+7.74%	+4.34%
<i>Morningstar Average Tactical Return (fixed & equities)</i>	+2.32%	-3.92%	+4.90%	+2.98%
All Equity	-1.28%	-9.86%	-0.82%	+0.46%
<i>S&P 500 Total Return</i>	+9.65%	+2.92%	+12.92%	+11.01%
Dynamic International	+6.29%	+0.23%	+6.09%	-0.82%
<i>MSCIEAFE with dividends</i>	+7.22%	+3.61%	+9.08%	+3.71%
Global Strategies	-0.27%	-7.79%	+3.09%	+0.97%
<i>(50%) S&P / (50%) MSCIEAFE</i>	+8.44%	+3.27%	+10.81%	+7.61%
Tax-Advantaged Income	-0.76%	+1.01%	+11.54%	+8.06%
<i>Dow Jones US Select Dividend</i>	-10.59%	-16.56%	+9.48%	+2.06%

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US

US equities struggled to make headway overall in May, in a month of highly varied sector returns. While economic data remained broadly supportive, the looming prospect of a government default made investors jittery. The Federal Reserve (Fed) enacted another rate rise of 25 basis points, as expected. The US labor market remains tight. The headline unemployment rate fell to 3.4% from 3.5% in March. Inflation (as measured by the consumer price index - CPI) rose 0.4% month-on-month in April following a 0.1% uptick in March. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core CPI saw a repeat 0.4% increase, also as expected. Industrial activity – according to initial composite purchasing managers’ index (PMI) data – improved slightly in May.

Eurozone

Eurozone shares were weaker in May after a generally positive year so far. The MSCI EMU index returned -2.5%. All sectors fell aside from information technology which was boosted by semiconductor stocks. This was in the wake of higher-than-expected sales projections from some US chipmaker peers, which helped demonstrate the growth potential stemming from AI. Revised figures showed that the German economy did not in fact escape recession over the winter. After GDP for Q4 2022 fell -0.5% quarter-on-quarter (q/q), there was another decline of -0.3% (q/q) in Q1 2023. More recent data pointed to slowing

momentum in the current quarter. The flash eurozone composite purchasing managers’ index fell to 53.3 in May from 54.1 in April.

Emerging Markets

Emerging market (EM) equities underperformed the MSCI World Index in May. Within EM, South Africa was the weakest market, posting a double-digit loss in US dollars. Allegations that the country sold arms to Russia, the worsening electricity situation, and the rand’s slide to an all-time low against the US dollar weighed heavily on the market. China also underperformed significantly as the recovery showed signs of moderating. Retail sales and industrial production contracted month-on-month in April, while year-on-year fixed asset investment was dragged down by real estate, and export activity slowed month-on-month in April.

MRM’s View

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will close its two-day meeting on June 14 and update investors on the direction of short-term rates. At its May 2023 meeting, the FOMC announced a 25 basis point hike, adding that Committee members may decide to pause on future rate hikes, depending on fresh economic data and prevailing financial conditions. But the market believes that the Fed will raise interest rates at least another 25 basis points this summer, perhaps as soon as this month.

Source: Schroders/mvtinvest

MRM model holdings as of March 31, 2023

MRM Global Strategies	
APPLE INC COM	5.00%
AMAZON COM INC	5.00%
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	5.00%
BOEING CO	3.00%
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	2.00%
DEERE & CO	5.00%
WISDOMTREE INDIA EARNINGS FUND	3.00%
GILEAD SCIENCES INC	5.00%
ALPHABET INC CAP STK CL C	5.00%
HUMANA INC	5.00%
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	5.00%
ISHARES S&P INDIA NIFTY 50 INDEX FUND	3.00%
J P MORGAN CHASE & CO	5.00%
LILLY ELI & CO	5.00%
META PLATFORMS INC CL A	5.00%
MERCK & CO INC	2.00%
MICROSOFT CORP	6.00%
OCCIDENTAL PETE CORP DEL	5.00%
PEPSICO INC	5.00%
PHILIP MORRIS INTL INC COM	5.00%
QUALCOMM INC	5.00%
SPDR S&P 500 TRUST	5.00%
FDIC CASH NOT COVERED BY SIPC	1.00%

MRM Dynamic Overlay – ETFs	
ISHARES DOW JONES SELECT DIVIDEND	8.00%
ISHARES DJ US HOME CONSTRUCTION	4.00%
ISHARES S&P 500 VALUE INDEX FUND	15.00%
ISHARES S&P 100 INDEX FUND	5.00%
POWERSHARES QQQ TRUST, SERIES 1	7.00%
GUGGENHEIM S&P 500 EQUAL WEIGHT	5.00%
SPDR S&P 500 TRUST	30.00%
VANGUARD GROWTH INDEX FUND	10.00%
HEALTH CARE SELECT SECTOR SPDR	15.00%
FDIC CASH NOT COVERED BY SIPC	1.00%

MRM Dynamic International	
WISDOMTREE INDIA EARNINGS FUND	10.00%
ISHARES MSCI CANADA INDEX FUND	15.00%
ISHARES MSCI NETHERLANDS	16.00%
ISHARES MSCI TAIWAN INDEX FUND	10.00%
ISHARES S&P INDIA NIFTY 50 INDEX	20.00%
SPDR S&P 500 TRUST	28.00%
FDIC CASH NOT COVERED BY SIPC	1.00%

MRM All Domestic Equity	
APPLE INC COM	5.00%
AMAZON COM INC	5.00%
BOEING CO	5.00%
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	5.00%
DEERE & CO	5.00%
GILEAD SCIENCES INC	6.00%
ALPHABET INC CAP STK CL C	5.00%
HERSHEY CO COM	5.00%
HUMANA INC	5.00%
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	5.00%
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LILLY ELI & CO	5.00%
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STRATEGY	BENCHMARK	VEHICLES	CASH HOLDINGS (When Potential Investments Look Unattractive)
Dynamic Overlay	Morningstar Tactical Allocation	Domestic Securities	Up to 70%
All Domestic Equity	S&P 500 Total Return	Domestic Securities/ADR's	Up to 60%
Dynamic International	MSCI EAFE Gross	Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF's)/Other Securities	Up to 25%
Global Strategies	50% S&P 500 Total Return/ 50% MSCI EAFE Gross	Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF's)/Other Securities	Up to 50%
Tax-Advantaged Income	Dow Jones US Select Dividend Index	Domestic Securities	Up to 4%

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