

# **Weekly Manager's Pulse**

January 30, 2023

U.S. equities closed higher last week after investors appeared to be more optimistic about the possibility of avoiding a recession. The NASDAQ outperformed the other domestic indexes, finishing 4.32% higher. Out of all the S&P 500 sectors, consumer discretionary (+6.4%) outperformed most, mostly fueled by large gains in Tesla, Inc. (TSLA) as Elon Musk spoke of his positive outlooks for the company. Technology (+4.1%) and communication services (+3.3%) also outperformed the other sectors, while health care (-0.8%) and utilities (-0.5%) underperformed modestly. Ultimately, the S&P 500 Index finished 2.48% higher. Economic data showed U.S. Real GDP rose 2.9% in 4Q22, slightly above expectations. Lastly, sovereign yields finished modestly higher last week, with the 10-Year and 2-Yeat U.S. Treasury yields finishing at 3.52% and 4.19%, respectively.



## **Economic Review\***

4Q Real GDP: +2.9% annualizedPCE Price Index: +0.1% m/m

Pending Home Sales: +2.5% m/mInitial jobless claims fell to 186k

Spotlight: ESG PLUS



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Trailing Major Index Returns				
	1 Week	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year
S&P 500	2.48	6.42	7.40	-4.35
S&P MidCap 400 TR	2.39	7.69	10.02	5.28
S&P SmallCap 600 TR USD	2.07	7.82	7.06	1.32
MSCI ACWI NR USD	2.14	7.49	12.01	-4.77
MSCI EM NR USD	1.44	9.75	22.85	-9.22
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	0.09	2.94	5.60	-8.40

#### YTD S&P Sector Returns S&P 500 TR Communication Services 15.3 Consumer Discretionary 14.5 -2.3—Consumer Staples Energy Year to Date Financials Health Care Industrials 7.4 Real Estate -2.3 Materials Technology -5.0 -2.5 0.0 2.5 5.0 7.5 10.0 12.5 15.0 17.5 Utilities



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Trailing Major Index Returns and YTD S&P Sector Returns are sourced from Morningstar Direct.

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