



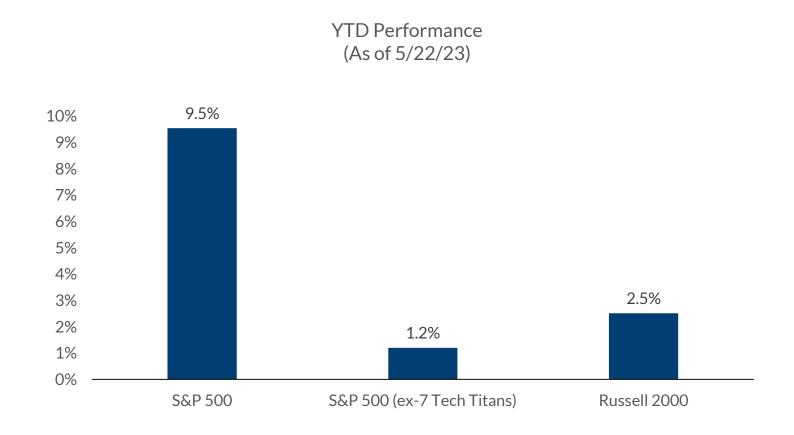
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# Market Perspectives Video We've Got A lot of Ground to Cover

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# Narrow Breadth Casts Doubt on Rally's Sustainability

- Strong 2023 returns have been narrowly driven by a handful of mega cap stocks, mostly tech.
- Smaller cap companies have significantly lagged.
- New bull markets have traditionally seen greater participation, and outperformance from smaller companies.

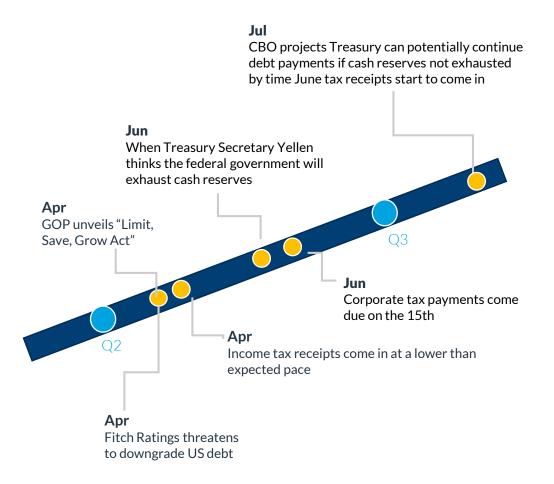


Source: FactSet, as of May 2023. 7 Tech Titans are: Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta Platforms, Microsoft Nvidia, Tesla. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



# All Eyes on Washington

- We continue to believe a US default is very unlikely and that a deal of some nature will be reached.
- Economic impact is expected to be minimal.
- But, delay in resolving the situation could be a significant source of market volatility as the deadline approaches.



Probability Rank	Paths Forward
High	<ul> <li>Deal reached between Republicans and Democrats</li> </ul>
Medium	<ul> <li>Short-term extension on debt ceiling</li> </ul>
Low	<ul> <li>Bipartisan coalition issues discharge petition</li> </ul>
Very Low	<ul> <li>Treasury ignores debt limit/resumes borrowing</li> </ul>
Extraordinarily Low	<ul> <li>US Government defaults</li> </ul>

Source: CNR Research.
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DJ US Select Dividend Index<sup>®</sup>. The Dow Jones US Select Dividend Index<sup>®</sup> measures the performance of the top 100 US stocks by dividend yield.

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**Bloomberg US Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index.** The Bloomberg US Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index measures the performance of investment grade, corporate, fixed-rate bonds with maturities of one year or more.

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index. The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index measures the performance of non-investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds.

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